

The Parishes of St Edmund, Allestree and St Matthew, Darley Abbey Christ the King - Edmund, King & Martyr - 22nd November 2020



If life had been normal, today would have been St Edmund's Patronal Festival, and with the Feast of Christ the King we come to the end of the Church's Year. Sadly we are back in lock down, so have **no services** in either church. Clive and I have written two sermons which are on line, I have produced an Order of Service for today and other material to help you worship and pray. Redemptorist Press, who produce the blue printed sheets, 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. Please pray for each other - we are "church" together.

St Edmund's PCC asked if we can start a weekly service on Zoom, so next week at 11.30 am I will bring you **Zoom Morning Prayer** from the comfort of my Study. I am using the Study since it has better internet than either church (and it's warmer) and have gone for 11.30 so it can continue if we are allowed back in church buildings in a fortnight's time for services at 10. I will publicise the zoom link on the website and facebook page later in the week, but we will also build an email and text list so we can send you a reminder. If you would like to get this message, please email Caroline (address below) with "Zoom service" as the subject, and please include the text "I give you permission to store this email address [and my mobile number which is xxxx] for purposes of informing me about forthcoming services". That way we are GDPR compliant. I expect the service to be less than half an hour, and hope you will join me. I hope too that you will forgive my technical imperfections!

We will be producing a **Church Christmas Card** and sending it to contacts on both Electoral Rolls, regular attenders, friends, baptism, wedding, funeral contacts, etc. If you would be willing to help deliver them, please email Caroline THIS WEEK with the names of the streets in which you can deliver. Think about the area where you normally walk, remember the names of any cul-de-sacs, and send her a clear email listing the streets. We can then sort the pile of cards by streets, and do our best to save on postage by getting them delivered. It is a balancing act - the time spent sorting and administering hand-delivering, must not be more than the cost of just sticking a stamp on every card.

Government consultation - the Government has launched a Consultation on how they should engage with faith groups in England. There is some concern that it will be used by some of the organisations which are specifically opposed to faith schools. The Call for Evidence has been issued and is available for anyone to fill in - please could you take the time to do so, so the church's voice is heard?

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Thank you for all the food donated for the **Food Bank**. Items can be left in the Primrose's Book Shed, next to the garage at the Vicarage. You can also pick up **Church Magazines** there, and both magazines are now available on the website.

Please keep in touch with each other and if you need anything, please phone the Vicarage. 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). You can now make a financial donation to either church through the website.

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