

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

The 14th Sunday after Trinity, 13th September 2020



Today we have **10 am, Holy Communion at St Edmund's** (led by Peter) and **10 am, Morning Prayer at St Matthew's** (led by Clive). 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 NHS 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.

This afternoon we are **baptising** Harper Grace Kean at 2 pm at St Edmund's - I am not allowed to touch the baby! Next Saturday, St Edmund's, 12 noon **Wedding** of Peter Grundy and Sophie Ragan, and 1.30 pm **Memorial Service and Burial of Ashes** of Sheila Peck.

I have seen nothing in the new rules which suggests that we can't have **St Matthew's PCC** in church tomorrow (Monday) 14 September at 7.30 pm. Face coverings need to be worn and we will be social distanced, as Covid-secure as we can be. **St Edmund's PCC** met last week, and their **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be on Sunday 11 October, after the 10 am service. We still need a new churchwarden for St Edmund's.

It is obvious that this situation is going to be with us for a while, and that rotas prepared earlier in the year remain works of fiction! We will have a continued need for welcomers (recording for track and trace), readers and people to lead prayers. Many of those who have done these tasks for years are no longer able to do them (which is no criticism) - thank you for your service. If you are willing to arrive early and help welcome, to read a lesson or to lead prayers, I would be very grateful for an email offering your services - revpeterbarham@btinternet.com. I will attempt to build some sort of rota for 10 am in each church until the end of the year. Huge gratitude to those who, ever since we reopened our buildings, have shouldered the burden and got on with the jobs - it is appreciated.

St Edmund's is Open for Quiet and Prayer on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm. We will restart the 10 am Communion on **Wednesday mornings** at St Edmund's on 30 September. In October we will have an Open Air Service with a Christian Aid theme in St Edmund's churchyard on Sunday 4 October at 2.30 pm (more details next week), and hope to have some Evensongs too.

Caroline, our church administrator, is in the Office every morning this week.

Next Sunday there will be **10 am, Holy Communion at St Matthew's** (led by Peter) and **10 am, Morning Prayer at St Edmund's** (led by Deborah), but do check first - a lot can change in a week. We will celebrate our **Patronal Festival** at St Matthew's.

Church Lane, Darley Abbey is now closed to traffic turning in from the A6 and heading down towards St Matthew's. If you are driving from Allestree to St Matthew's, you will need to head further in towards town, then double back down Mile Ash Lane.

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