



# TIMELINE



**MINISTRY OF 24 PRIESTS**



**ST MATTHEW'S &  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND**



**BRITISH ROYALTY**



**WAR & TERRORISM**



**'POPULAR' SPORTS  
MAJOR EVENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS**



**POLITICS, SCIENCE,  
TECHNOLOGY etc**

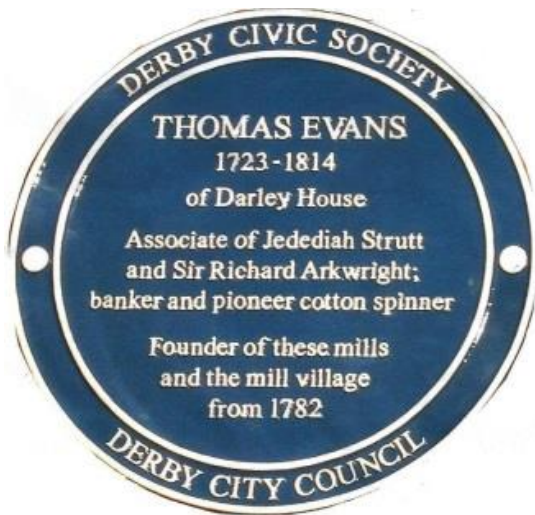
# 1800 -> 1818

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## No St Matthew's Church

### **Thomas Evans (1723-1814)**

Built the Cotton Spinning Mill complex from 1782 in Darley Abbey, bringing employment and accommodation opportunities to many



**Left a fortune in 1814 to his son**  
**Walter Evans (I)**

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## **Timeline**

**1800 George III (40th year of his reign)**

**1801 Union of Great Britain and Ireland to form the UK**

**1803 John Dalton put forward the Atomic Theory**

**1805 Battle of Trafalgar – Admiral Nelson was killed**

**1807 Slave Trade Act abolished such in the British Empire**

**1814 George Stephenson designed his first steam locomotive**

**1815 Battle of Waterloo – Wellington defeated Napoleon**

# 1819

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**St Matthew's Church was consecrated  
on Thursday 24 June 1819,**

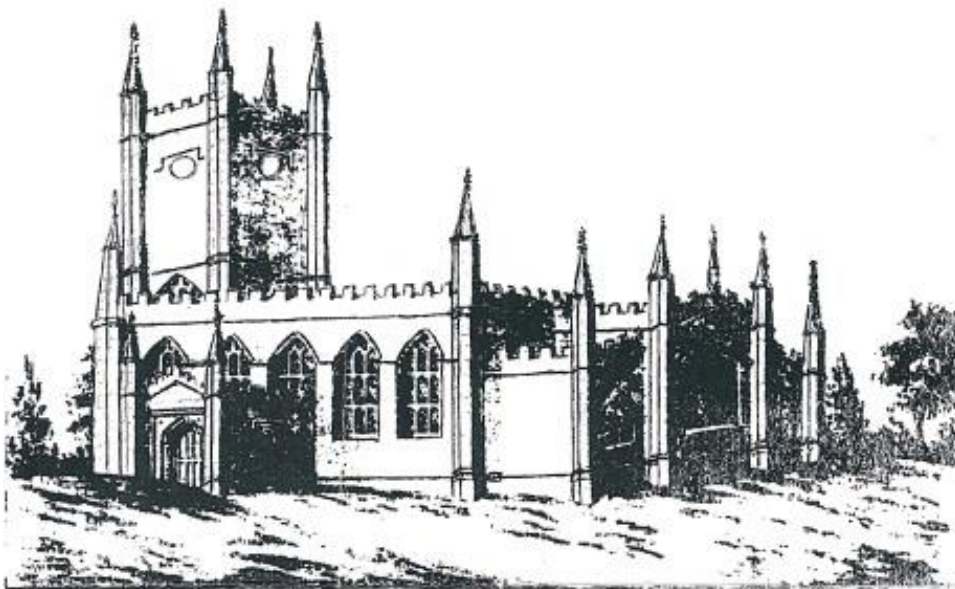
the 55<sup>th</sup> birthday of

**Walter Evans (I) (1764-1839)**

the main benefactor of the church

‘For one individual to devote so large a sum of money to the erection of a building for the purpose of public worship, is truly an unusual instance of pious liberality.’

[‘Derby Mercury’ 1 July 1819]



DARLEY-CHAPEL, near DERBY, S.E. 1838

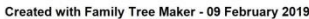
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## Timeline

**1819 Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were born**

**1819 Victoria was christened on the Consecration Day**

# ('The first century')



# 1819 -> 1825

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St Matthew's Church was in the parish of  
'St Alkmund, Chapelry of Darley Abbey'

**Rev Thomas Sanders (6 years)**

Reports of his death said he was 'highly respected  
in Derby and the neighbourhood, being  
**formerly curate of Darley Abbey**'



119 baptisms (20 per year)

63 burials (10 per year)

No marriages until 1847

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## Timeline

**1820 George III died aged 81. George IV became King**

**1821 Arthur Evans died aged 21 (son of Walter (1))**

**Baptistry memorial. First burial in the Evans Crypt**

**1822 Mrs Sarah Gracie (old servant) buried in the Crypt**

**1823 Charles Babbage designed a rudimentary calculator**

# 1825 -> 1831

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## **Rev John H Dickenson (6 years)**

An 1835 Commercial Directory for Derbyshire listed:

**‘Dickenson Rev. John Horatio, Darley.’**

This is 4 years after John H Dickenson left as curate,  
but is likely to refer to the same individual.



95 baptisms (16 per year)  
109 burials (18 per year)  
No marriages until 1847

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## **Timeline**

**1826 Village School built at the expense of Walter Evans (I)**

**1829 Catholics could sit in Parliament (Emancipation)**

**1830 George IV died. William IV became King**

**1830 William Evans M.P. – submitted anti-slavery petitions**

**1831 Charles Darwin began his 5 year voyage in ‘Beagle’**



# 1831 -> 1837

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## Rev John Wakefield (6 years)

‘The living is vested in Walter Evans, esq.  
and the present incumbent is the  
**Rev. John Wakefield.**’

(‘The History and Gazetteer of the County of Derby’ 1833)

His death announcement in 1888, at the age of 92,  
said that for the last 37 years he had been rector of  
Hughley, Shropshire,  
previously being a **curate at Darley Abbey**



144 baptisms (24 per year)

128 burials (21 per year)

No marriages until 1847

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## Timeline

**1835 Slavery was abolished in the colonies**

**1836 Elizabeth Evans (Strutt) died aged 78**

**Buried in the Crypt. Memorial in Church**

**1837 William IV died. Victoria became Queen until 1901**

# 1837 -> 1838

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## **Rev William George Mayne (1 year)**

The background of this curate remains to be found



13 baptisms (13 per year)

21 burials (21 per year)

No marriages until 1847

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## **Timeline**

**1837 Isaac Pitman proposed his system of shorthand**

**1837 Charles Wheatstone & William Cooke  
patented their electric telegraph system**

**1837 Civil recording of births, marriages and deaths  
began in England & Wales**

**1837 Brunel's 'SS Great Western', the first steamship,  
was launched. It was wooden and sailed the Atlantic**

**1837 Euston was the first intercity railway station in London**

**1837 Queen Victoria made Buckingham Palace the  
official Royal Residence**



# 1838 -> 1843

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## **Rev William Warde Fowler (5 years)**

Died aged just 32. Buried at St Matthew's.  
Memorial in the Church



72 baptisms (14 per year)

62 burials (12 per year)

No marriages until 1847

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## **Timeline**

**1839 Walter Evans (I), founder of St Matthew's, died aged 75**  
**Memorial in the Church – the Church was his memorial**  
**Interred in the crypt alongside his wife Elizabeth**

**1839 William Fox Talbot pioneered photography**

**1840 Queen Victoria married Prince Albert, both aged 20**

# 1843

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## **Rev John Edmund Carr (less than a year)**

He married Ellen Evans,  
daughter of William Evans Esq. of Darley,  
in April 1822

His short time officiating at St Matthew's may  
have been a case of 'helping out' his Evans  
family relatives after the early death of the Rev  
William Warde Fowler.



41 baptisms (41 per year)

11 burials (11 per year)

He officiated at the burial of the Rev Fowler.

No marriages until 1847

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## **Timeline**

**1843 Brunel's 'Great Britain' was the first iron steamer.**

**When launched she was the largest ship in the world**

**1843 Nelson's column was built in Trafalgar Square  
to honour Admiral Lord Nelson**

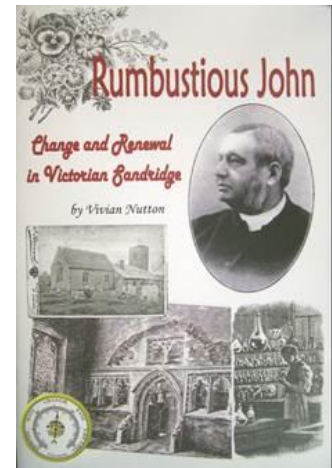
# 1843 -> 1853

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## Rev Dr John Griffith (10 years)

### ‘Rumbustious John’

He was a noted mathematician,  
a distinguished scientist,  
an eminent educationalist,  
a passionate gardener  
a social reformer, and  
a vigorous Christian preacher.



400 people flocked to Griffith's farewell presentation.



186 baptisms (19 per year)  
155 burials (16 per year)  
16 marriages (2 per year)  
(7 years worth from 1847)

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## Timeline

**1845** Potato famine in Ireland started – continuing to 1852.  
It caused mass emigration from Ireland to America

**1847** St Matthew's was licensed for weddings

**1851** The Great Exhibition of 'industry of all nations'.  
Organised by Henry Cole and **Prince Albert**

**1852** King's Cross station opened – largest in Europe

**1852** First British public toilet for women opened in London

**1852** End of the Great Irish Famine – one million emigrated

# 1853 -> 1854

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## Rev Edward Cox (1 year)

The background of this curate remains to be found



15 baptisms  
23 burials  
3 marriages

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## Timeline

**1853 Queen Victoria used chloroform at the birth of Leopold.**

**Chloroform became the favoured British anaesthetic**

**1854 Britain joined in the Crimean War against Russia**

**1854 Florence Nightingale left England to care for soldiers injured in the Crimean War**

**1854 The disastrous 'Charge of the Light Brigade' occurred at the Battle of Balaklava in the Crimean War**

**1854 Lord Tennyson wrote his well-known poem:**

**'The Charge of the Light Brigade'**

**1854 Holman Hunt painted: 'The Light of the World'**

**There is a framed copy in this church.**

*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

# 1854 -> 1868

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## **Rev Francis I Jones (14 years)**

He baptised 5 of his 10 children at St Matthew's.

His son, 'Kemble' died in 1868 aged 7

He emigrated to New Zealand in 1880.

He died there in 1891, aged 67



279 baptisms (20 per year)

191 burials (14 per year)

49 marriages (4 per year)

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## **Timeline**

**1855 David Livingstone discovered the Victoria Falls in Africa**

**1856 William Evans Esq of Allestree Hall died aged 68**

**As an MP he opposed the 'corn laws' and slavery**

**Memorial in Church (& Allestree). Interred in the Crypt.**

**1856 Queen Victoria instituted the 'Victoria Cross'**

**1856 Crimean War ended**

**1856 First Oxford and Cambridge boat race on the Thames**

**1859 Mary Evans (widow of William) died aged 73.**

**Memorial in Church. Interred in the Crypt**

**1859 Charles Darwin published his 'The Origin of the Species'**

**1861 Prince Albert died aged 42.**

**Queen Victoria wore black for the rest of her life**

**1861 American Civil War started. Difficulty getting cotton**

**1863 Football Association was founded and laws agreed**

**1864 Elizabeth Garrett Anderson was the first woman doctor**

# 1868 -> 1869

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## **Rev Thomas Pritchard White (1 year)**

‘White, Thomas Pritchard’ is recorded as being a student at Corpus Christi College in 1842 and being ordained a priest in Hereford in 1847.

He is not recorded as being a curate at Darley Abbey, but rather that from 1861 to 1870 he was vicar of Dorrington, Salop.

Perhaps he was just helping out at this time?



4 Baptisms  
10 Burials  
1 Marriage

A Rev T P White died in Worcestershire in 1893, aged 73.

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## **Timeline**

**1868 Disraeli (Conservative) was defeated in General Election.**

**Gladstone (Liberal) became Prime Minister**

**1869 A Cambridge College for Women (Girton) was founded**

**1869 Sainsbury's first store was opened. It was in London**



# 1869 -> 1876

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**Rev John Dawson**

**(1869-1874 – 5 years as Curate)**

**(1874-1876 – 2 years as the first Vicar)**

The Vicar of Ewell, Surrey, said Mr. Dawson was:

‘An able, intelligent and attractive preacher of sound Evangelical Principles, his whole heart is in ministerial work in and out of the pulpit, whether in visiting the sick and poor, in superintending the Schools and especially in organising and conducting Bible Classes for the labouring poor’



136 baptisms (20 per year)

83 burials (12 per year)

21 marriages (3 per year)

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## Timeline

**1869 Suez Canal was opened**

**1870 Arthur Evans died aged 15. Son of Walter and Susan**

**1872 First English FA Cup Final -**

**Wanderers v Royal Engineers. Wanderers won**

**1873 The Scottish Football Association was formed**

**1873 Frances Evans died. Daughter of William and Elizabeth**

**1874 Samuel Evans died aged 89. Son of William Evans**

**1875 Caroline Evans died aged 85. Wife of the late Samuel**

**1876 Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone**

# 1876 -> 1897

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## **Rev Charles Brittan (21 years)**

The longest serving Vicar so far.

He lived from 1881 in the newly built vicarage,  
now 'The Old Vicarage School'.

His daughter May fell & damaged her spine aged 8.  
She died in 1888, aged 15.



Charles showed great concern for sick children



633 baptisms (30 per year)

350 burials (17 per year)

104 marriages (5 per year)

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## **Timeline**

**1877 Queen Victoria was proclaimed 'Empress of India'**

**1877 First cricket Test Match. Australia won**

**1877 First men's Wimbledon tennis final. Spencer Gore won**

**1880 Elizabeth Evans died aged 94. Sister of Frances (d 1873)**

**1884 Darley Abbey parish moved to new Southwell Diocese**

**1886 Sanctuary was extended, new Choir Vestry, new pews,  
new organ, coloured window glass, new font**

**1888 'Football league' was formed – Derby County a member**

**1891 Susan Evans (wife of Walter (II)) died aged 58.**

**Memorial East window to her and son Arthur (d 1870)**

**1891 Queen Victoria's state visit to Derby**

**1892 Sir James Dewar invented the vacuum flask**

**1897 Sir J J Thomson discovered the electron**

# 1897 -> 1914

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## Rev William Martin (17 years)



Letter from 203 Parishioners:

‘We wish to place on record your unremitting interest in affairs concerning the welfare of the Village, your unfailing sympathy & kindness have endeared you to all, especially to the sick and poor and those in trouble, to whom your visits have been a source of comfort and help.’



298 baptisms (18 per year)

176 burials (10 per year)

83 marriages (5 per year)

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## Timeline

**1896 Rev Martin married Walter Evans (II) to Ada Roscoe**

**1899 The Boer (South African) War began**

**1901 Queen Victoria died aged 81. Edward VII became King.**

**1902 The Boer (South African) War ended**

**1903 Walter Evans (II) died, aged 77**

**1904 Rev Alfred Ainger (Ada Evans' uncle) died aged 66**

**1910 Edward VII died. George V became King.**

**1911 National Insurance Act – beginning of Welfare State**

**1913 Suffragette died after being hit by the King's race horse**

**1914 Start of World War I – Battle of Mons (Belgium)**

# 1914 -> 1930

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## Archdeacon Edward Spencer Noakes

(16 years)

Vicar through most of WW I

Started Parish Magazine in 1915

Centenary services in 1919

His wife, Georgina, painted a picture of the vicarage, now the 'Old Vicarage School'.



58 baptisms (4 per year)

95 burials (6 per year)

50 marriages (3 per year)

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## Timeline

**1915 Liner 'Lusitania' sunk by torpedo. We have a memorial**

**1918 The Great War (WW I) finished**

**1918 Women over 30 who were householders gained the vote**

**1918 Worldwide influenza epidemic infected 500 million**

**1920 Electric lights installed in the church**

**1921 War Memorial was dedicated. Captain Noakes, son of Archdeacon Noakes, unveiled the cross**

**1921 Northern Ireland was formed from 6 Ulster counties**

**1928 Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin**

**1928 World's first transatlantic TV transmissions by Baird**

**1929 Ada Evans (last of the Evans family) died aged 69.**

**Her home, Darley Hall with surrounding parkland,  
became the property of Derby Corporation**

**1930 Frank Whittle patented his 'jet engine' design**

**1931 The Duke of Kent opened Darley Park  
(formerly the parkland of Darley Hall)**

# **AFTER THE EVANS FAMILY**

**1929 - 2019**

**(‘The second century’)**

**1927**

**ARCHDEACONRIES  
OF DERBY &  
CHESTERFIELD  
BECAME THE  
DIOCESE OF  
DERBY**



# 1930 -> 1936

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## **Canon John Francis Cooper (6 years)**

He had been the vicar of St Peter's Church, Belper, for 17 years before coming to the smaller parish of Darley Abbey for health reasons.



In 1931 he gave permission for the stone coffin from Nutwood to be moved to St Matthews.

He retired to Bournemouth for health reasons



78 baptisms (13 per year)

71 burials (12 per year)

42 marriages (7 per year)

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## **Timeline**

**1930 Amy Johnson was the first woman to fly solo to Australia**

**1930 BBC Symphony Orchestra was founded**

**1931 First 'Highway Code' was published**

**1932 Chadwick reported his discovery of the neutron particle**

**1934 'Flying Scotsman' reached a record speed of 100 mph**

**1935 Malcolm Campbell was the first person to drive at over 300 mph in breaking the world land speed record.**

**1936 George V died aged 70. Edward VIII became King**

# 1936 -> 1945

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## Rev Major John E Price (9 years)



Vicar right through WW II

His only son was killed in 1938 when the seaplane he was piloting crashed.

A choir of 12 men and 17 boys (1 evacuee) was maintained throughout the war.



169 baptisms (19 per year)

105 burials (12 per year)

103 marriages (11 per year)

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## Timeline

**1936** Edward VIII abdicated after only 326 days.

One of the shortest reigns in British history.

Duke of York became King George VI

**1936** Burial of Georgina Alethea Noakes, aged 71,

by the Bishop of Derby at St Matthew's

**1937** Coronation of **George VI** was first outside TV broadcast

**1939** Germany invaded Poland. Start of World War II

**1944** Frank Gates, organist and choirmaster died, aged 65

**1944** Burial of Archdeacon Noakes, aged 83

by the Bishop of Derby at St Matthew's

**1945 May 8<sup>th</sup>** – the European conflict of WW II ended

# 1945 -> 1951

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## Rev Eric Moreton (6 years)



The worship was 'High Church'.  
The Reverend Moreton liked to be called 'Father Moreton'

The choir had 8 men and 10 boys, and the choirmaster and organist was Mr Dennis.



99 baptisms (16 per year)

80 burials (13 per year)

33 marriages (5 per year)

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## Timeline

**1945 Two atomic bombs were dropped on Japan**

**Japan surrendered – final end of WW II**

**1946 First TV licences (£2) were issued (black and white)**

**1947 Deep snow thawed causing wide spread flooding**

**1947 India became independent from Britain**

**1948 London hosted the post-war Olympic Games**

**1951 'The Archers' radio serial began nationally – still going**

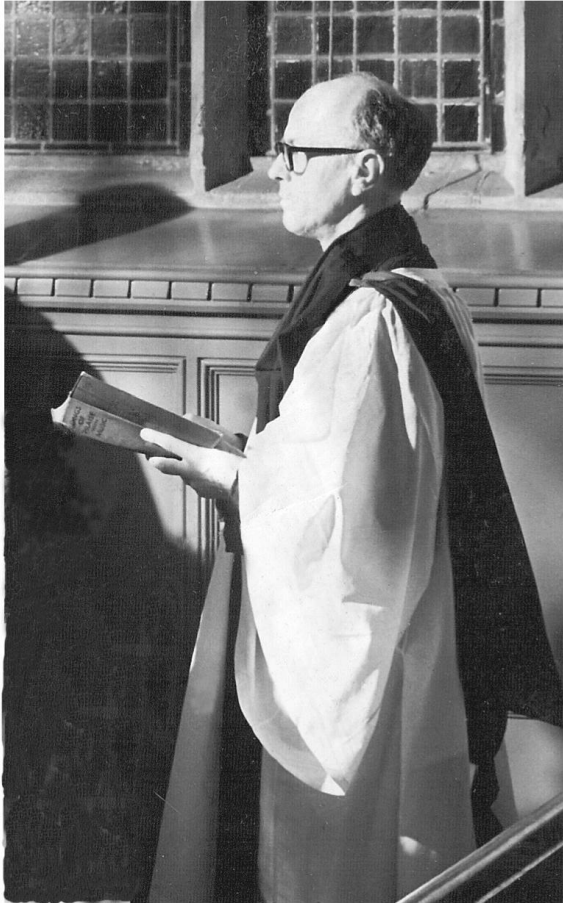
**1951 The Peak District became Britain's first National Park**

**1951 Zebra crossings were introduced**

# 1951 -> 1968

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## Rev William (Bill) Chivers (17 years)



‘Live and Learn’ Magazine

Construction of the  
‘Fellowship Room’

Youth Group in the tower

“Children’s Corner” in Church

New vicarage on Church Lane.

Old one was off Ferrer’s Way

Path from A6 to Church

Choir joined the RSCM

Females in the Choir



188 baptisms (11 per year)

260 burials (15 per year)

157 marriages (9 per year)

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## Timeline

**1952 George VI died aged 56. Elizabeth II became Queen**

**1953 Hillary and Tenzing reached summit of Mount Everest**

**1953 Coronation of Elizabeth II. Village celebrations**

**1954 Roger Banister ran the first sub four minute mile**

**1955 Donald Campbell broke water speed record (202mph)**

**1956 First Nuclear Power Station in Britain (Calder Hall)**

**1958 First section of Motorway (Preston Bypass) opened (M6)**

**1960 Ministry of Transport (MOT) tests were introduced**

**1960 First episode of ‘Coronation Street’ – still going**

**1964 Donald Campbell set world land and water speed records**

**1965 Sir William Churchill died aged 90. Given State Funeral**

**1966 England football team won the World Cup (at home)**

**1967 Donald Campbell was killed on Coniston Water.**



# 1968 -> 1982

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## **Canon Joseph (Joe) Henry Blades (14 years)**



150<sup>th</sup> celebration of  
St Matthew's Church in 1969

A major housing estate was built in  
1970 next to the Church

The Church had the foresight to  
negotiate land next to the Church for  
a car park.

1975 – Walter Evans C of E School  
was built close to the Church,  
combining the C of E Schools of  
Darley and St Edmund's



202 baptisms (14 per year)

148 burials (10 per year)

126 marriages (9 per year)

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## **Timeline**

**1968 Clean Air Act – offence to emit 'dark' smoke**

**1969 Open University was established**

**1971 Rolls-Royce went into administration.**

**Many in Derby were affected**

**1971 Decimal currency was adopted – 'Decimal Day'**

**1973 Britain joined the European Economic Community**



**1973 Value Added Tax (VAT) was introduced**

**1976 'Concorde' supersonic airliner went into service**

**1977 'Red Rum' won the 'Grand National' for the third time**

**1979 Margaret Thatcher was the first female Prime Minister**

**1981 Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer**

**1982 Falklands War between Britain and Argentina**

**Sadly, another name was added to our War Memorial**

# 1983 -> 1990

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## **Rev Bernard (Martin) Wilson (7 years)**



1983-1990 Social Responsibility Officer.

1988-1990 Chaplain to the Derby Royal Infirmary.

1987 – A Parish Conference said St Matthew's should 'seek to be a unifying agent in the local community'

1989 – The Village Pageant was a major, successful, outreach and fund raising event. £60,000 was needed for the restoration of the Church (roof and window masonry).



82 baptisms (12 per year)

73 burials (10 per year)

61 marriages (9 per year)

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## **Timeline**

**1983 £1 coin came into circulation**

**1983 Wearing of front seat belts became compulsory**

**1986 Anglo-French agreement reached on a Channel tunnel**

**1986 Australia got complete independence from Britain**

**1986 Chernobyl nuclear reactor exploded in the Ukraine**

**1986 Bob Geldof was knighted for organising 'Band Aid' which raised millions for the starving in Africa**

**1988 Margaret Thatcher became the 20<sup>th</sup> century's longest serving Prime Minister**

**1989 A Boeing 737 crashed on M1 near Kegworth – 47 died**

**1989 96 Liverpool supporters died in 'Hillsborough Disaster'**

**1989 Britain and Argentina finally ended hostilities**

**1990 Margaret Thatcher resigned as Prime Minister**

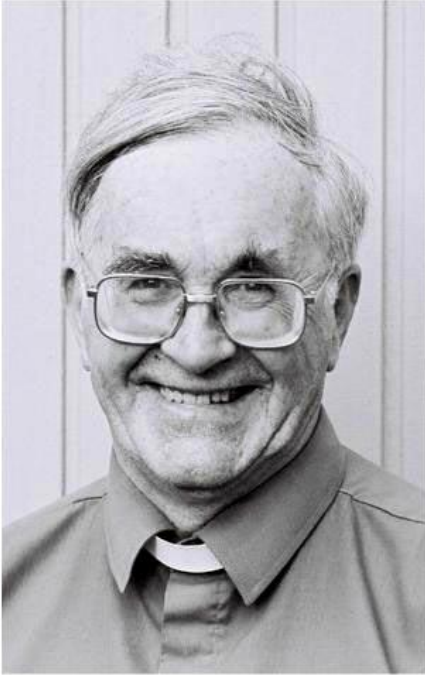
**1990 Paula Bishop was BET Choirlgirl of the Year**

**1990 The two sides of the Channel Tunnel were joined**

# 1991 -> 2003

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## Rev David Mowbray (12 years)



1991 to 1994 - assistant chaplain at the Derby Royal Infirmary

1994-2003 - on chaplaincy team at Kingsway Psychiatric hospital

1994 –A sound reinforcement system to help the hard of hearing.

2000 –Fellowship Room extended, modernised, and a new choir vestry

2000 - Interior re-ordered to integrate the choir and organ with the congregation

2000 Plain glass N.E. window replaced with ‘Millennium design’



143 baptisms (12 per year)

142 burials (12 per year)

67 marriages (6 per year)

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## Timeline

**1991 Britain's first astronaut – Helen Sharman**

**1991 Wearing rear seat belts became compulsory**

**1991 World Wide Web was developed by a British Scientist**

**1992 Windsor Castle was damaged by fire**

**1992 Toyota factory at Burnaston began production**

**1994 First women priests ordained in the Church of England  
(Rev Chris Dyer (2006-2015) was ordained in this year)**

**1994 Channel Tunnel was officially opened**

**1994 Sunday Trading Act came into full effect**  
**1994 First UK National Lottery draw took place**  
**1996 Prince Charles and Princess Diana were divorced**  
**1997 Princess Diana was killed in a car crash in Paris**  
**1997 UK won the Eurovision Song Contest in Dublin**  
**(‘Katrina and the Waves’ with ‘Love Shine a Light’)**  
**1997 The first Harry Potter novel was published**  
**1997 Derby County FC moved into Pride Park stadium**  
**1999 The Euro currency was launched**  
**1999 The London Eye was unveiled**  
**2000 The Queen officially opened ‘The Millennium Dome’**  
**2000 Queen Mother celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday**  
**2001 11<sup>th</sup> Sept attacks on the USA by al-Qaeda**  
**2002 Queen Mother died aged 101**  
**2003 Toyota launched new Avensis to be built in Burnaston**

# 2003 -> 2005

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## Rev Stephen Mark France (2 years)

Stephen's wife was Priest in Charge of St Edmund's, Allestree

Stephen had a good tenor voice and is shown with the choir

St Matthew's Choir, Darley Abbey, Derby – March 2004



He did a lot of tidying and removal of 'clutter'.

Introduced computer generated, 'Seasonal Service Booklets'.

Changed the name of the Church Magazine to the more normal 'Parish Magazine'.

Got excellent ceiling lighting installed.



20 baptisms (10 per year)

17 burials (9 per year)

4 marriages (2 per year)

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## Timeline

**2003** Concorde made its final commercial flight after 27 years

**2003** England won the Rugby World Cup

**2003** M6 Toll opened – first Motorway Toll road in the UK

**2004** The iconic 'Gherkin' building opened in London

**2004** Arsenal was the first team in Premier League history to be unbeaten in winning the league.

**2005** Tony Blair became the longest serving Labour PM

**2005** Ellen MacArthur - solo round the world sailing record



**2005 Prince Charles married Camilla Parker Bowles**

**2005 Arsenal was the first team to win FA Cup on penalties**

**2005 John Sentamu was the first black Archbishop of the Church of England**

**2005 7<sup>th</sup> July - Terrorists bombed London's Transport System.  
52 killed and over 700 injured**

**2005 England's cricketers won the Ashes**

**2005 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - 400 years to the day after the Gunpowder Plot**

# 2006 -> 2015

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## **Rev Canon Christine Dyer (9 years) 2010 Vicar of United Benefice of St Edmund's and St Matthew's**



First female Priest  
at St Matthew's

More joint activities with  
St Edmund's,  
including services

Trained two Curates who  
became priests.



82 baptisms (9 per year)

79 burials (9 per year)

23 marriages (3 per year)

(These do not include such services at St Edmund's or the Crematorium)

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## **Timeline**

**2007 Final edition of 'Grandstand' after 50 years on BBC TV**

**2007 Prince William** opened the new Wembley Stadium

**2007 Sir Tim Berners-Lee** awarded Order of Merit for www

**2007 A smoking ban** began in all enclosed public spaces

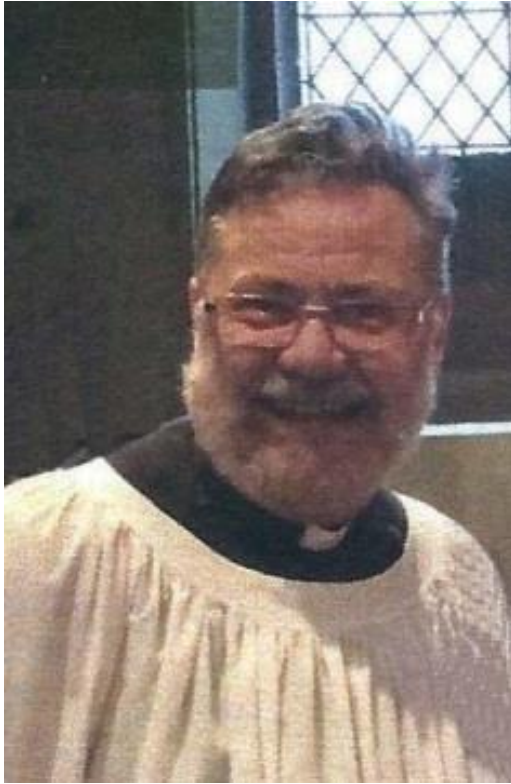
**2008 Lewis Hamilton** youngest ever F1 World Champion

**2009 ‘Woolsworth’ stores (813) closed after 100 years trading**  
**2009 Largest ever Anglo-Saxon treasure horde found in Staffs**  
**2010 Death toll of British forces in Afghanistan reached 300**  
**2011 Prince William and Catherine Middleton married**  
**2011 ‘News of the World’ paper ceased after 168 years**  
**2012 Queen Elizabeth II’s Diamond Jubilee as monarch.**  
    **Only the 2<sup>nd</sup> British monarch to do so (Victoria was 1<sup>st</sup>)**  
    **Pageant of over 1000 boats on the Thames**  
    **Pop concert outside Buckingham Palace**  
**2012 Bradley Wiggins 1<sup>st</sup> Britain to win the ‘Tour de France’**  
**2012 London hosted Summer Olympic & Paralympics Games**  
**2012 Andy Murray won US Open tennis championship**  
**2013 Andy Murray won Men’s Singles at Wimbledon**  
**2013 British Physicist Peter Higgs Nobel Prize (‘Higgs boson’)**  
**2014 Prince Harry - ‘Invictus Games’ for wounded soldiers**  
**2014 Commonwealth Games held in Glasgow**  
**2015 Libby Lane - first Church of England woman Bishop**  
**2015 The Queen became Britain’s longest reigning monarch**  
**2015 Great Britain won the Davis Cup (1<sup>st</sup> time since 1936)**

# 2016 -> now

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## Rev Peter Barham (3 years so far)



Strengthening links in the  
United Benefice  
to better serve both parishes.

Modernised Church's web site.

Introduced us to the enjoyment of  
'Steam Train' related films to raise  
money for charities.

Wants to make the Church open to  
all as often as possible.

Gives talks on local history topics in  
the Fellowship Room; open to all



18 baptisms (6 per year)

13 burials (4 per year)

22 marriages (7 per year)

(These do not include such services at St Edmund's)

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## Timeline

**2016 Tim Peake – first spacewalk by a British astronaut**

**2016 BBC Three – first UK TV network to be online only**

**2016 Leicester City FC won Premier League for first time**

**2016 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Referendum - UK voted to leave EU**

**2016 Chris Froome won 'Tour de France' for 3<sup>rd</sup> time**

**2016 Women allowed in close combat roles in British forces**

**2017 UK invoked Article 50 to begin the EU withdrawal**

**2017 Terrorist attacks in Manchester, London Bridge  
and near Finsbury Park Mosque**

**2017 71 died in Grenfell Tower block fire in West London**

**2017 Lake District declared UNESCO World Heritage Site**

**2017 Queen and Prince Philip's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary**

**2018 First direct flight Australia to UK – 17 hrs, 9009 miles**

**2018 Prince Harry and Meghan Markle married at Windsor**

**2018 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHS**

**2018 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RAF – flyby of 100 aircraft**

**2018 Walney Extension, world's largest offshore windfarm**

**2018 St Matthew's '*Lusitania*' memorial was repaired**

**2018 Church bells rang for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of end of WWI**

**2018 EU endorsed the Brexit withdrawal agreement**

**2019 Libby Lane became the first female Bishop of Derby**

**2019 EU agreed an Article 50 extension to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

**2019 Climate Change – Extinction Rebellion caused disruption**



# THE FUTURE

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## United Benefice

**Shared History - Shared Future  
to serve the parishes of  
St Matthew's and St Edmund's**



Christ has no body now but yours  
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes  
with which he sees,  
Yours are the feet  
with which he walks,  
Yours are the hands  
with which he blesses all the world.

*The prayer of St Teresa of Avila*

Lord, bless us and your church,  
may we celebrate your love,  
and respond to your call  
to share that love with all. Amen.

