

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

## Seventh Sunday of Easter, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020



If life had been normal John Rice would have taken the 8 am and Melonie Hambly the 10 am and 6.15 services at St Matthew's. I (Peter) was taking the 10 and 6.30 services at St Edmund's. 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. There are many opportunities to join with others for worship via technology, and there are materials for children and families.

The Church of England has launched **Faith at Home**, for families, <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home>, and **Daily Hope**, a new phone line 0800 804 8044 which you can phone (at any time) for a recorded message of music, prayers and reflection - can you help pass this phone number on to any people who are not on the internet? Margaret Western reports that it is very good.

**Farewell to Friends** - just one funeral at the Crematorium this week. **Robert Allez** on Tuesday afternoon, we hold his family in our prayers. The Church of England has produced a leaflet with prayers that can be used when you're unable to go to a funeral - you can download it from the front page of our website.

**Weddings** - we would have married Blake & Natalie at St Matthew's on Friday, and Seamus & Emily at St Edmund's on Saturday. They have moved to May and June next year - we send them our love.

**Our church buildings remain closed.** We have been reminded by the authorities that the only people who should enter them are Peter or the Wardens. If you need to enter church, hall or Fellowship Room, you should only do so after speaking to one of them.

**Please keep in touch** with each other. Peter and Julie are fine, as are the family. 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 and @stedmundsallestree (I'm posting daily, so please follow).

**Magazines** - St Matthew's magazine is on the front page of the website, and Allestree's will follow soon.

**Derby Covid Community Support** is a network of community, church and statutory organisations that has been 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, for help, or to volunteer, please phone 01332 640000 or email [covidsupport@communityactionderby.org.uk](mailto:covidsupport@communityactionderby.org.uk). There is also a Darley Abbey network in place - contact [darleyabbeyvolunteernetwork@gmail.com](mailto:darleyabbeyvolunteernetwork@gmail.com). Louise and Anne have put together a document with other useful contacts - it is on the front page of the website.

**Some videos you may enjoy.** As we can't get out into the Derbyshire countryside, you may enjoy watching the Virtual Well Dressing from Tissington at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VT2fPmPw9E&feature=youtu.be>

If you wish to go further afield, I recommend the virtual pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Edmund at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aipY4x1xgHc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3QA0h18iN45RFNEixkc6ZOBrtQHKSPDFvmaQZqc2D1beIe0XVt4ZmOnk>

This version of Mozart's *Ave Verum* is a miracle of modern technology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSMZvcfQZqo&feature=youtu.be>