

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

Pentecost, 31st May 2020



Today is a fifth Sunday so if life had been normal I (Peter) would have taken the 8 am at St Edmund's and the 10 am Joint Service at St Matthew's. Clive's sermon is on line, along with a video from me for Walter Evans School, an Order of Service for today and 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. I have also produced a **Leaflet for Prayer while our buildings are closed and we plan to re-open**. You can download it from the website. Please use it, we need prayer.

The Church of England has launched **Faith at Home**, for families, <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home>, and **Daily Hope** 0800 804 8044, which you can phone (at any time) for a recorded message of music, prayers and reflection.

Weddings - we would have married David and Karen at St Edmund's this afternoon. David is our morning organist so they have produced a video for us, recorded on his Compton Organ in Belper. It is on the website - enjoy! Their wedding is re-booked for August. Peter and Julie were off to Orkney as soon as David and Karen had tied the knot - we have re-booked this holiday for a fortnight next June.

Church buildings - we have been reminded by the authorities that the only people who should enter St Matthew's are Peter or the Wardens. Work starts this week to repaint St Edmund's ceiling - no one should enter the church except for the contractors and those supervising them. More details in the magazine. Pre-school restarts this week in St Edmund's Church Hall - we have agreed that they have exclusive use of the hall so, to ensure infection control, there is no access to the hall at any time for the rest of us.

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. Let us know how you are, and if you need anything. Caroline is now on furlough (she and her family all are well). Peter is checking the office answer machine and emails regularly - 01332 552031, steds.stmatts@outlook.com. The church website is being regularly updated - www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk - and we are using facebook @stmatthewsdarleyabbey and @stedmundsallestree (I'm posting daily, so please follow).

Magazines from both parishes are on the front page of the website. Our thanks to the teams for producing them. They are large documents and may take a while to download. There is plenty to read.

Walter Evans School will have about 120 pupils as it starts this new half term - just under a third of its normal numbers. Please hold all our teachers, pupils and families in your prayers.

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. There is also a Darley Abbey network in place - contact darleyabbeyvolunteernetwork@gmail.com. Louise and Anne have put together a document with other useful contacts - it is on the front page of the website.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 3.22,23

