

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

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025



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

### TODAY'S SERVICES

#### St Edmund's – 10 am – Morning Prayer, John Rice

Hymn 24 Come, thou long-expected Jesus  
Hymn 362 Tell out, my soul  
Hymn 31 Lo, he comes with clouds descending  
(omit v.2)

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

The service is led by Rachael Brooks

Setting Mathias/Thorne  
Hymn 362 Tell out, my soul  
Hymn 242 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came  
Hymn 32 O come, O come, Emmanuel  
Anthems Come, thou redeemer of the earth  
(hymn 49)  
Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary, arr. Wood  
Hymn 584 Thanks to God whose word was spoken

#### St Edmund's – 11am - Burial of ashes of Margaret & Edward Emmans

#### St Edmund's – 4 pm – Nine Lessons and Carols

The service is led by Rachael Brooks

### THE COMING WEEK

#### Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

##### 10.30 am – St Edmund's –

There will be no Holy Communion service

##### 2 pm - St Edmund's - Crib service

##### 4 pm - St Edmund's - Crib service

##### 5.30 pm - St Matthew's - Crib service

All led by Rachael Brooks & the All Age Team

##### 11.15 pm - St Edmund's - Midnight Mass,

led by Rachael Brooks & Phyllis Bainbridge

#### Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

##### 10 am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion,

led by Rachael Brooks

##### 10 am - St Matthew's - Holy Communion,

led by Phyllis Bainbridge

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December, The First Sunday after Christmas, Holy Innocents

##### 10 am - St Edmund's – Joint 4 churches Holy Communion,

led by Rachael Brooks, Sarah Watson & Adrian Thorp

There will be no 6 pm service at either church

### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM RACHAEL & SARAH

– in lieu of Christmas cards this year they will be donating to charity.

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES – if you'd like

to, we'd love you to bring a gift you've received to show



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AT ST EDMUND'S** – we are currently planning our Christmas flowers. If you would like to contribute towards the cost it would be appreciated. Please put any donation in the basket by the main door. Thank you

**ST EDMUND'S** – Thank you for your generous Sunday coffee donations last week. £121.40 was raised for Blood Bikes.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICES** – young or young at heart, come dressed as your favourite nativity character!

**WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION AT ST EDMUND'S** has moved to 10.30 am for a trial until March.



The office is open Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30-3.  
It will be closed on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 9.30-3.  
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Both Parochial Church Councils are charities for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011.  
St Edmund's charity number is 1128942. St Matthew's charity number is 1215439.  
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