



# Sinfin Moor Church

*A Local Ecumenical Partnership serving Sinfin Moor and Stenson*

## October Newsletter

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### Welcome and Introduction

Our 50 years Anniversary came and went, but it was not quite what we had hoped for. All the same, we had a lovely Service on the 20<sup>th</sup> September and we were very grateful to Rev'd Raymond Lunt for coming along and leading our celebrations. Our thanks go to the small group who laboured pretty much in vain to plan the grand celebration we were to have had so thanks to Angela Dorrington, Melanie Sant, and Jaqueline Worton for their efforts.

Thanks go to Melanie Sant, Jacqueline Worton and Anne George for decorating our Church with the large birthday poster and 50 golden balloons. Fortunately, they had pumps for the balloons to make it a little easier.

We have been open for Morning Worship now since the 16<sup>th</sup> August, and we have been getting over 30 attending every week. There have been some who have not yet been able to make it for personal reasons, though most weeks we see a new familiar face returning. Our Services, although a little different have been well received, and we give thanks to the Stewards for leading quite a number of them. Not being able to sing is strange but our arrangements seem to be working well. Comments to the Stewards please.

One thing that is for certain is that our building is serving us well in these uncertain times. We are really grateful for the amount space we have which is sufficient for us to seat 50 people if required, Covid safe with everyone being 2 metres apart. When we hear of small numbers that some Churches can accommodate, there is no doubt we are very fortunate, and we give thanks for and appreciate what we have got..

Some aspects of Church are getting back to something near normal and we are pleased that our Church Secretary Julie Froggatt, has been able to produce a Rota to cover the current quarter. We have welcomers, readers and different people to put the chairs out. Yes, there still gaps though more and more is being achieved.

For our **Communion Service** today we welcome back **Rev'd Susan McIvor** who was the Minister here until August 2018, this is her first time back to lead our Service since then. Our readings today were not known at the time of printing but they are to be read by **Gillian Priestley**.

The Communion will be brought to your seats just as we did last time Please keep the Communion cups after you have consumed the wine, they will be collected after the Service has finished. If you do not want to receive Communion, please decline when approached.

Finally, this Newsletter was printed earlier than normal to allow time to elapse for them to stand and be safe for you to handle and read.

**You must take your copy home with you.**

## The Message by Rev'd Dr Simon Cartwright (the Acting Area Dean)

Dear friends

I am not sure if it's because I have never grown up, or because I have school age children, but September always feels like the start of a new year. Going back to school conjures up images of starched shirts, squeaky shoes and new exercise books with nothing in them. We are going back to something familiar and yet it is very different, new teachers and new classrooms. Like all new beginnings, it can be quite both exciting and quite daunting as we take a step into the unknown.

For many of us, this September is also a particularly exciting and yet daunting time of change as we return to worshipping in our church buildings. We are going back to something familiar and yet it is very different. The social distancing measures mean we can not sit together, sing together, or even have a conversation over coffee. "It doesn't feel like proper church" one parishioner said to me, "it seems they have taken away the essence of what church is to me" said another.

This probes a deeper question, what is exactly is church? And what does church mean for me and those I care for? Many of us have had to learn to do church differently during lockdown. We have had to adapt to online church, to pastoral conversations by telephone and finding new ways to connect with our neighbours. We have already learnt new ways to pray together, to share with our neighbours and help those in need. I know one church that set up a prayer garden, another left a blackboard and chalk by the church wall and encouraged conversations and another turned their church into a food distribution hub.

So, as we return to church, we will again need to think about what is church? And what does it mean to me? We will need to think carefully and prayerfully how we can continue to be a place of prayer, a place of mission and how we can serve Derby. The church has always evolved and changed with the ever-changing context. Bishop Libby reminded us at clergy chapter that God never changes, but we are called to seek new ways to share the kingdom of God in every generation.

I hope you will support your clergy, readers, wardens and PCC members as they continue to lead change in these challenging times. We have some exciting new deanery and diocese initiatives in the pipeline to help us in these tasks. I hope that together we can find ways to continue to pray together, to work together, and to share ideas and resources.

Underpinning all this we need to commit ourselves again to prayer. During lockdown many of us learnt the value of a rhythm of prayer both on our own and in groups and I encourage you to keep praying as we face another step into the unknown. This reminds me of that great poem *The Gate of the Year*, that inspired so many in the early days of the Second World War:

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

*And he replied:*

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

Love and prayers

*Simon*

### **Gift Day 2019** (yes that is the right year)

Finally, this much prolonged appeal has closed and the final amount given has come out at **£626.81** and the money was used towards the cost of painting of the kitchen, corridor and activity room. Due to the various circumstances at the moment, we are not having a Gift Day this year.

### **Church Ceiling Lights**

As planned, during September most of our ceiling lights were replaced by LED's and these will use electricity thus helping our carbon footprint. Since they were installed, we have not had to use them much but as the year goes on, they will come in to their own.

### **Archdeacon to retire**

The Venerable Dr Christopher Cunliffe, Archdeacon of Derby since 2006 and Acting Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Diocese of Derby, has announced his retirement. Dr Cunliffe's last day in post will be 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, with his retirement taking effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021, when he will move away from the diocese. Dr Cunliffe will be appointed Archdeacon Emeritus in retirement. Emeritus means having retired but able to keep the title as an honour.

### **Building Works Fund (BWF)**

At the end of September, this fund has reached £13,500.

Thank you to those who give regularly to this, it is a great help to our general Church funds to know that work on building can be funded from the BWF.

Last month we told you that our sole remaining project is the replacement of the last few external wooden doors and windows. We have now heard from our supplier that the Covid-19 pandemic has caused a problem with the supply of these and that it will now be after Christmas before we can expect them to be done. We had hoped to have them done in October but like many things, the dreaded virus has had a detrimental impact,

We will continue to keep you informed of developments.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sinfin Guides**

Last Sunday (27<sup>th</sup>) afternoon, 8 guides and 5 leaders met for the first time since March. It was great to see everyone and catch up with what we had been getting up to. We started with a socially distanced picnic in the sunshine, we then had fun doing some guiding activities. We were able to update the girls on the plans for October when we can start to meet indoors, with them adding some activities they would like to try. It is one step closer to returning to normal whatever that might be.



**Amanda Jenkins**

### **Minister Vacancy**

There is still no visible progress on this front, but we are certain that the search is still ongoing, though we suspect the Diocese have been very busy dealing with effects that Covid-19 has had in all the Churches. Please continue to pray for the right person to be found to fill the vacancy. Although it is now over two years since Rev'd Susan McIvor left, the general consensus is that we are coping well as we try to follow God's will for our Church.

## Harvest Festival

Unusually for our Church, we held our Harvest Service in September this year rather than the more normal October. We had 31 attending and they gave a wonderful amount of 'produce' for the Derby Refugee Advice Centre to celebrate and give thanks. Thank you to you all for being so generous, but then again, you usually are.

Our photograph below shows the Dais still decorated with the balloons from our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations the week before along with the array of things that you had given..



We had hoped to have received their letter of thanks in time for this issue, unfortunately it did not arrive so it will be something for the next edition.

## A Sportsman's Prayer

Dear Lord, in the battle that goes on through life,  
All I ask is a field that is fair,  
A right with the others to take part in the strife,  
With a will to do and to dare.  
And if I should win let it be to the code,  
With my faith and my honour held high,  
But if I should lose let me stand by the road,  
And cheer as the winner goes by.

Supplied by Keith Jennison



### Our Treasurer Writes:

Our finances are going some way towards recovery now that we are able to hold our Morning Service again, and some of the groups have started back we have some rent coming in.

With the reduced numbers attending our Morning Services, you will not be surprised to hear that our offering are down on where we expect them be. As I mentioned previously, what has been a great help are the group who have arranged to give their offering directly into our bank account. The number of people doing this is slowly growing and if you want to do this yourself, why not have a word with me.

In the last month we have paid for the new lights which certainly make a difference when lit, and at the same time use less electricity. We have paid for the 'bricking-up' of the redundant doors and windows at the rear of the building although the internal walls still need to be plastered when it becomes available, though this has been in short supply, hence the delay.

Most of you will be aware that each year we give money to good causes and we hope to do the same again this year though it will depend on our financial situation towards the end of the year. The Church Council invite you to nominate any good cause you feel an affinity for. Please let one of the Church Council know (*see the list of those who serve you on page 8*) and they will bring the name to the next meeting. At this stage we cannot promise that your chosen cause will be selected but please give it some thought.

### Stewards Meeting

Stewards are reminded that we are to have a suitably distanced meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October in the Church starting at 7.30 pm.

### Church Flowers

We are due a catch-up with the sponsorship of the Church flowers because since March we have not published any details. Of course we were closed for several months, never-the-less, we need to acknowledge the intentions of those whose names were written on the flower list:

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Doreen and John Hickman	In memory of Iris Wilcocks (Doreen's Mum).
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Keith Jennison	In memory of Pauline's birth-
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Keith Jennison	Commemorating Pauline and Keith's Wedding Anniversary
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Doreen and John Hickman	In memory of Fred Wilcocks (Doreen's Dad).
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Doreen and John Hickman	In memory of Iris Wilcocks (Doreen's Mum).
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Colin Attenborough and family	In memory of Hazel.
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Doreen and John Hickman	In memory of Fred Wilcocks (Doreen's Dad).
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Carol and Mark Bates	In memory of Brian.



## Sinfin Moor Church Prayers

*"If you remain in Me and My words remain in you , ask whatever you wish and it will be given you. (John 15 v 7)*

*Please pray for (in no particular order of importance):*

- the SMC inter-regnum (vacancy), and the ongoing work to identify a suitable person to provide dynamic ministry to SMC.
- the Church congregation keeping safe, especially those not well and those we know who have upcoming operations and appointments.
- ways to keep our relationship with Jesus alive and functional during these unprecedented times.
- the church as a whole that it will find new ways to reach out to those who don't yet know Jesus.
- for the health and wellbeing of all those living on their own.
- new ideas to bring unity between our churches.
- Pat Hartland (Kath Crawford's sister) who has had an operation and recuperating.
- Mark Winstanley (Linda Martin's brother). awaiting his next appointment about further treatment .
- Melvin Worton as he continues to stabilise, and Jacqueline as she supports him.
- Vincent Martin - entering a highly-intensive treatment phase which is consisting of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. and Linda as she supports him.
- Brian Shaw - who is continues to recover after his heart operation, pray for Wendy at this time.
- Philip Brown (Great Nephew of Ellen Treece) is now stable continues to give thanks for his progress.
- Richard Dockray (David & Verity's son) who is at Bible College continuing his studies and his gardening work.
- Nathan, Michelle, Lily and Ella Sant as they continue in Zimbabwe where there is a lockdown but also water shortages.
- all the groups and organisations who use our building that they will be able to decide when to start meeting again..
- the Monday Morning Prayers, Fellowship and coffee in the Welcome Area now it has resumed.
- the SMC Youth Council when it is able to resume.
- all the churches that have financial problems during this time when worship cannot take place.

**Please remember to let Ian Sant know of any updates to these prayer requests.**

**Normal Weekly Meetings (Contact details below):**

Monday	10.00 am - 12.30 pm	Prayer, Fellowship and Coffee Morning.
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
Tuesday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Cubs
	8.30 - 9.30 pm	Footlights Stage School Adult Fun Tap
Wednesday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Sinfin Moor Church Friendship Club
	6.00 - 7.30 pm	Brownies (Term Time)
	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Guides (Term time)
Thursday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	1.15 - 2.45 pm	Parent and Toddler Group (Term time)
	5.30 - 6.45 pm	Beavers (Term time)
	7.15 - 8.45 pm	Scouts (Term time)
Friday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Footlights Stage School - Ballet
Saturday	9.00 am - 3.00 pm	Footlights Stage School (various classes)

**Contact Details**

**Asian Men** Mr Pabla ( 07845 891442)  
**Over 60's Group** Monday to Friday from 1.00 ~ 5.00 pm.

**Footlights Stage School** Faye Elliott ( 07779 665181)  
 Anne George ( 01332 721108)

Various types of dancing classes, for all ages and abilities in the Middle and Back Bays, all day on Saturday and on Tuesday/Friday evenings. See the bottom of previous page for further details.

**SMC Friendship Club** Eirlys Smith ( TBA)  
 Wednesday afternoon in the Middle Bay from 2.00 ~ 4.00 pm

**Brownies** Helen Chesshire ( 07763 852278)  
 Wednesday in the Back Bay from 6.00 ~ 7.30 pm

**Guides** Amanda Jenkins ( 01332 754770)  
 Meet on Wednesday in the Middle Bay from 7.00 ~ 9.00 pm

**Parent and Toddler Group** Sarah Liddle ( 07468 423807)  
 Thursday in the Back and Middle Bays from 1.15 ~ 2.45 pm

**Scouts** Matt Baker E-mail [Scouts119Derby@outlook.com](mailto:Scouts119Derby@outlook.com)  
 Thursday in the Back Bay from 7.15 ~ 8.45 pm

**Cubs (Nelson Pack)** Sam Reynolds E-mail [Cubs119Derby@outlook.com](mailto:Cubs119Derby@outlook.com)  
 Tuesday in the Back Bay from 6.30 ~ 8.00 pm

**Beavers** Lesley Holmes (01332 768581)  
 Thursday in the Back Bay from 5.30 ~ 6.45 pm

**Livewell** Kellie Townes (01332 641254 or [livewell@derby.gov.uk](mailto:livewell@derby.gov.uk))  
 Monday in the Back Bay from 5.00 ~ 7.00 pm.

Free support with losing weight and healthy lifestyle changes for those register with a Derby City GP practice.

**Please advise the Editor if there are any changes.**

## CHURCH MINISTER AND CONTACT DETAILS 2020/21

<b>Minister*</b>	Vacancy	
<b>Secretary*</b>	Julie Froggatt	722222
<b>Stewards*</b>	Julie Froggatt	Amanda Jenkins
	Margaret Platt	Wendy Roe
	Ian Sant	Melanie Sant
<b>Church Council</b>	John Archer	Colin Attenborough
	Eve Dudden	Vincent Martin
	Ivan Vickerstaff	Melvin Worton
<b>Safeguarding</b>	Julie Froggatt	722222
<b>Room Bookings</b>	Melanie Sant	721927
<b>Webmaster</b>	Vincent Martin	728295
<b>Welcome Centre Manager</b>	Wendy Roe	762664
<b>Prayer Co-Ordinator</b>	Rev'd Eileen Bangay (Acting)	
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- denotes members of the Church Council along with the Treasurer.

Just to cheer you up, we thought we would share these with you. They are Christian one-liners. Not sure how long we can keep this section going, so if you want to help, please keep a look out for more just like John Archer has,

**Ushers will eat latecomers.**

Miss Marlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

The peace-making conference scheduled today has been cancelled due to conflict.

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

The audience is asked to re-seated until the end of the recession.

Evening message 6.p.m.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a good chance to get rid of those things not needed around the house. Bring you husbands.

An announcement in a Church bulletin for a National Prayer and Fasting Conference read: "The cost of attending the National Prayer and Fasting Conference includes meals."

Next Thursday, there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Smile Smile Smile Smile