

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

## The First Sunday of Lent, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026



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

### TODAY'S SERVICES

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

*The service is led by Adrian Thorp*

- Hymn 95 Forty days and forty nights  
 Hymn 532 O for a closer walk with God  
 Hymn 305 I come with joy, a child of God  
 Anthems Steal away, *trad, arr. Robertson*  
 Dearest Jesu, we are here,  
*Ahle, arr. J S Bach (hymn 294)*  
 Hymn 582 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said  
*(omit vv.3&4)*

#### St Matthew's – 10 am – All Age Worship & the baptism of Arthur Kendall

*The service is led by Rachael Brooks and the Team*

#### St Edmund's – 6 pm – Choral Evensong

*The service is led by Paul Smith*

- Introit Drop, drop show tears, *Gibbons*  
 Responses Plainsong  
 Psalm 18, vv.1-20 (*Green Prayer Book page 158*)  
 Hymn 96 Jesu, lover of my soul (*omit v.3*)  
 Canticles Faux Bourdons, *Morley*  
 Anthem Wash me thoroughly, *S S Wesley*  
 Hymn 99 My spirit longs for thee  
 Hymn 23 The duteous day now closeth

### THE COMING WEEK

**Monday 23 February** - 7.30 pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Handbells

**Wednesday 25 February** - 10.30 am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion - *led by John Rice*

**Thursday 26 February** - 10 am – St Edmund's Church Hall – Baby & Toddler Group

**Friday 27 February** - 8.30 am - 10.30 am – St Matthew's Fellowship Room - Community Café  
 9 pm - St Edmund's - Compline

**Saturday 28 February** - 9.30 am - St Matthew's – Churchyard Working Party

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The Second Sunday of Lent & Food Bank Sunday** – *please leave donations in St Edmund's Church or St Matthew's Fellowship Room.*

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

10 am - St Matthew's – Choral Communion  
*led by David Anderson*

6 pm - St Matthew's - Evensong  
*led by Melonie Hambly*

St Edmund's **TABLETOP SALE**, church hall, 28 Feb, 10 – 1pm. Refreshments available. Cake stall - all contributions gratefully received.

**ST EDMUND'S ANNUAL MEETING** - Sun 19 April. Elections for Wardens, PCC & Deanery Synod members. If you'd like to stand, please speak to a Warden. Pray for those standing. **ST MATTHEW'S APCM** is on 17 May.

**BARBARA LACEY** died before Christmas. She and her husband Dennis were instrumental in starting the 9.30 am service on Sundays.

**BIBLE COURSE**, TODAY, 2-3.15 pm, Fellowship Room.

During Lent, prayer cards are going to every house in the four parishes. **ST MATTHEW'S** rounds are next to the tract table. Please take what you can deliver. Thank you

Celebration of life for **JENNY WING**, Woodlands Chapel, 4 Mar, 1 pm



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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