

# The Parishes of St Edmund, Allestree and St Matthew, Darley Abbey

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020



If life had been normal we would have a Joint 10 am service today. According to the Music List we were starting with "Hymn 297 sung as a round". My immediate thought was "that will never work", but I print the words here so you can sing them. We need to keep singing. My sermon is on line, along with other material to help you worship and pray, at:

<https://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk/worship-while-our-buildings-are-closed>

Redemptorist Press, who produce the printed sheets we use at St Matthew's, are making them available on line, so you can find the Collect, Psalm and Bible Readings there. This week's is posted on the front page of our website.

We would have baptised Henry and Darcie Woods at St Matthew's this afternoon - pray for them, for their parents Craig and Dawn, and for all our church family. This week we would have celebrated Easter with Walter Evans School, had a Lunch Club, Toddler Group, Lent Group, Litter Pick, Children's Society Coffee Morning and Nagpur Lent Lunch. Please pray for them all. A simple Order for Morning and Evening Prayer has been made available in the April magazines that have been delivered round the parishes. It is also available on the webpage. Please pray for us, as we pray for you.

Please keep in touch with each other. Peter and Julie are fine, as are our children. You can contact us on 01332 551404, or email [revpeterbarham@btinternet.com](mailto:revpeterbarham@btinternet.com). Let us know how you are, and if you need anything. Caroline is at home with her family (all are well), but is checking the office answer machine and emails regularly - 01332 552031, [steds.stmatts@outlook.com](mailto:steds.stmatts@outlook.com). The church website is being regularly updated - [www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk](http://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk) - and we are using facebook @stmatthewsdarleyabbey, @stedmundsallestree (I'm posting daily, so please follow) and twitter steds&stmattsderby

**Derby Covid Community Support** is a network of community, church and statutory organisations that have formed to provide support and meet current needs and support our communities in Derby city during the management of the covid-19 virus. For more information (and to volunteer) please phone 01332 640000 or email [covidsupport@communityactionderby.org.uk](mailto:covidsupport@communityactionderby.org.uk)

**Food bank** - the Deanery is working to try and get a system for food bank support up and running. More details when we have them, but you can make a financial donation to the Hope Centre at sort code 60-05-16, account number 19562160. Their email is [info@hopecentraderby.co.uk](mailto:info@hopecentraderby.co.uk). I have asked them if they could put a "donate" button on their website.

**Annual Meetings**, which normally have to take place in April, now have to have happened before 31 October - so we can arrange them when all this is over (that's something to look forward to!). In the meantime, Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members continue in post. Caroline would like to get the Annual Reports done while everything is quiet, so if you haven't sent her the report she asked for, now would be a good time to do so.

**The anthem planned for today** was "O Lord, increase our faith" by Henry Loosemore (1600-1670). You can listen to it on youtube and it's not a bad prayer for these difficult times

**O Lord, increase our faith,  
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;  
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience,  
in all our adversity.  
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.**

Father, we adore you,  
Lay our lives before you:  
How we love you!

Jesus, we adore you,  
Lay our lives before you:  
How we love you!

Spirit, we adore you,  
Lay our lives before you:  
How we love you!

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