

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

The Second Sunday of Advent, 7th December 2025



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

TODAY'S SERVICES

St Edmund's – 10 am – All Age Worship

The service is led by Rachael Brooks and The Team

St Matthew's – 10 am – Choral Communion

The service is led by Phyllis Bainbridge

Setting	Mathias/Thorne
Hymn 37	The Lord will come and not be slow
Hymn 33	O Day of God, draw nigh
Hymn 34	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Anthem	O little own sweet, <i>Old German melody</i>
Hymn 357	Lord of lords and King eternal

St Matthew's – 6 pm – Evensong

The service is led by Clive Lemmon

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

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

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



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 COMING WEEK

Monday 8 December

2 pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Bookworms: The Day of the Jackal, *by Frederick Forsyth*
7.30 pm - Community Room, Catherine McAuley House - Ascension Prayer Group
7.30 pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Handbells

Tuesday 9 December

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

Wednesday 10 December

10.30 am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, *led by Rachael Brooks*
10.45 am - Holy Communion at Stanley House & at 11.20 am at Abbeydale
11.30 am - St Edmund's - Burial of ashes of Alison Bellamy
2 pm - St Edmund's - Burial of ashes of Marion Carnell
6 pm - St Edmund's - Carols in the Churchyard
6.30 pm - St Matthew's Choir will be at The Markeaton

Thursday 11 December

10 am - Allestree Park - Nature Tots
6.30-10.30 pm - St Matthew's - The Derwent Singers

Friday 12 December

8.30 am - 10.30 am - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - Community Café

Saturday 13 December

9.30-12 noon - St Matthew's carpark - Refills on the Road (last one of the year)

Sunday 14th December, Third Sunday of Advent

10 am - St Edmund's – Choral Communion *led by Phyllis Bainbridge*
10 am - St Matthew's – Nine Lessons and Carols *led by Rachael Brooks*
4 pm – St Edmund's – Christingle, *led by Rachael Brooks*
5.45pm - St Matthew's – Darley Abbey Christmas Tree Trail and Carols outside the church
There will be no 6 pm service at either church



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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St Edmund's charity number is 1128942. St Matthew's charity number is 1215439.

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