

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

## Advent Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025



**Welcome to Worship today.** Coffee is served after the 10 am services. All welcome.

### TODAY'S SERVICES

#### St Matthew's - 10 am - Choral Communion

*The service is led by Rachael Brooks & Sarah Watson.*

*This is our regular 5th Sunday service, when all four of our churches join in worship together.*

Setting Rutter/Thorne

Hymn 24 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymn 31 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Hymn 492 Jesus, where'er thy people meet

*During Communion:*

Hymn 28 Hark what a sound

Anthem Song of Mary, *Shepherd*

Hymn 396 Christ is the world's true light

#### St Edmund's - 6 pm - Advent Procession

*The service is led by Rachael Brooks*

Please use the Service Booklet.

**WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION AT ST EDMUND'S** will move to 10.30 am from 3 Dec for a trial until March.

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY** is on Sunday 7 December - Please leave any donations in St Edmund's Church or in St Matthew's Fellowship Room by Tuesday 9 December. Thank you.

Huge thanks to everyone who filled a **SHOEBOX** with gifts. These were collected on Monday and will be distributed and bring joy to so many children and families in Eastern Europe.

**ST EDMUND'S** - safety checks on memorials in the churchyard have been carried out by the council. There is a poster on the noticeboards featuring 26 names. If you are the family of anyone listed please get in touch with the Churchwardens. Please take care when tending to memorials.

### THE COMING WEEK

#### Monday 1 December

7.30 pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Handbells

#### Tuesday 2 December

2 pm - St Matthew's Fellowship Room – FOSM Christmas Party

7.30 pm - Chris & David Halfpenny's home - 22 Questions

#### Wednesday 3 December

10.30 am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Phyllis Bainbridge

#### Thursday 4 December

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

#### Saturday 6 December

9.30am - St Edmund's - Groundforce

#### Sunday 7th December, The Second Sunday of Advent

10 am - St Edmund's - All Age Worship led by Rachael Brooks and Team

10 am - St Matthew's - Choral Communion led by Phyllis Bainbridge

6 pm - St Matthew's - Evensong led by Clive Lemmon

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON JESUS** - Please consider giving £30 (or whatever you can) towards a Christmas meal for a family in Derby this year. Please visit [www.stpetersderby.org.uk/project/christmas-lunch-on-jesus](http://www.stpetersderby.org.uk/project/christmas-lunch-on-jesus) for more details.



**CHRISTMAS CARD** - please take a card from the back of church. It shows all of the wonderful services and events over the Christmas period.

The office is open Monday and Wednesday 9.30-3, Thursday 11.30-3 and Friday 9.30-1. It will be closed on Tuesday.

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