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News from the Parish

June 2025



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St. Edmund's June 2025

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, 1st June 2025. Please leave your donations in St Edmund's Church or St Matthew's Fellowship Room by Tuesday 3rd.

FRONT COVER: A Baptism took place on Sunday 11 May. See Page 6.

BACK COVER: Cream Tea and Entertainment: An afternoon with Miss Austen, St Edmund's Church Hall on 21 June from 3.30 to 5.30pm. Tickets £5.

This month's colour cover is sponsored by Voices Choir as part of their celebration of the choir's 30th Anniversary. See pages 18 and 22.

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.

Open All Year: St Ed's and St Matt's are open regularly throughout the spring and summer months. Do pop in for some peace and space, and invite others to do the same. If you are there and people come in, please make them welcome.

Safeguarding Initiative

We have a strong Safeguarding Initiative here at St Edmund's. Full details can be found on the Church noticeboards and on our website www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk

The Rev'd Rachael Writes

We have a new Pope: Robert Prevost, who, will by now, be much better known to us as Pope Leo XIV. From a family of immigrants to the US, he has Peruvian nationality having worked as a missionary there for many years. He was appointed a bishop there in 2014, going on to a job which involved selecting and supervising bishops.

The fourth Pope of my lifetime comes with experience of different cultures and socio-economic groups. He has a record of concern for social and environmental justice. His chastising of JD Vance in X: "JD Vance is wrong: Jesus doesn't ask us to rank our love for others," suggests a confidence in the prophetic duty of his position to speak truth to power.

This matters. The people who lead our institutions matter. Good leadership is crucial in a world full of flawed people; which rewards greed, dishonesty, corruption and bullying. It matters that our national and international leaders are decent, honest people who recognise that they are, first and foremost, public servants with a responsibility to serve with integrity under the law; and not just those rich enough to buy influence, but those who are the least powerful.

Playing out before our eyes on the world stage we see what happens when nations elect people who are amoral and only impressed by wealth and power, particularly when those nations carry more political heft than the rest.

This is where the Church should come in. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, he has conquered sin and death and is our coming King who will bring justice, peace (which is wholeness, not just an absence of conflict) and he will renew the earth. Living in the now but not yet of that kingdom, we are called to live and spread this Good News. This is more than evangelism and teaching though; the Church of England also teaches that the gospel challenges us to care for those in need, to challenge injustice and to treasure our environment.

So, it is not just Pope Leo XIV who needs to speak truth to power, but every single one of us; making our voices heard on social media, in annual shareholder meetings, in our MPs' in-trays, in every grouping of which we are part: in our actions individually and collectively. God so loved the world... and he calls us to love his world too - those who are marginalised, disenfranchised, persecuted. To work for peace, reconciliation and justice.

It's an overwhelming mandate, but Jesus did not leave us to do it alone. Thank goodness for Holy Spirit, whose arrival to help us live God's way we celebrate on the 8th - Pentecost Sunday. And may Holy Spirit bless and guide Pope Leo XIV.

Rev'd Rachael Brooks

Associate Minister, St Edmund's

Churchwardens' View

A Regular Update by Ann Miller and Paul Smith

We've had successful and very varied community events over the past few weeks, giving us extra opportunities to welcome new faces to St Ed's church and hall.

On 5 May Bank Holiday Monday our VE 80 Celebration of Peace was a lovely afternoon in the hall, gloriously decorated with very impressive bunting. We enjoyed our picnics, had time to relax and chat, and were serenaded by the beautiful sounds of St Edmund's Handbells with conductor Bryan Clarke, playing a varied selection of pieces including arrangements of folk songs and of Handel's music.

17 May was a busy Saturday at St Ed's. In the morning there was our very popular and successful Plant Sale - surely one of the best chances for local gardeners to pick up amazing bargains of books and pots as well as plants. With free tea, coffee and biscuits on offer, what's not to like?. If all those plants grow well, Allestree should soon be looking bloomin' marvellous! Look out for next year's event.

In the evening of 17 May the Dalesmen Male Voice Choir, conducted by Paul Marshall and accompanied by Tom Corfield, presented a superb concert for us in church. Their guest soloist was talented young soprano Evie Wiles, Head Chorister at Derby Cathedral, whose repertoire ranged from opera - Puccini's O Mio Babbino Caro - to musical theatre, with a wonderfully characterful 'Popular' from the show, Wicked. The Dalesmen's widely varied selection included 'You raise me up' - and their singing certainly did that for their audience. Admission was free, with donations collected for St Edmund's funds: £120 was raised. During interval refreshments we had lively conversations with the singers and visiting audience, many of whom were interested to learn more about our beautiful church: a thoroughly enjoyable and uplifting evening!

Coming soon, we've more events for church and community including:

14 June 7.30pm - concert in the church hall presented by High Edge Recorder Orchestra and Derby City Singers. Free admission; donations welcomed for church funds.

21 June 3.30pm 'An Afternoon with Miss Austen'. Celebrate the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth with us and enjoy a delicious cream tea along with Jane Austen's words and live performances of music from her time. Only £5. Book through the church office by 15th June.

29 June 4pm in the church - a choral concert by Voices and Echoes, celebrating Voices' 30th anniversary. Admission is free; we welcome donations to Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy, Save the Children and St Ed's.

In church, our varied services have included Baptism which we've been delighted to celebrate, welcoming lots of new faces to join us in celebration and worship.

Churchwardens' View continued

Particularly exciting is seeing the new Joint Community Prayer getting underway in our four parishes - St Ed's, St Matt's, St Paul's and St Nick's. This initiative highlights and has at its core the church's role in caring for and praying for everyone in the local community. All those living in our parishes are in our thoughts.

As always, we're reminded by the church's calendar how time flies. Fifty days after Easter, on 8 June, we celebrate Pentecost, or Whit Sunday. Do come and celebrate with us; Revd Rachael leads.

Heating Update: The Church...

Things have moved forward significantly in the last month and here is an update to bring you up to speed. By way of background: our heating system struggles to heat the church up quickly and is hard to adjust. On a typical winter Sunday, we have to **run it from about 5am** to generate a just-about sufficient temperature by the time of the morning service at 10am. We also (in winter) have to run it **every day** to stop the church getting too chilled, and that's whether there's a service or not.

So, we actually run the heating **more when people are not there** than when they are, and heating the church is our **biggest single energy cost**. We therefore need to look at alternatives, especially as the Church of England has a vision that all church buildings will be carbon-neutral by 2030. As a result, we understand that the Diocese is only allowing new gas (or oil) boilers to be installed in churches in **exceptional circumstances**. When it comes to the hall, we have a little more flexibility as we don't need a Faculty (church planning permission) for major changes.

Last year we set up a heating group to help us identify the heating system we need. At its March meeting, the PCC gave permission for us to **appoint an outside company**, BS Design Services based in Chesterfield, to assess our heating needs. This will include measuring our heat losses and recommending alternative systems that will give us the **efficient, controllable and low carbon heating** we need. That survey has now taken place and, at the time of writing, we await BS Design's report. Having seen their work for other churches, we hope it will be very professional, and crucially, entirely focused on **our** needs — and not generalities.

And The Hall...

In the hall, we also have gas heating, and it may surprise you to know that the two boilers are the **originals** from when the hall was built. This makes them older than the large boiler in the church. We know that they are approaching the end of their service life so replacement is a priority, especially bearing in mind the fact that the hall is **used almost every day of the year**. For about two years now, we have been looking into different options for a new system, and in the most recent paper produced these have been narrowed down to two: a **modern, more efficient gas boiler** or an **air-source heat pump**.

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Churchwardens' View continued

Both have advantages: a new gas boiler would use less gas than the existing, and so would be cheaper to run — and emit less carbon dioxide (CO₂). The heat-pump option would reduce the carbon emitted still further, and potentially to zero, so long as the electricity it uses comes from renewable sources such as wind and solar.

When PCC members discussed this in May, some argued strongly that we should take this opportunity to adopt the new heat-pump technology for the **benefit of the environment**. Others were concerned that the installation costs of a heat-pump are more than three times those of a replacement gas boiler. At the same time, a heat-pump would not necessarily be cheaper to run, especially in the early stages when we would be learning how to operate this new technology to best advantage. In the end, members voted 7 to 3 in favour of the lower risk option of a **new gas boiler**, and quotes are now being studied in detail so that we can decide the best way to implement the PCC's decision.

The debate highlights the important role that PCC members have as trustees of our resources, and the significant decisions they are called to make on behalf of us all. We'll let you know more as these heating projects develop further.

Important: Paul will stand down as a churchwarden at the 2026 Annual Meeting after four years in-post. Please pray with us that someone suitable will feel called to take on this vital and fulfilling role. If anyone would like to find out more about what it involves, please feel free to speak to either of us on a no-obligation basis. Wardens are PCC members and church trustees ex-officio (= by virtue of their role). Their main functions are to support the clergy's ministry, represent the church members, and to be responsible for the church's buildings and property.

*Ann & Paul
Churchwardens*

PS. Don't forget that we would love to welcome you to join us for coffee and biscuits on Sundays 11.00am in the church hall and Wednesdays 10.45am in church.

The Repair Café is open 7 June

The volunteer-run Derby Repair Café is held on the first Saturday of every month at the West End Community Centre, Mackworth Road, DE22 3BL. Bring your bike in on Saturday 7th June 1.00-4.00pm and have a chat with our volunteers who completed their cycle maintenance course last week.

Cash and electronic donations are accepted to keep our Repair Café going. Don't forget that we can only take cash for donations and refreshments. Full details can be found on the Repair Café Facebook page.

From the Registers of St Edmund's Church

BAPTISMS



11th May 2025: Baptism of Phoebe Moriarty, seen here with her parents, Pippa and Oliver, her godparents and The Rev'd Rachael Brooks.

Rev'd Rachael said "It was great to be part of another significant milestone for the family - Pippa and Oliver were married at St Edmund's last year - in welcoming Phoebe into the church family and her journey of faith".



FUNERALS

15th April - funeral of Christopher Edge

BURIAL OF ASHES at St Edmund's

4th May - burial of ashes of Clifford Dobson

11th May - burial of ashes of Carol Ann Plant

Dates for your Diary May/June 2025

Wednesday 28th May - 10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by John Rice

Thursday 29th May - *Ascension Day* - 7.30pm - St Matthew's - Choral Communion

Saturday 31st May

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

10.00am - St Edmund's - Brass Cleaning followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

3.00pm - St Matthew's - Wedding of Lois Wilkinson & Dempsey White

Sunday 1st June - *7th Sunday of Easter*

Food Bank Sunday - *Please leave any donations in St Edmund's Church or in St Matthew's Fellowship Room by Tuesday 3rd June. Thank you.*

10.00am - St Edmund's - Morning Prayer & the baptism of Nora, led by Rachael Brooks & the All Age Team

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

2.00pm - St Matthew's - Baptism of Thomas Stanley Murfin

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

Monday 2nd June - 7.30pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Handbells

Tuesday 3rd June

2.00pm - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - A Life of Crime, recollections of a Criminal Solicitor - Peter Stubbs

Wednesday 4th June - 10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by John Rice

Thursday 5th June

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

Sunday 8th June - *Pentecost (Whit Sunday)*

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion & the baptism of Florence Redgate-Malewski, led by Rachael Brooks

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

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

Monday 9th June

2.00pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Bookworms: "The Hand that First Held Mine" by Maggie O'Farrell

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

Tuesday 10th June - 12 noon - St Edmund's Church Hall - Luncheon Club

Thursday 12th June

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

3.30-5.30pm - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - Derbyshire Wildlife Trust: Making Your Garden More Wildlife Friendly

Dates for your Diary June 2025 continued

Saturday 14th June

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

9.30-12.30pm - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - Second Hand Saturday - find items you no longer use and swap them for new ones

7.30pm - St Matthew's Church - The Derwent Singers - £15 per ticket, available from the website www.derwentsingers.org.uk or on the door, cash or card

7.30pm - St Edmund's Church - An evening of music from the High Edge Recorder Orchestra & Derby City Singers Free Admission. Donations welcomed to St Edmund's

Sunday 15th June - Trinity Sunday

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

10.00am - St Matthew's - Holy Communion, led by Cathie & Aidan Watson

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

Wednesday 18th June - 10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by John Rice

Thursday 19th June - 10.00am - St Edmund's Church Hall - Baby & Toddler Group

Friday 20th June - 8.30-10.30am - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - Community Café

Saturday 21st June

3.30-5.30pm - St Edmund's Church Hall - we will be celebrating 250 years since Jane Austen's birth. There will be fantastic entertainment and cream teas.

To book your tickets please call 01332 552031 or e-mail steds.stmatts@outlook.com by 15th June.

Sunday 22nd June - Trinity 1 (Proper 7)

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion & baptism of Diya Louise Sarkar, led by Cathie Watson

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

There will be NO evening service in either church. The choirs will be singing at the Diocesan Evensong at Derby Cathedral at 5.30pm. Both congregations are warmly invited.

Tuesday 24th June - 12 noon - St Edmund's Church Hall - Luncheon Club

Wednesday 25th June

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

Saturday 28th June

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

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

Sunday 29th June - 10.00am - Joint Holy Communion service at St Nick's

4.00pm - St Edmund's Church - Voices & Echoes Choirs concert - Free Admission

St Edmund's CHOSEN Charities 2025

Dear all,

Earlier this year, St Edmunds Parochial Church Council (PCC) invited members of the parish to nominate charities to support in 2025. Thank you for some great proposals received, from which the PCC has agreed donations of £550 to £600 for each of the following causes. This includes a balance of local, national and international charitable donations: some of these are new nominations whilst others we've supported previously.

- **Acorns Children's Hospice**
- **MIND**
- **Water Aid**
- **St Edmund's Malawi Student Support**
- **Derby City Mission**
- **Railway Mission**
- **The Hope Centre**

Thank you for your proposals. I'll share any feedback which is received over the upcoming months.

Mark Halliwell, on behalf of St Edmund's PCC

Bookworms Meeting: 9th June '25

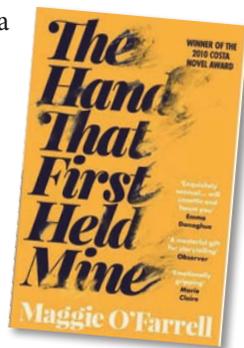
Bookworms meet in St Edmund's choir vestry once a month on a Monday afternoon at 2.00pm. We will be discussing 'The Hand That First Held Mine' by Maggie O'Farrell at our next meeting on Monday 9th June.

The reading list continues on the following months:-

14th July 2025 Rose Tremain - The Colour

11th Aug 2025 Rachel Joyce - The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

For further details please ring or text Cyra Buxton on 07719 776501 or email her on cyrabuxton@gmail.com.



Allestree Flower Group - 17th June 2025

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th June where we will be having a workshop on the theme of: "Create a Pavé Design".

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Venue: at The Evergreen Hall, Cornhill, Allestree.

Members £5.00 Guests £9.00

For further details telephone 07968 237457





ST EDMUND'S



Sunday services at St Edmund's in June



- Sunday 1st** 10 am Morning Prayer
- Sunday 8th** 10 am Holy Communion
6 pm Choral Evensong
- Sunday 10th** 10 am Morning Prayer
- Sunday 22nd** 10 am Holy Communion
10 am Joint Holy Communion at St Nick's
- Sunday 29th** 10 am Holy Communion at St Nick's



ST EDMUND'S



Join us for Holy Communion



**Every Wednesday in June
St Edmund's
10am**

All welcome



ST MATTHEW'S



Sunday services at St Matthew's in June



- Sunday 1** 10 am Holy Communion
6 pm Evensong
- Sunday 8** 10 am Morning Prayer
- Sunday 15** 10 am Holy Communion
6 pm Choral Evensong
- Sunday 22** 10 am Morning Prayer
Joint Holy Communion at St Nick's
- Sunday 29** 10am Holy Communion at St Nick's



ST MATTHEW'S



Churches Count On Nature 7-14 June 2025



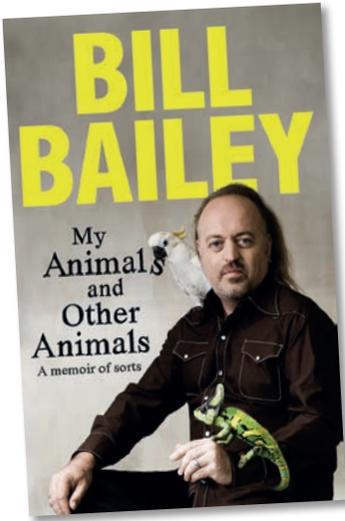
Come and visit St Matthew's churchyard, look for trees, plants, insects, birds and other wildlife, and record what you discover.

Information & resources to use will be in the church porch, or download the app.

Enjoy, you do not need to be an expert!

Also, on **Thursday 12th June, 3.45pm, St Matthew's Fellowship Room**. Come to a drop in session with **Derbyshire Wildlife Trust** 'Making your garden more wildlife friendly'

Book Review



“MY ANIMALS AND OTHER ANIMALS”
by **BILL BAILEY**

Pub Hardback by Quercus (Hachette), 2024

ISBN 978-52943-614-3

(Also available as a Trade Paperback and in e-book format)

About a decade ago I reviewed an earlier Bill Bailey book mainly about wildlife, his “Remarkable Guide to British Birds” – a lovely piece of work which would suit anyone first getting interested in bird life, and which includes some drawings, unusually by the author himself. Is this volume also worth having, and if so is it any different ?

The first thing to say is that, like its predecessor, this one is based on Bailey’s own life, and that also similarly, it has his own graphics of various creatures, about one every 8-10 pages. After that, it’s a different piece, which spreads far more widely across the world, reflecting a near-lifetime of travel, both professional and personal. Some of his chosen episodes have been work-related, as a comedian, musician and actor. Some (particularly in the UK) emerge as part of a family holiday – or simply happen at home. Moreover, we are not only in this country, we are in the Australian outback, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Africa or – a particular favourite – Indonesia.

The book also catches up with the current age of its author, and has a rather more measured and thoughtful tone – and as you might expect, a lot more material. This is arranged mainly near home at first, then gradually further afield. In the last ten years, a lot of Bailey’s trips have been for the purpose of making and presenting wildlife documentaries. To put this another way, he had to begin life by making a living and reaching some degree of financial stability, then latterly with more assured income, fame and greater choice, he has been able to expand his hobby into the much larger part of his working life it has now become.

One of the most interesting chapters, just after the middle of the book, is about Tarsiers. We are on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi and deep in the jungle, and he describes these rare, small climbing primates which have extraordinary feet and eyes (they are named after their Tarsus bone, a key part of the foot). He takes the

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opportunity to say that the animal is still constantly-evolving to suit its highly specialised environment, and that, aided by this fact, Alfred Russel Wallace arrived at a Theory of Evolution in the 19th century, earlier than the more celebrated Charles Darwin. Wallace arguably deserves this long-overdue tribute; even if not, we have more to thank Tarsiers for than I, for one, had ever realised. The accompanying picture is done in fascinating detail, one of his very best.

Overall, this is a really enjoyable read, approaching a memoir, accessibly written by someone who commands still more respect than ten years back. Bailey includes plenty of home background, whilst wisely protecting the privacy of his interesting wife Kris and son Dax. On occasions, I did miss a Glossary (it helped to know, for instance, that in the UK “AONB” stands for “Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty”).

But perhaps the biggest weakness of the book is also its greatest strength: the highly variable quality of his graphics. Lord Wallace was a “hobbyist” too, diligently pursuing a quest with laudable public good (awareness of animals and the need for conservation) in mind; why let amateurism get in the way of an otherwise valuable, witty and fascinating book? Warmly recommended – I will gladly lend.

Kate Smith

Late February 2025

 <p>ST EDMUND'S </p>  <p>We collect for the Hope Centre on the first Sunday of every month. Donations can be left in St Edmund's Church. Thank you</p>	 <p>ST MATTHEW'S </p> <p>Second Hand Saturday</p>  <p>14th June 9.30-12.30pm St Matthew's Fellowship Room</p> <p><i>Find items you no longer use and swap them for new ones</i></p> <p><i>Please bring - Children's clothes, books, toys & games, bric-a-brac & haberdashery</i></p> <p><small>The Fellowship Room will be open until 7.30 pm on 12th & 13th to drop things off beforehand</small></p>
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VE Day Celebrations

Bells and Bunting! Commemorating and celebrating VE Day 80, bringing peace in Europe after WW2. We had a super afternoon on 5 May.

Ann Miller





Some Good Walks Revisited - Panoramic (5)

THE STANAGE EDGE PANORAMA WALK

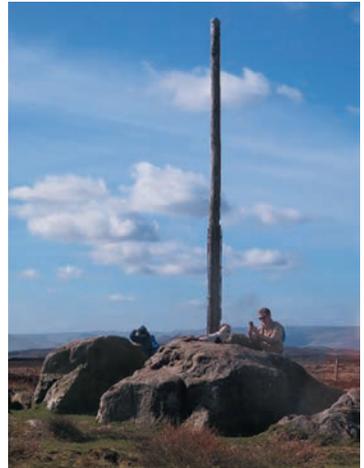
This is essentially an almost-linear route along the Peak District's Stanage Edge, embracing the spectacular western panorama from the escarpment and thus making a worthy item with which to conclude this particular series of walks[^]. The return leg follows basically the same path but with two deviations: one along the old Long Causeway to the moorland marker known as Stanedge Pole; the other to Higger Tor at the southern end, overlooking the lovely Burbage valley. The route is not strictly 'Outside Derbyshire' but tends to follow the county boundary with South Yorkshire; the distance is 6 to 7 miles with decent paths and some boulder hopping.

Stanage Edge at 3½ miles long is England's longest gritstone escarpment. The fine gritstone is ideal for rock climbing and there are over 800 recorded climbs, some with impressive names like Marble Wall, Goliath's Groove and Flying Butress. The highest point is High Neb at 1503 ft, visited at the northern end of the walk; but only a few feet lower is the edge's southern summit (noted for the Cowper Stone, a massive detached boulder) from which the walk starts. The whole area used to be a private grouse moor with forbidden access and it had to be omitted from the first Peak District rock climbing book, although climbing had secretly started in the 1890's. After WW2 access became easier and there was a surge in climbing group activity with some popular routes becoming 'over-polished', but also with great advances in technical standards headed by word-renowned climbers such as Joe Brown and Don Whillans. Now the area is definitely public access land.

The other great attraction of Stanage Edge is, of course, the **Panoramic View**, which is unsurpassed on a clear day. To the west there is the Hope Valley (where the blot of the Cement Works just has to be ignored!) with favourites like Mam Tor and the Great Ridge, backed by Kinder Scout; north-west has Bleaklow and Derwent Edge; north-eastwards is Greater Sheffield with far distant power stations at Ferrybridge and Drax; and the southern area has the Derwent Valley with the unmistakable profile of prehistoric Minninglow in the far distance. A great panorama with potential to lift the spirits and a truly big reward for modest effort!



Stanage Edge



The Stanedge Pole

Some Good Walks Revisited - Panoramic (5)

THE STANAGE EDGE PANORAMA WALK continued



The Long Causeway



Higger Tor

Near its mid-point Stanage Edge is crossed by the historic **Long Causeway**, a former cart track and pack-horse route, but thought originally to be a Roman route from the Peak District fort of Navio (Brough) to Doncaster. The surface has been repaired after becoming deeply rutted by off-road vehicles, which are now fortunately banned. Beyond the Edge the track crosses Hallam Moor where, at the highest point (1437 ft) is an ancient way marker, the Stanedge Pole (spelling as per Ordnance Survey). A new pole was erected in 2016 by the National Park Authority due to rot in the 100 year-old timber, with a plaque denoting donors of financial support (including Hope Cement Works!) and marked the 65th anniversary of the Peak District National Park. The causeway descends towards Sheffield via the Redmires Reservoirs, a group of three built in 1836 to provide clean water following the city's cholera epidemic of 1832.

pass through three specific points featured on our route: namely, Upper Burbage Bridge, Stanedge Pole and High Neb. Historically, the boundary south of Stanage has occasionally changed, mainly at Derbyshire's expense as Sheffield's city limits expanded. For example, **Higger Tor** and Burbage Valley are now clearly in S. Yorkshire but were not always so. It is certainly worth the proposed walk extension to Higger Tor's easily-reached summit plateau to sample its amazing collection of boulders, tors and vantage points, one of which overlooks the historic Carl Wark (covered in article 23) in the centre of the valley.

The **County Boundary** with S. Yorkshire follows a rather zig-zag course but does

The Route starts from a free roadside parking area at Upper Burbage Bridge (261830)* a spot which has the advantage of greatly minimizing subsequent uphill walking compared with other car parks. Return to the road's 90 degree bend and take the f/p straight ahead (heading W) towards the southern end of Stanage, noting the huge Cowper Stone on the R, then rising to the summit trig point. Follow the f/p along the escarpment for nearly

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Some Good Walks Revisited - Panoramic (5)

THE STANAGE EDGE PANORAMA WALK continued

two miles to High Neb with its trig point painted white, presumably as 'highest-point' status. At a roughly halfway-point en route the rising Long Causeway will have been crossed – return to this and follow it as it curves E along the moor to Stanedge Pole (if interested, proceed a short way further to view the distant Redmires Reservoirs and return). If the ground is reasonably dry take an alternative path from the Pole, direction SW, back to the escarpment; but otherwise stick to the Long Causeway. Return S along the edge, but before reaching the southern summit bear ½R on a f/p which makes a bee-line towards Higger Tor, crossing both the Stanage road (253826) and Ringinglow road en route. Make the short ascent to the plateau's southern edge for the view of Carl Wark and Burbage Edge. Return by an alternative f/p bearing slightly R, dipping and rising, towards Burbage Bridge, the Hathersage road and c/p..

The Rambler

* About 3 miles out of Hathersage, rising on the A6187 for Sheffield and L for Ringinglow.

^ Refers to original No.50 of 'Just Outside Derbyshire'.



Millstones below Stanage Edge

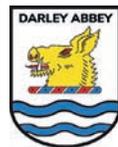


Darley Abbey Scout Hall Summer Social on 14 June

63rd Darley Abbey Scouts are holding their Summer Social on Saturday 14 June. Join us for some fun from 2.00 - 6.00pm at Darley Abbey Scouts Hall (The Hill,

off New Road, DE22 1DT). There will be a BBQ, Bar, Tea & Coffee, Cake, Games, Raffle, Bouncy Slide. All welcome. All proceeds help to Save Our Scout Hall.

We have a small car park and the Hall is fully accessible to wheelchair and mobile scooter users.



Voices Choir Celebrating 30th Anniversary

The choir started in May 1995 and we're holding a 30th anniversary concert in St Ed's on 29 June. The choir's first concert was in St Ed's in July 1995. To celebrate three decades of singing, Voices Choir are combining with the Echoes singers and are holding a concert at 4.00pm in St Edmund's on Sunday, 29th June. Admission is free.

Save Your Stamps for Charity during 2025

We would be most grateful if you could continue to save stamps this year. I have recently taken a large number of stamps to the Derby Oxfam shop. They were very grateful and I was able to gift aid them. They sort the stamps out and sell them in the shop, so do keep your donations coming! Please cut stamps leaving a centimetre edge all round and place them in the box at the back of church.

Elizabeth Jack



Allestree W.I. Meeting - 17th June 2025

Allestree W.I. will meet on Tuesday 17th June 2025, 2.00pm at Woodlands Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree, Derby. DE22 2GP.

The Talk is 'A Garden Guru -Confessions of a Plant Manager -My Story of a Career in Horticulture' by Mr Mark Smith

The Competition is 'A Garden or Floral Arrangement in an Unusual Container.'

Visitors welcome, £5.00pp. Enquiries to Mavis on 01332 556012.

Community Pop-in Café

Coffee

Tea

Toast

**Fellowship Room, St Matthew's Church
Darley Abbey**

Friday 20th June 2025 from 8.30am to 10.30am

All welcome - Share time with friends

St Edmund's Handbell Ringers visit Bell Foundry

Our biennial visit to Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough, to take St Edmund's Handbells for inspection and possible remedial work, resulted in us admiring their latest building works. The existing building was formerly on the Heritage at Risk register but has now been saved after the recent very welcome grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The Grade 11* listed building now has imposing entrance gates and a landscaped area between the entrance and the building itself.

Gill Flatman



Success at the Choir Vestry Plant Sale

We had a busy morning at our plant sale on May 17th with tables full of vegetables, flowers, and much more. The sum of £240 was raised for church funds. Many thanks to all who donated plants and to those who bought them. Happy planting!

Mary Pollett



Voices and Echoes in Song...



*Celebrating the 30th
anniversary of Voices Choir*

An hour of beautiful choral music.

Sunday 29th June 2025, 4pm

St Edmund's Church, Allestree, DE22 2DZ

Free admission

**We welcome donations to Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy and
Save the Children**

Recipe: Argentinian Salmon Steaks

This recipe was found in the family Recipe Box, written in Joane Fraser's elegant script. With the weather of late switching from hot and sunny to cold and cloudy daily, this dish could be served either with a colourful salad or with creamy mashed potato and green vegetables.

Ingredients: 4 Salmon Steaks (or Sea Trout if in season)
Bristol Blend 5 Peppers* - crushed
Juice 1/2 lemon 1 oz butter
Salt Freshly chopped parsley



Method

Lay foil on grill and oil lightly. Preheat grill. Spread fish steaks thinly with butter and sprinkle 1 teaspoon of the pepper mix on each steak. Add a squeeze of lemon juice to each steak. Cook under grill on high for three minutes then turn down heat and cook for a further three/four minutes - Cook on ONE side only. Remove and serve 'immediately' with the juices on the foil poured over.

House of Fraser - in memory of Joane

*Bristol Blend 5 Peppers: I was intrigued as to what this might be and, on searching t'internet, discovered this:- Bristol Blend 5 Peppercorns is a seasoning blend from Bart Ingredients that combines five different types of peppercorns: Black, Green, Pink, and White, along with Allspice. It's known for its unique flavour profile, which is described as "hot, spicy, fruity" with a "warming, earthy, floral" aroma. The blend is designed to be ground or crushed and used as a seasoning, adding a piquant and aromatic flavour to food.

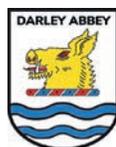


Darley Abbey Scout Hall Saturday Social on 21 June

At a loose end? Fancy a natter over a cuppa with a piece of Easter cake in a lovely, warm space? Like to play some games or browse our papers and magazines?

Then come along to Darley Abbey Scout Hall (DE22 1DT) on 21st June 2025, 1.30-3.30pm., and join in the fun! This month we are having a talk on Darley Abbey given by Alan Bradwell of the Darley Abbey Historical Group. A good chance to reminisce and share memories. We have a small car park and the Hall is fully accessible to wheelchair and mobile scooter users.

Every third Saturday of the month, free of charge thanks to the Co-op and its customers. Next dates: 21st June; 19th July.



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Thy Kingdom Come is celebrating

Dean Peter writes...

This year sees the 10th anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come, a prayer movement launched by the archbishops of Canterbury and York 10 years ago. Since its launch, Christians in 172 countries now participate and more than 85 denominations are involved. Thy Kingdom Come is truly global in its reach!

Thy Kingdom Comes focuses on the 10 days between Ascension Day and our celebration of Pentecost. Think back to the story of the disciples after Easter, waiting patiently in Jerusalem, full of expectation and anticipation, for the gift of the Spirit which Jesus had promised. If they were honest, it was all a bit frightening as they didn't quite know what the gift would involve. They may not have realised what the impact of the Spirit would be – for them all it would be a costly gift involving the giving of their own lives in witness to the risen Jesus - yet they waited in obedience to Jesus' instructions.

This year the focus is on the words of the Lord's Prayer, the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray and which we pray in every act of Anglican public worship. The published materials say: 'the prayer Jesus taught us transcends the ages, uniting people across different denominations, generations, and nations. We believe that now, more than ever, we need to pray Thy Kingdom Come over our homes, communities, nations, and our world.'

The resources include reflections on the Lord's Prayer from a range of different voices from across the world to help us experience something new



in a prayer that many of us are familiar with.

Thy Kingdom Come has travelled a long way in 10 years. Let's engage with it this year and become part of the story with global Christians. Let's enter the hope and expectation that the first disciples experienced in those days before the first Pentecost in Jerusalem. Let's create an opportunity every day in the 10 days between the Ascension of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit, to notice where God is active in the world, in the church and in our own lives, and to commit ourselves to cooperate with God's work.

Why not visit thykingdomcom.global and see how you can get involved in your parish? There are resources to help the Church pray and especially there is an encouragement to pray for individuals close to us. We are encouraged to pray for five people each that we with them may know the gift of God's Spirit in their daily lives.

On Friday, 30 May, from 7pm to 10pm, Derby Cathedral is holding a prayer vigil for Thy Kingdom Come to which all are invited. Why not hold a vigil in your parish church and open your own parish community to the growing involvement in Thy Kingdom Come?

The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson
Dean of Derby





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