

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

## The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020



**10 am, Holy Communion at St Edmund's** (led by Peter) and **10 am, Morning Prayer at St Matthew's** (led by Melonie). 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 mask is now **compulsory**, unless you have a medical exemption or are leading the service. Last week we had 42 at St Edmund's, and could not have fitted more than another couple in church. This means we might be full when you get here and you'll have to come back for a service at 11. 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.

Our plan is that next week there will be **10 am, Holy Communion at St Matthew's** and **10 am, Morning Prayer at St Edmund's** (led by Deborah), but do check first - a lot can change in a week. During August we plan to have two 10 am services every Sunday (including the fifth Sunday). (I know we want more, but we need to take things slowly and get all this right - we will make some decisions next weekend as to what we do in September). Everything is still up in the air, so please check the website, facebook or make a phone call before you come. I will continue to put worship material on line (as will many other churches).

**St Matthew's is Open for Quiet and Prayer** on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm, **St Edmund's** on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm. Very few people are using these opportunities, which is a shame. **School's Out are in the Church Hall** through the summer holidays, providing a play scheme. Safety measures remain in place - the Hall is not to be accessed by anyone except those connected with the scheme. We are not yet in a position to be able to re-start the hiring of the Fellowship Room - that is unlikely to happen before September at the earliest.

**Caroline, our church administrator**, is back in the Office. She is working between 10 and 1 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and can be contacted by phone or email 01332 552031, [steds.stmatts@outlook.com](mailto:steds.stmatts@outlook.com).

**Holiday At Home** - a Cream Tea at home is being arranged on Saturday 29th August for all those who attended Holiday At Home last summer at Broadway. If you attended last year or know of someone who did please can you give Caroline a call in the office as unfortunately we don't have the list from last year.

**Food Bank** - thank you for the full car which went last Sunday, and to Mike and Shirley for their work. Items can be left at any time in Primrose's Book Shed at the Vicarage.

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).

**Saturday 15 August is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - the Gospel is Luke 1.46-55. The Collect:

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.