

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

All Saints', 1st November 2020



*Please be aware this notice sheet was compiled before any changes to the Covid tier we are in.
Please check our website for the latest information.*

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

All Souls' Day is tomorrow. 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.

FOSM meet on Tuesday, 2 pm, in St Matthew's. Shama Mitri will talk on "We live in a multi-cultural society." Visitors are welcome.

Wednesday, 10 am, Holy Communion at St Edmund's. We have been getting about a dozen people at these services, so there is plenty of space.

On Saturday we marry **Matt Cottrell** and **Nicole Dale** at St Matthew's at 1 pm. We send them our love and best wishes for their life together.

Next Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday**. There will be **10 am, Morning Prayer at St Matthew's** (led by Clive) and **10 am, Morning Prayer at St Edmund's** (led by Peter and Julie), and then small commemorations at the War Memorials. Advice from the Government and The Royal British Legion is that "we should take part in remote and socially distanced Remembrance activity, whether that be watching the service on television or pausing for the Two Minute Silence in their home or on their doorstep". There is material in the magazines to help you do so. **6 pm, Choral Communion (BCP) at St Edmund's** (led by Peter).

Christmas Shoebox Appeal - would you like to bring a little joy into a deprived child's life this Christmas? Just fill 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 Europe. For more details look 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 - 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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