

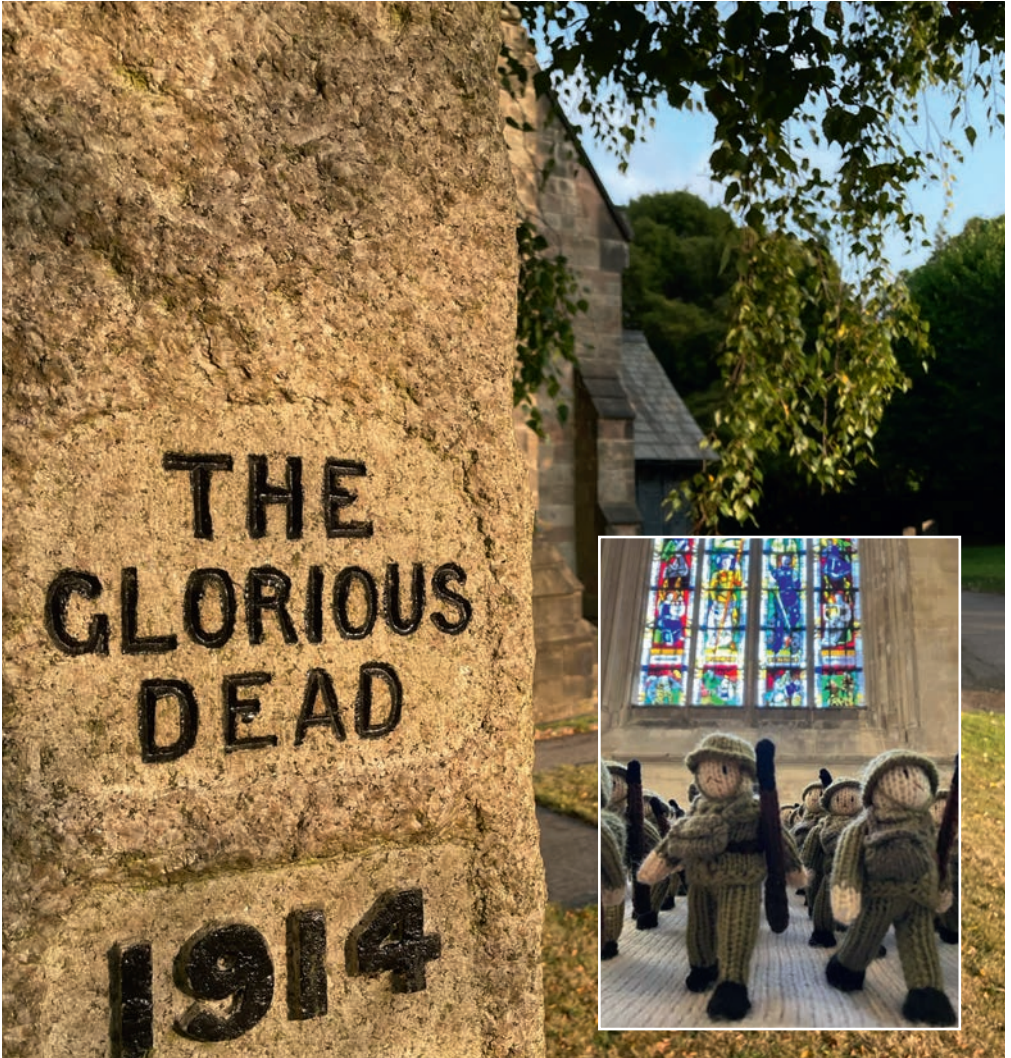


St. Edmund's Church

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# News from the Parish

November 2024



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# St. Edmund's - November 2024

While COVID has diminished in terms of its impact on us as a nation, we recognise that there will be some people who have still to be careful because they are vulnerable. If you feel you need to wear a mask, we encourage you to do so. We also gently request that if you are unwell, especially if you have COVID, you stay away to avoid infecting anyone who might be vulnerable.

For communion, normal practice has resumed regarding going to and from the rail. Please follow any directions given by the day's welcomers. At the rail you will be given three options regarding bread and wine. You may either indicate - by nodding your head - that you wish the wafer to be intincted for you, by the person carrying the special intincting chalice, or you may accept the wafer only and then drink from the chalice brought after by the server. Or you may choose to just have the wafer.

There are halved grapes available for children at the rail so they join in this special feast, they will be given a prayer of blessing as normal. And if you do not feel communion is appropriate for you we encourage you to come to the rail, leaving your hands by your sides, so that we may pray a prayer of blessing over you.

Please stay for coffee or tea in the Church Hall after the service, it's a great opportunity to get to know new friends and to catch up with old ones.

FOOD BANK - The first Sunday of the month, 3rd November 2024.

Please leave your donations in St Edmund's Church or St Matthew's Fellowship Room by Tuesday 5th November.

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FRONT COVER: Remembrance Sunday is on 10th November this year. The Longest Yarn exhibition will be at Stoke Minster (ST14 1LP) from 21st November to 5th December. Visit [thelongestyarn.com](http://thelongestyarn.com) for full details. The Mini Yarn will be in Leek, Staffs from 10th to 28th December. Read Revd Rachael's letter on page 3.

BACK COVER: Harvest Supper, Church Flowers and Bishop's Badge for Gill and Richard Flatman and Richard Wood.

*Can you support St Edmund's by sponsoring the colour cover in memory of a loved one or to celebrate an event? If you are interested please contact one of the editorial team or a Churchwarden. The cost is £35.00.*

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## Planning a Church, Community or Charity Event?

We would be delighted to receive information regarding events taking place in our parish. Email text/photos to [steds.stmatts@outlook.com](mailto:steds.stmatts@outlook.com) and/or [fiona.fraser@burnsgraphics.co.uk](mailto:fiona.fraser@burnsgraphics.co.uk) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of a month to be in the next issue. Our Parish magazines are also on our website:- [www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk](http://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk).

# Reverend's Letter

November. A month of remembering. We remember those we have loved and lost on All Souls' Day, then, on Remembrance Day, those who gave their lives for us during times of war.

In October Andrew and I went to Bayeux for a few days, home of the eponymous tapestry. I've seen pictures since I was a wee girl but seeing it up close is something else. The contrast between the homeliness of needlepoint and the story it records of the run up to the Battle of Hastings, and its horrors, is striking. But it's that, it being immortalised in stitches, which has meant it captures the imagination. We're not the first generation to recognise the power of images.

We were also in France to visit the beaches that were the site of the D-Day landings. There are only a small handful of survivors, 80 years on, that can testify to what happened. There are archives of material capturing their first-hand experiences and that of those who are no longer with us. But I suspect the most memorable may turn out to be another rather homely work of art.

The Longest Yarn is a series of 80 knitted and crocheted scenes depicting the D-Day story as it unfolded, the build-up to D-Day in England, the horrors on the Landing Beaches and the bloody inland battles. And it has captured the imagination of so many. We visited it at Southwell Minster, waiting an hour and forty minutes to join the queue to file past each case. It's moved on now, but it's due to be in Stoke during its tour (and Leek for the Mini Yarn). I'd heartily recommend a viewing if you can manage it.

This story, unlike the story told by the Bayeux Tapestry which is a celebration of William the Conqueror's victory, isn't told to revel in pride but to remember the sacrifices made and the terrible cost of war. Something we are all too aware of given unfolding events in and across the world today.

Also at the Minster was a Stations of the Cross installation. A stark and immensely moving depiction of the sacrifice and suffering undergone voluntarily for us by Jesus. It's startling to see it out of season, but as I reflected, I thought how appropriate it was there then. Because wars don't ever really bring peace. Peace only comes when our hearts soften, and we learn to love one another more than having our own way. So, to have this installation alongside the depiction of war was a perfect reminder that because of what Jesus did for us all, one day all wars will cease because all hearts will soften, and God's perfect peace will reign.

*Revd Rachael Brooks*

Associate Minister, St Edmund's



# Churchwardens' View

A Regular Update by Ann Miller and Paul Smith

## Looking Back, Looking Forward

### A Busy and Wonderful Sunday

All Sundays are special. But the 6th October really was a very special day. First, at 10.00am, we gave thanks for all God's gifts with a memorable harvest All Age Worship. This included all sorts of opportunities for congregational participation, a fine harvest anthem by the choir, Andrew Brooks in character as the rich but foolish farmer (Luke chapter 12) and gorgeous autumnal colours in the church decorations all around us. Then, with scarcely a break to gather breath, the church filled again for the baptism of Willow Hollie Nagwi at 1130. It was lovely to see her so well supported by her family and friends.

Next, a change of venue as we headed down to the cathedral for one of this year's Bishop's Badge award services, this one being special because we were able to see Bishop Libby present medals to Richard & Gill Flatman and Richard Wood along with about 50 others from every corner of the diocese.

The choir sang Purcell's wonderful "Rejoice in the Lord alway", often known as the 'Bell Anthem' because of its distinctive introduction which sounds like a descending peal of church bells. Then Bishop Malcolm reflected on the feeding of the five thousand (John chapter 6); he used the story to show how the church needs not only generosity from us its people but also to draw on the whole range of skills and abilities we possess. The afternoon ended beautifully with tea and home-made cakes at the Flatmans'.

### Looking Forward

In other news, we continue to work behind the scenes to maintain and develop the church. Some of us had a very constructive meeting with Kat Allread who is secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). She began by saying how well-looked after our church was and gave us a lot of useful advice on our plans, and particularly which projects will need a 'Faculty' (the Church of England's version of planning permission) and which can be authorised in other ways.

We mentioned in our last bulletin that one of the issues we were looking at was how best to improve our church heating. We've now set up a working group, and on 8th October we held a very constructive kick-off meeting by Zoom. Our first step is to define what we need, list possible options and then decide the criteria we will use to evaluate these. This will enable us to present a short list and (ultimately) a firm proposal to the PCC. We are already finding that lots of help is available; not only is there a diocesan heating adviser (who has already been in touch) but also we have been pointed towards other churches that are willing to share their case studies of what they did to improve their heating, and why.

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# Churchwardens' View continued

We now go into the busiest time of the year with a whole series of special services culminating in the celebration of our Lord's birth at Christmas. But first, please do join us for the solemn service of Remembrance on 10 November from 1000 onwards.

We will, as usual, place wreaths and crosses at the war memorial and hear read out the names of those from Allestree who made the supreme sacrifice so that we can live in peace. As King George V wrote to every family who lost someone in World War I (three in Paul's case), "Let those who come after see to it that their names be not forgotten".

*Ann & Paul  
Churchwardens*

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## From the Registers of St Edmund's Church

### BAPTISMS

6th October

Baptism of Willow Hollie Nagwi



### WEDDINGS

19th October - Wedding of Robert Pollard and Simone Nicole Green

FUNERALS and BURIAL OF ASHES at St Edmund's

There were no funerals or burials during October

## Special services this Autumn: Dates for your diary

There are Church services held throughout the year that are important to us as a community. During November there is Remembrance Sunday and if you are a member of an organisation which would like to take part please contact me or Caroline in the office.

On **3rd November** we'll be celebrating **All Souls' Day** by gathering to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. This will be a short quiet service, led by Rev'd Sarah Watson, Rev'd Lee Martin and me, in which we'll light candles, read out the names of those we have loved, and have space to reflect and remember. Whether you live in Darley Abbey, Allestree or Quarndon, come to St Edmund's Church to mark this day with others on the same journey.

**10th November is Remembrance Day.** Civic services will be held at the memorials at both St Matthew's and St Edmund's as normal, following a service inside. St Nick's will host the start of a procession up to Park Farm for a service there. Please come and honour those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

We have a plethora of services during Advent as we travel towards Christmas. Something for everyone. Details will be in the December magazine.

*Revd Rachael Brooks*

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### Allestree W.I. Meeting 19th November

Allestree W.I. will meet on Tuesday, 19th November at 2.00pm at Woodlands Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree, Derby DE22 2GP.

The Talk is 'CamTad Campaign to Tackle Acquired Deafness' by Mr. John Young.  
The Competition is 'An Unusual Button'.

Visitors welcome £4.00 per person.

Enquiries to Mavis on 01332 556012

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### Allestree History Group: November Talks

The group meets at 7.00pm (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month) in the Choir Vestry at St Nicholas' Church, Allestree Lane, Allestree, Derby DE22 2DS. Visitors are welcome at £4.00 per person.

Wednesday 6th November: A talk by Dr Peter Collinge on "Joseph Wright's Portraits of Two English Businesswomen - Sarah Clayton of Liverpool and Ellen Clayton of Alfreton".

Wednesday 20th November: A talk by Peter Amour on "Wandering in and around Wiltshire - with connections with Markeaton Hall".

If you would like to know more about the Allestree History Group you can telephone Katherine on 07500 704520 or visit [allestreelocalhistorygroup.org.uk](http://allestreelocalhistorygroup.org.uk)



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST EDMUND'S



Join us for **Holy Communion** at **10am** every **Wednesday** at St Edmund's, Allestree

**All welcome**



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST EDMUND'S



## Sunday services at St Edmund's in November



<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	10 am	Morning Prayer
	3 pm	All Souls' Service
<b>Sunday 10th - Remembrance Day</b>	10 am	Morning Prayer
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
	10 am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
	10 am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	10 am	Holy Communion
	6 pm	Choral Evensong



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST EDMUND'S



## All Souls' Service



3rd November  
3pm  
St Edmund's Church

**All welcome**



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST EDMUND'S



## Remembrance Day



10th November  
10am  
St Edmund's Church

**All welcome**

# Dates for your Diary - November 2024

## **Sunday 27 October**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Rachael Brooks

10.00am - St Matthew's - Morning Prayer, led by Clive Lemmon

6.00pm - St Edmund's - Choral Evensong, led by the choir

## **Tuesday 29 October**

11.00am - St Matthew's - Funeral and burial of Patricia McWilliam

## **Wednesday 30 October**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Rachael Brooks

## **Saturday 2 November**

9.30am - St Edmund's - Groundforce - Come & help to make the churchyard clean & tidy

**Sunday 3 November** - Food Bank Sunday – *Please leave your donations in St Edmund's Church or St Matthew's Fellowship Room by Tuesday 5 November*

10.00am - St Edmund's - Morning Prayer led by John Rice

10.00am - St Matthew's - Holy Communion & baptism of Winifred Stevens  
led by Rachael Brooks

12.15pm - St Edmund's - Baptism of Joshua James Garrod

3.00pm - St Edmund's - All Souls' Service to remember those that have died

6.00pm - St Matthew's - Evensong led by Melonie Hambly

## **Tuesday 5 November**

12 noon - St Edmund's Church Hall - Luncheon Club

2.00pm - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - FOSM - Commonwealth War Graves  
Commission by Jean Moss

7.30pm - St Edmund's Standing Committee meets by Zoom

## **Wednesday 6 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by John Rice

## **Thursday 7 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's Church Hall - Baby & Toddler Group

## **Friday 8 November**

11.30am - St Edmund's - Funeral of Andrew John Cogley

## **Saturday 9 November**

9.30-12 noon - St Matthew's carpark - Refills on the Road

## **Sunday 10 November - Remembrance Day**

10.00am - St Edmund's – Morning Prayer led by Rachael Brooks

10.00am - St Matthew's – Morning Prayer led by Susie Curtis and Clive Lemmon

6.00pm – St Edmund's - Choral Evensong led by the choir

## **Monday 11 November**

2.00pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Bookworms: *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak

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# Dates for your Diary - November 2024 continued

## **Monday 11 November**

7.30pm - Ascension Prayer Group at Catherine McAuley House Community Room

## **Tuesday 12 November**

7.30pm - St Edmund's Church Hall conference room - PCC meeting

## **Wednesday 13 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Rachael Brooks

## **Thursday 14 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's Church Hall - Baby & Toddler Group

## **Friday 15 November**

8.30am - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - Community Café

## **Saturday 16 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's - brass cleaning in church. All welcome, tea & coffee will be provided

## **Sunday 17 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Morning Prayer, led by John Rice

10.00am - St Matthew's - Holy Communion, led by Dwayne Engh

6.00pm - St Edmund's - Patronal Choral Evensong, led by Rachael Brooks

## **Monday 18 November** - TIME TBC - St Matthew's PCC Meeting

## **Tuesday 19 November**

12 noon - St Edmund's Church Hall - Luncheon Club

## **Wednesday 20 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by John Rice

## **Thursday 21 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's Church Hall - Baby & Toddler Group

## **Saturday 23 November**

9.30-12 noon - St Matthew's carpark - Refills on the Road

## **Sunday 24 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Rachael Brooks & Sarah Watson

10.00am - St Matthew's - Morning Prayer, led by Melonie Hambly

12 noon - St Matthew's - Baptism of Charlie Peter Kendall

6.00pm - St Edmund's - Choral Evensong, led by Clive Lemmon

## **Wednesday 27 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Geoffrey Marshall

## **Thursday 28 November**

10.00am - St Edmund's Church Hall - Baby & Toddler Group

## **Saturday 30 November**

9.30am - St Matthew's - Churchyard Working Party - Come and help to make the churchyard clean and tidy

# Do Tell Us of Future Events or Celebrations

PLEASE CONTACT the Parish Administrator, Caroline Audley, with details of future events for them to be included in the Diary Dates:- email: Steds.stmatts@outlook.com or telephone her on 552031.

Office opening hours:-

**Monday, Tuesday & Friday**

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

**Wednesday**

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm

**Thursday**

Time: 11.30am – 3.00pm

If out of hours please leave a message; the answer phone is checked daily.

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## St Ed's Safeguarding initiative - SUPPORT SERVICE CONTACTS

**Action on Elder Abuse** (0808 808 8141) [www.wearehourglass.org](http://www.wearehourglass.org)

End the harm, abuse and exploitation of older people in the UK.

**Age UK** (0800 678 1602) [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

Practical support for older people as well as their families, friends and carers.

**Alzheimer's Society** (0333 150 3456) [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)

Dementia Support line

**Childline** (0800 1111) [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Advice and support to children who can share issues and problems,  
and find a listening ear.

**Family Lives** (0808 800 2222) [www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)

Information, advice, guidance and support on any aspect of parenting  
and family life.

**NAPAC** (08088 0103 31) [www.napac.org.uk](http://www.napac.org.uk)

National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC).

**National Domestic Abuse Helpline** (0808 2000 247) [www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk)

Informing and empowering individuals to understand their options and  
support them.

**NSPCC** (0808 800 5000) [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

**Samaritans - National** - Tel. 116 123 [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

**Derby and District** - Tel. 0330 094 5717

Supporting individuals who are feeling suicidal and desperate.

**Stop it now** (0808 1000 900) [www.stopitnow.org.uk](http://www.stopitnow.org.uk)

Preventing child sexual abuse.

# Recipe: Gingerbread

## Ingredients:

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| 1 lb/450gms plain flour     | 3/4 lb/325gms treacle or syrup    |
| 1/2 tsp salt                | 1/2 lb/225gms brown sugar         |
| 1 1/2 tsps ground ginger    | 1 egg                             |
| 2 tsps baking powder        | 1/2 pint milk                     |
| 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda | + 4 ozs/110gms sultanas if liked. |
| 6 ozs/175gms butter         |                                   |

## Method:

Mix all dry ingredients together. Put butter, treacle and sugar in a pan and heat them. Beat the egg and warm the milk. Add all these to the dry ingredients, and mix well, pour into a lined and greased 2 lb loaf tin and bake in a moderate oven for 1 1/2 hours.

This gingerbread should be kept for a few days before it is eaten. I must confess I have not made this recently, but family will be very happy to have this again.

*Rita Wrigley*







**ST MATTHEW'S**



## Sunday services at St Matthew's in November



<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	10am	Holy Communion
	6 pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday 10th - Remembrance Day</b>	10am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	10am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	10am	Morning Prayer

**All welcome**





**ST MATTHEW'S**



## Remembrance Day



**10th November  
10am  
St Matthew's Church**

**All welcome**

# St. Edmund's Support to Charities in 2024

As part of St Edmunds Church charitable giving for 2024, eight charities were selected. The following is a letter to Mark Halliwell, who represented St Edmund's PCC, from The Railway Mission.

"Thank you for your generous donation. We are deeply grateful for the £450.00 contribution, which will make a meaningful impact on our ongoing efforts to provide pastoral care and support to those in the railway community.

**This donation will directly help our chaplains share the love and care of Jesus in the railway industry and specifically in the following ways:**

**Crisis Support:** A portion of the funds will help to support our emergency response. This enables our chaplains to provide immediate assistance to railway staff and their families who may be facing crises such as accidents, bereavement, or personal challenges. Your donation helps ensure that our chaplains can be there, providing comfort and support during these critical moments.

An example of this is how Railway Mission was asked by the Chief Constable of British Transport Police to give support to the officers at Hull who faced vicious and sustained physical and emotional abuse whilst defending a hotel housing migrants Durham the recent social unrest.

**Ongoing Chaplaincy Presence:** Your donation will also help sustain the regular visits and presence of our chaplains across various railway stations and depots. By maintaining a consistent and accessible presence, our chaplains can build trust and provide ongoing support to those who need it most, whether it's a listening ear, spiritual guidance, or practical assistance.

We hope this provides a clear picture of how the St Edmunds Parish's contribution is making a real difference in the lives of those we serve. Your support not only enables us to continue our mission but also reassures railway staff that they are valued and cared for.

We are truly grateful for your partnership in this important work and for helping us to communicate the impact of their generosity.

We invite you to join us as prayer partners and receive our weekly prayer email. You can sign up at <https://railwaymission.us13.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b8e709fc4dcf73647b77ff375&id=d116f9c37b>

With heartfelt thanks

Kind regards,

*Liam*

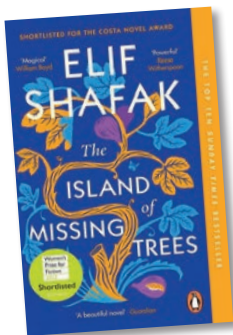
Liam Johnston, Executive Director"

# St Ed's Groundforce on Saturday, 2nd November

Our next session will be on Saturday 2nd November. We meet at St Edmund's church at 9.30am. Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to join them, or want more details, please contact Steve Burton on 07914 884197.

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## Bookworms Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November



Bookworms have continued to meet monthly throughout the year and have had some lively discussions on the varied books.

We will be discussing *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shakar at our next meeting on Monday 11th November.

The list of books to be looked at following this, suggested by the regular members of the group, has now also been agreed – see below:

9th Dec 2024	J B Priestley - <i>An Inspector Calls</i>
13th Jan 2025	Helen Dunmore - <i>The Siege</i>
10th Feb 2025	Barbara Kingsolver - <i>The Poisonwood Bible</i>
10th Mar 2025	John Galsworthy - <i>The Man of Property</i>
14th April 2025	Mary Wood - <i>The Guernsey Girls Go to War</i>
12th May 2025	Jodi Picoult - <i>Wish You Were Here</i>
9th June 2025	Maggie O'Farrell - <i>The Hand That First Held Mine</i>
14th July 2025	Rose Tremain - <i>The Colour</i>
11th Aug 2025	Rachel Joyce - <i>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</i>

Bookworms meet in St Edmund's choir vestry once a month on a Monday afternoon at 2.00pm. For further details please ring or text Cyra Buxton on 07719 776501 or email her on [cyrabuxton@gmail.com](mailto:cyrabuxton@gmail.com).

*PS In the last issue our last meeting was given as 11th November 2024. This was a mistake, and you will see from the current issue that there is, in fact, a meeting on the 9th December.*

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## Allestree Flower Group 19<sup>th</sup> November

This month we meet on Tuesday 19th November at Allestree Woodlands Theatre where we will be treated to a Flower Demonstration by Nick Grounds (National Demonstrator) entitled: "The Apple Tree Christmas"

Time: 6.30pm for 7.30pm

Venue: Allestree Woodlands Theatre

Admission: £16.00. Refreshments & stalls available

For further details telephone 07813 831949



# More Derbyshire Walks (50)

## THE GRITSTONE EDGES OF THE DERWENT VALLEY

This series of Derbyshire Walks closes with a favourite section of our splendid Derwent Valley between Baslow and Grindleford. The first half of the route provides panoramic views from the gritstone escarpments of Baslow, Curbar and Froggatt Edges, whereas on return we follow the Derwent Valley Heritage Way (DVHW) mainly along the riverside, passing historic features such as Calver Mill and Baslow Old Bridge. The distance is 8¾ miles, reasonably level apart from an initial steep ascent from Baslow and the midway descent through Hay Wood.



Winter on Baslow Edge



Climbers on Froggatt Edge

**The Gritstone Edges** have long provided material for millstone manufacture, used from early times to convert corn into flour and later as crushing wheels to grind mineral deposits such as lead ore, until replaced by machinery in the industrial age. Consequently, many partially-finished millstones were abandoned and could be found scattered below the escarpments; it is stated that over a thousand have been found within a range of 1½ miles, some of which remain. The edges are a mecca for climbers and scramblers, with famous ascents pioneered by Joe Brown and Don Whillans in the 1950's; there are hundreds of them, with names such as Flying Butress, Peapod, Trapeze, Avalanche and Sunset Slab! Of the main edges, Curbar has a reputation for some fierce climbs up to 70ft high and is not recommended for novices; while Froggatt, although generally less demanding, has plenty of large smooth slabs but with few finger-

holds! For less ambitious walkers who stick to the escarpment, the surface paths have been improved over the years by the Peak National Park Board, with gritstone aggregate, flagstones and reseeded of eroded sections (thus helping us to ever enjoy this great Peak District landscape).

# More Derbyshire Walks (50) *continued*

## THE GRITSTONE EDGES OF THE DERWENT VALLEY *continued*



Wellington's Monument

The **Wellington Monument** is reached at the start of Baslow Edge after the ascent up Bar Road, an ancient trade route to Sheffield. The cross-shaped column on a rock platform was erected in 1866 by Edward Wrench, a local ex-army surgeon, some 14 years after Wellington's death; and its location was probably influenced by the latter's visit to the Duke of Rutland at Haddon Hall. Nearby there are a couple of well-placed seats which provide stunning views over

the Derwent Valley and Chatsworth Estate. A short distance away, along Baslow Edge is the **Eagle Stone**, a large, isolated rock where youths of Baslow used to make a traditional pre-nuptial ascent. Its name is derived from that of a legendary Saxon giant who apparently hurled stones too heavy for others to lift.

**Calver** is visited on the return leg and forms a combined parish with both Curbar and Froggatt. On approaching the village we pass the imposing Derwent weir and two interesting buildings, Stocking Farm and Calver Mill. Now a scheduled monument, **Calver Weir** was originally built to supply a head of water to power the mill via The Goit (a feeder channel). Having been in a poor state, the weir was restored in 2010 with help from the Heritage Lottery Fund and incorporates a new fish-pass; its inverted S-shape helps to reduce the flow's downstream impact. Just upstream and protected by the weir lies **Calver Marshes**, which forms one of the finest wetland habitats in the Peak District for wildlife conservation, lying at the confluence of Stoke Brook with the Derwent.



Stocking Farm, Calver

The barn of **Stocking Farm**, with its unusual bell tower, was used as a Sunday School in the early 19thc. and then as a day school when the Factory Act was passed in 1833, requiring better care of factory-working children; but this ceased when All Saints Church was created in 1868. The striking 'grade 2 listed' **Calver Mill**, notable for its use as a screenset in the former TV drama 'Colditz', was

## More Derbyshire Walks (50) continued

### THE GRITSTONE EDGES OF THE DERWENT VALLEY continued

originally a small cotton mill operating under licence from Arkwright, until damaged by a severe flood in 1799 which also washed away Calver Bridge. After a fire and subsequent reconstruction with thicker walls and 6 storeys, cotton-spinning recommenced from 1804 to 1923. In WW2 it was used for storage, then bought by a Sheffield firm producing stainless steel sinks; and finally, at the millenium, it was converted into luxury apartments.



Calver Weir & New Bridge

**The DVH Way**, followed on the return section of our walk, is part of the celebrated 55-mile route from Ladybower Reservoir down the river valley to the Trent at Derwent Mouth. After changing from east to west bank at Froggatt Bridge it then recrosses the river at **Baslow Old Bridge**; this bridge was created in 1603 using stone from the gritstone edges and sandstone from Bar Road Quarry, thereby greatly improving an area where busy trade routes crossed the river. Prior to that, Baslow and its suburb Bubnell were separate settlements on opposite sides, connected by an ancient ford. The bridge remains as the oldest surviving example along the whole Derwent and retains a small watchman's guard-house, originally used to collect tolls and, reportedly, to prevent 'undesirables' from entering the village (one wonders if muddy hikers would have been accepted!). It is an attractive riverside spot lying close to **St Anne's Church**, a building notable for its battlemented roofline and unique clockface on the 13thc. tower, where the clock's numerals have been replaced by the digits 'Victoria 1897'; this unique feature was a donation by E. Wrench (ref. above) to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee



St. Anne's Church, Baslow

**The Route** starts from Baslow's Nether End c/p on the A621. Cross over and follow Eaton Hill to the triangle and turn R up Bar Road to the ridge; slightly detour to Wellington Monument on the R (with good views). Then follow the track N past the Eagle Stone (263738) and along Baslow Edge towards Curbar Gap. Fork L at a gate,

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# More Derbyshire Walks (50) *continued*

## THE GRITSTONE EDGES OF THE DERWENT VALLEY *continued*



Eagle Stone, Baslow Edge



Calver Mill & R. Derwent

cross the road and take the good track along both Curbar and Froggatt Edges for about 2 bracing miles (with maybe the odd detour L for rocky edge and panorama, or R for stone circle on Stoke Flat). Beyond a copse of silver birch the track gradually descends to the A625; at the road turn R briefly, then L at the Longshaw Estate f/p sign, dropping to cross a stream and rising into Hay Wood (with a NT c/p and Grouse Inn f/p to the R). At a crossing f/p (254779) turn L and head downhill (W) through the wood to where a stile joins a lane leading past Grindleford Church to the B6521. Turn L briefly towards Grindleford and take a f/p L before the Derwent bridge; this joins the DVHW and continues S through Horse Hay Coppice and Froggatt Wood for ½ mile, leading into Spooner Lane and Froggatt. Follow Hollowgate to the river (244761), cross Froggatt Bridge and take a f/p L along the riverside to New Bridge. Cross the A625 and follow the DVHW past Calver Weir, along 'The Goit' and past Stocking Farm into Calver, noting the Mill on the L. Cross the first lane and then under the A623 subway, following the riverside initially and along

fields to Bramley Lane (247732); follow this S for about ¾ mile through Bubnell (pass its Hall on the R). At Baslow turn L over the old toll bridge, R on the main road past the church to a mini roundabout. Turn L on School Lane and R at the triangle down Eaton Hill, leading back to the c/p across the main road.

### *The Rambler*

**IMPORTANT - This series of 'More Derbyshire Walks' concludes here with No 50.**

A Summary Table listing these walks previously issued in the St. Edmund's Church magazine will be in the December/January'25 magazine. A future reissue of some of the older walks (eg best panoramas, canal & riverside trails, historic places etc.) is a possibility for consideration. It would be encouraging to know if you, the reader, would like to see these Walk Collections in future issues. Please get in touch with a Churchwarden or member of the Editorial Team, details in the Directory on page 31.

# Not a Book Review

**FANFARE FOR FREDERICK: FREDERICK  
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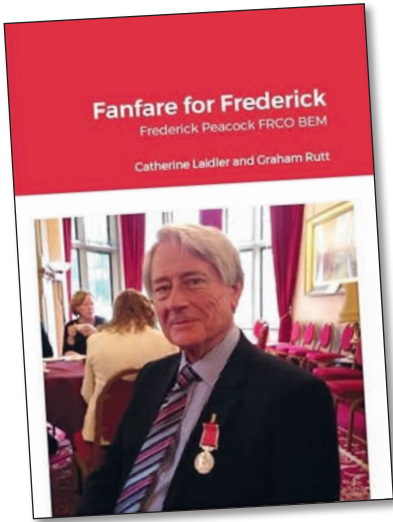
Frederick Peacock played the organ and ran the choir at St George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne, continuously for about 58 years. I joined that choir as a student at (then) Newcastle Poly in around 1979; my two younger sisters, also both students (one still at school aged 13)

had already joined. It's impossible for me to be dispassionate because of my personal connection and longstanding family friendship with Frederick, Barbara and their four offspring, so I'm afraid this piece can't strictly be called a "Review", hence my slightly unusual title.

This volume of about 70 pages began its life as various articles in St George's Magazine, which is appropriately titled "The Lance". The initial trigger for it was Frederick's retirement to Organist Emeritus status in 2020. (Frederick did continue unofficially in role for a couple more years, but sadly dementia had set in and he died in spring 2024 aged 84 – so the book has subsequently become as much a memorial tribute as an anniversary one.)

Some of the earliest contributions from parishioners and choristers include a spoof "Jerusalem" written for Frederick's Silver Jubilee in 1987, a short musical biography highlighting that he had the good fortune to be Organ Scholar to the great Francis Jackson (organist for many years at York Minster), various milestone photos, and a piece marking his 50th celebration in 2012. This last occasion coincided with HM the late Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and there is a letter of congratulation from Buckingham Palace, an article from the Newcastle Journal and an account of a large St George's group boat trip down the Tyne to observe the Olympic Torch's arrival. Then follow numerous on-board speeches, jollifications and toasts to both Her Majesty and the much-loved Frederick.

This was a faithful, talented and extraordinarily versatile musician; what characteristics kept him so high in the esteem of all in that lively Parish for so long? One was his constant willingness to help and be part of so many activities – an extra service here, founding a Choral Society or Pantomime Band there, services at several



## Book Review continued

local care homes (to name just a few). Another was his ability to put people at ease: many a nervous bride, underconfident solo-singer, new chorister (myself included) or very young beginner organ-pupil has reason to be grateful for the way he helped them to relax, enjoy and flourish.

A third was and is that no-one interested in joining the choir, Panto Band or special ad-hoc concert group was **ever** turned down; quite an achievement over 58 years, given such varying levels of musical knowledge, experience or ability. I can also definitely add that Barbara is and was special, and that Frederick and Barbara's hospitality over many years was legendary and unconditionally generous, even at home when the children were young and life extremely busy.

One of this little book's strengths is that the Editors have kept the content so varied. There are serious sections (a Prayer for Frederick, Psalm 67, the detailed account of when he was presented with his British Empire Medal), but the lighthearted is never far away. In particular, Frederick's sense of humour is often mentioned – both in formal tributes such as that of former Vicar Canon Frank Dexter whom my family know well (“Who else would help calm a Baptism baby by weaving ‘Rock-A-Bye Baby’ into a hymn-tune, or modulate a Voluntary into ‘Polly Put The Kettle On’ when coffee was late in arriving?”) and in shorter anecdotes from singers past and present. These include one from one of my sisters who became a professional soprano.

One much more unfortunate aspect the Editors could do little about: the small matter of the Covid-19 lockdowns in 2020, which put paid to many plans, celebrations among them. Singing suffered disproportionately, and at St George's more than most. But these clever writers and compilers have done a good job. A stimulating and memorable read. Buy this book and you will really enjoy its warmth.

*Kate Smith*

*Mid-September 2024*

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## Bishop's Badge

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There will be a Book Sale Café on Saturday 2nd November 2024, from 3.15pm till 6.00pm at Darley Abbey Scouts Hall (The Hill, off New Road, DE22 1DT).

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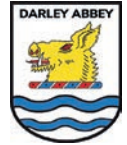
**All proceeds help to save the Scouts Hall.**



## Saturday Social on 16<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30 - 3.30 pm

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The Saturday Social is held every third Saturday of the month, free of charge thanks to the Co-op at Park Farm Centre and its customers.



## 63rd Derby Scout Group: Malt Whisky Tasting to Celebrate St Andrew's Night - Saturday 30th November

Our next Malt Whisky Tasting is to celebrate St Andrew's Night and will include several Single Malt Scotch whiskies. Also included are your own bottle of Spring water and cheese and biscuits as a palate cleanser and a taste of haggis. NEW! We are offering a limited number of driver's tickets – these will include soft or hot drinks (instead of whisky) and cheese and biscuits and haggis.

VENUE: Darley Abbey Scouts Hall, The Hill (off New Road), DE22 1DT.

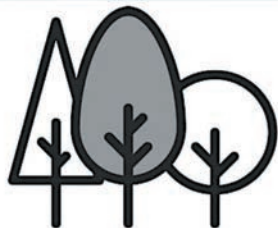
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## Archdeacon Nicky writes...

As the nights draw in and daylight hours gradually diminish it is tempting to think of November as a month of darkness. Most week days it will be dark when I leave and return home. I'll spend the equivalent of a working week driving through unlit country lanes in darkness. It can feel like the darkness is slowly taking over.

However, we know the light of Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness can never overcome it.

The month begins with bonfire night - warmth and heat emanating from the bonfire, joy and laughter as people watch in awe and wonder, the most incredible displays of colour, light and dazzling brilliance lighting up the sky accompanied by a wondrous cacophony of bangs, booms, crackles, whistles and 'aaaahs'. A visible reminder that however cold, dark, wet and miserable it might be, warmth, light, glory, splendour, brilliance are still real and part of our world.

As we move into the season of Remembrance we are reminded of the depth and depravity of darkness. Considering again the cost, loss, futility, waste and sacrifice of war. Remembering those who laid down their lives during the World Wars. Praying for those suffering, fleeing their homes or fighting for their livelihood in situations of conflict around the world today. Longing for the day when all people might live in freedom without fear knowing dignity, respect, justice and true peace. But even in the midst of such horrors we wear symbols of hope and peace- red and white poppies.

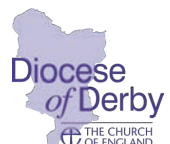
God invites us to be a people of courageous hope who examine our lives with a commitment to living at peace, resolving conflict and seeking reconciliation. Allowing God to illumine us, transform our darkness and shine his light through us as we witness to his saving power and love. Naming what is pleasing and honouring in God's sight and speaking out when things are not as God would have them be within his Kingdom. Serving our local contexts and challenging injustice as our relationship with God deepens.

November is a reminder to allow the light of Christ to illumine us, transforming the darkness within and around us as God sets us on fire with love for Jesus and we burn with his power, radiate his warmth and shine his light into the world he created and loved.

*Nicky Fenton*

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# Harvest - Supper and Flowers



Harvest Supper was held during the evening of Saturday 5th October in St Edmund's Church Hall. The Pie & Chips Supper was enjoyed by all, as can be seen here.

The following morning, St Edmund's All Age Harvest Service took place. If you attended you will have seen the beautiful flower displays around the church, skillfully arranged by the St Edmund's Flower Team the day before. There are more photos on page 21.

Thank you to all the volunteers without whom Saturday's supper would not have been served and the church on Sunday would not have been so bright and beautiful.



## Bishop's Badge

Congratulations to Gill and Richard Flatman and Richard Wood who were awarded the Derby Diocese Bishop's Badge at a special service in the Cathedral on 6th October.

More about this on pages 4 and 21 .

The whole service can be viewed on Youtube.com.

