

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

## Luke the Evangelist, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020



Today we have **10 am, Holy Communion at St Matthew's** (led by Peter), **10 am, Morning Prayer at St Edmund's** (led by Deborah), and **6 pm, Choral Evensong at St Matthew's** (please note the new time). The choir will sing, the rest of us can listen (and pray). If you are planning to attend, please read the document on the front page of the website <https://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk/> so you know what to expect. Wearing a face covering is now **compulsory**, unless you have a medical exemption or are leading the service. If you are not planning to attend, do not feel guilty - an Order of Service, Sermon, Prayers and the readings are all on line. Please pray for those of us in one of our church buildings, as we pray for you - we are "church" together.

**Track and trace** - when you enter church for worship, we ask for your name, make a list of you all, and we have access to your contact details. We store this information safely - it is locked in the church safe at the end of the service. If any of you later have symptoms of Covid, we need to know - phone the Vicarage - and you will need to contact track and trace. If they request the data we hold, we will share it with them. We will not use this data for any other reason and our lists will be shredded in a month's time. We are also displaying the QR code for the track and trace app.

**St Matthew's Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will follow today's 10 am service. The Electoral Rolls have been updated, we welcome new members onto the PCCs and Deanery Synod, and (sadly) we still need a new churchwarden for St Edmund's after last week's APCM. Annual Reports are available in church and on the church website.

**Allestree Methodist Church**, the one on Duffield Road, celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this weekend. Normally we would have joined them this evening, but they have not yet re-opened. Instead they are having a small celebration service at St John's. I have sent our best wishes and assurance of prayer.

**Wednesday, 10 am, Holy Communion at St Edmund's.** Burial of the ashes of Peter Statham at 1 pm in St Edmund's churchyard (we send our love to Margaret and the family).

Next Sunday is there will be **10 am, Holy Communion at St Edmund's** (led by Geoffrey Marshall) and **10 am, Morning Prayer at St Matthew's** (led by Clive), but do check first - a lot can change in a week. Remember that the clocks change next week, so you get an extra hour in bed.

**All Souls' Day** is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Normally we write to every family we have taken funerals for and invite them to a Memorial Service. This year we have written assuring them of our love and prayers, and sending them a simple Order of Service they can use. Copies of this Order are also in both churches - please take one - or contact Caroline if you would like us to send you a copy. I will go to church, light a candle, and name all the departed before God - I will take my file of funerals, so they are not simply a list of names. If anyone else has a name they want me to remember, please contact Caroline.

**Christmas Shoebox Appeal** - would you like to bring a little joy into a deprived child's life this Christmas? Just fill in a shoebox with small gifts, leave it in the Fellowship Room, St Edmund's church, or Primrose's book shed, and the Rotary Club will collect it and arrange for its transport to a needy child in Eastern European. For more details looks at <https://teams4u.com>, pick up a leaflet in church, or speak to John Worthy.

The church website is being regularly updated - [www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk](https://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk) - and we are using Facebook @stmatthewsdarleyabbey and @stedmundsallestree (I'm posting daily, so please follow).

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