

## Bicentenary Events at St Matthew's

Church open 2 to 4 every afternoon this week

### Saturday 29 June

- Church open 10 am to 4 pm
- "Who would live in a place like Darley Abbey?" - Village Hall Exhibition open 1 to 4
- Historical archives, maps, brochures, newspapers, family History material
- Darley Abbey WI will provide a Victorian Tea Room

### Sunday 30 June

- Big breakfast served from 8.45 (booking required)
- Celebration service at 10 am with friends from St Edmund's Allestree
- Church open until 4 pm
- Creative in Darley Park from 3 pm
- Hothouse Jazz Concert in St Matthew's at 4 pm - tickets from Hothouse in advance or on the door, in aid of Marie Curie



The Parish of St Edmund, Allestree 



The Choir and Friends present a  
**Summer Evening Concert**  
of light classical music  
Saturday 20 July, 7 pm  
in St Edmund's church

Refreshments: Berries and bubbles  
Admission free,  
retiring collection for church funds

# Choral Evensong

with the choir of St Matthew's  
Darley Abbey and St Edmund's Allestree

Sunday 23 June 2019  
5 pm

**Welcome to Choral Evensong** as we celebrate our Bicentenary. This is a tiny fragment of something else; it is a part of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the day and night, in every part of the world.

When you come to Choral Evensong it may feel as if you are doing nothing - as the choir do most of the work. In our world of action and involvement, this can seem very strange. But in a way you are dropping in on a conversation already in progress - a conversation between God and his people which began long before you were born and which will continue long after you are dead. For a brief moment, you step into the continual stream of worship which is being offered today and which will be offered to the end of time. You are one with those who worship here on earth and in heaven.

Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer, and obedience.

Much of the English of the service is the language spoken and written by our ancestors more than four hundred years ago - and used by the Evans and their workers two hundred years ago. It may sound old-fashioned but its meaning is not out of date.

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## **Hymn 618 When, in our music, God is glorified**

*Sit after the preacher's opening prayer*

### **The Sermon**

*Sit or kneel*

**Prayers of Intercession**, led by Clive Lemmon

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Stand*

## **Hymn 198 There's a spirit in the air**

*- a collection will be taken in this hymn*

*Remain standing*

### **The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The choir sing*

### **The Festal responses**

*Composer: E.W. Naylor*

The Lord be with you : and with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord : thanks be to God.

*Stand as the choir and clergy leave*

### **Organ voluntary**

Chorale-Improvisation on 'Praise the Lord, O my soul',

Op.65 No.28

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*Please sit while the choir sing*

### **The Anthem**

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you:  
for the temple of God is holy,  
which temple ye are:  
for the love of whom ye do this day  
celebrate the joys of the temple  
with a season of festivity. Alleluia!

*Words: Sarum antiphon for the dedication of a Church  
Music: William Henry Harris, 1883-1973*

*Stand*

*Please stand as the choir and clergy enter the church, then sit while the choir sing*

### **The Introit**

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

*Words: Psalm 34.8  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958*

**Welcome** - *The Reverend Peter Barham*

*Stand*

### **Hymn 392 Bright the vision that delighted**

*Remain standing while the cantor and choir sing*

**Opening Responses** *Composer: John Sanders*

O Lord, open thou our lips;  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us;  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.  
Praise ye the Lord;  
The Lord's Name be praised.

*Sit as the choir sings*

## Psalm 73.1-3,16-end

Truly God is loving unto Israel \*  
even unto such as are of a clean heart.  
Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone \*  
my treadings had well-nigh slipt.  
And why? I was grieved at the wicked \*  
I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.  
Until I went into the sanctuary of God \*  
then understood I the end of these men;  
Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places \*  
and castest them down, and destroyest them.  
O how suddenly do they consume \*  
perish, and come to a fearful end!  
Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh \*  
so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.  
Thus my heart was grieved \*  
and it went even through my reins.  
So foolish was I, and ignorant \*  
even as it were a beast before thee.  
Nevertheless, I am always by thee \*  
for thou hast holden me by my right hand.  
Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel \*  
and after that receive me with glory.  
Whom have I in heaven but thee \*  
and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison  
of thee.  
My flesh and my heart faileth \*  
but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for  
ever.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And  
lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen;

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust  
in thee, mercifully accept our prayers and, because  
through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no  
good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace  
that, in keeping of thy commandments, we may please  
thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ thy

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy Catholick Church;  
the Communion of Saints;  
the Forgiveness of sins;  
the Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting.  
Amen.

*Remain standing while the cantor and choir sing*  
**The Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects**

The Lord be with you:  
And with thy spirit.  
Let us pray.

*Sit or kneel*

For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish \*  
thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication  
against thee.  
But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my  
trust in the Lord God \*  
and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter  
of Sion.

*Stand*  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son \*  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be \*  
world without end. Amen.

*Sit*  
**The first reading - Ecclesiasticus 44.1-11**

Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in  
their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great  
glory, his majesty from the beginning. There were those  
who ruled in their kingdoms, and made a name for  
themselves by their valour; those who gave counsel because  
they were intelligent; those who spoke in prophetic oracles;  
those who led the people by their counsels and by their  
knowledge of the people's lore; they were wise in their  
words of instruction; those who composed musical tunes,  
or put verses in writing; rich men endowed with resources,  
living peacefully in their homes - all these were honoured in  
their generations, and were the pride of their times. Some  
of them have left behind a name, so that others declare  
their praise. But of others there is no memory; they have

perished as though they had never existed; they have become as though they had never been born, they and their children after them. But these also were godly men, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; their wealth will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance with their children's children.

*Stand as the choir sings*

**The Magnificat**

*Setting in A flat, Basil Harwood*

My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered  
the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant  
Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and  
his seed, for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy  
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be : world without end. **Amen.**

*Sit*

**New Testament Reading - Galatians 3.23-end**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*Stand as the choir sings*

**The Nunc Dimittis**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation :  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.