



Sinfin Moor Church

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A Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) serving

Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields

June Newsletter

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Welcome to our Monthly Newsletter

A reminder that at any of our Church Services, please be considerate to others and ensure your phone is set to silent or switched off. Thank you for your consideration.



This edition of our Newsletter is being edited and produced by Joy Hughes, thank you to her for taking on the task for this and the July edition. Her email address is: jehughes5@hotmail.com.

After the Service today, we have an opportunity to share lunch together (we do hope you put your name down), Next Sunday (8th June) at 4 o'clock, we have a chance to relive an old-fashioned Church Anniversary Tea. We hope you can attend one or both events to help raise money for our "Give to go Green" initiative.

For our **Morning Communion Service** today, the Service is conducted by the Church Stewards, Worship Leader is **Melanie Sant** and our Communion is presided by **Ian Sant** and he will be assisted with serving by **Joshua Osah**.

Our Intercession Prayers are being led by the **Stewards**, **Joshua Osah** is projecting **Wendy Stower** is providing the music for the hymns and **Margaret Platt** is on sound.

The Vestry Stewards today are **Lauren Foster** and **Ian Sant**, if you have any queries or need anything announcing, please speak to one of them.

Melvin Worton is our reader and the reading is:

Colossians 1 v 15 - 20

(using the New Living Translation)



The Church is fitted with an inductive loop system.

Hearing aid users should switch to the 'T' position (if so fitted) or adjust your hearing aid as required.

With it being the first service of the month, Communion will be served at the rail, please come forward when asked to do so by the Usher. If you cannot easily come to the rail, please tell the Usher and we will happily serve you Communion to you at your seat. Should you require a blessing, please come to the rail when asked to do so, and tell the person who is presiding or tell the Usher if you cannot get to the rail.

The Message by Rev'd Paul Desborough

Recently I have benefited from spending some time at a couple of conferences as part of my Diocesan role with New Worshipping Communities and having a day with our new curate, Gael, at her Training College in Bristol.



It has been a privilege being able to hear, share and learn from different church communities around the country. Some of these gatherings have been small, focusing on the changes we are experiencing in society and how Christianity is less central than it was. Others have been larger, focusing on how the church can respond to these changes, what the priorities should be, and how resources can be best offered to local churches. As you may well imagine there are numerous insights, ideas, and inspiring ways being offered.



The privilege of giving time to discuss, share and learn from others, in various places and doing different things, is the opportunity to not only share but to learn from others, to encourage and be encouraged. To discover new insights and practices that help to grow churches that are healthy. To experience insights from people who may not think the Christian faith is of value but have found it is when a local New Worshipping Community has emerged and engaged in ways that

connect with them.

My reflection from these times is that in all the networking, conversations over coffee, discussions, and workshops, it is primarily through trusted relationships that good, healthy responses with local churches emerge. Good relationships within the church communities, good relationships with the wider communities they are in, and good relationships with the people and the organisations they partner with. This is not something particularly new, more I would suggest of what Jesus promoted most. 'Love the Lord your God and Love your neighbour as yourself' and 'by their love they will know that they are my disciples'.

Simple in words, more challenging in practice! We cannot separate the two, we were called to both 'be' loving and 'do' loving. When we understand different viewpoints and when we cannot, when we do things in the same ways and when we do not. In all the diversity of being and doing that there is, God's love remains central. This month we are all being encouraged to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' and for people to encounter the way of Jesus, Loving God, Loving others and loving self. As we pray for others, I encourage you to be mindful of yourself, to be in 'Conference mode' open to hearing, sharing, learning and discovering new ways from the Holy Spirit. To be a privileged part of being



(picture at High Leigh Conference Centre - Hertfordshire)

better resourced as a shared Worshipping Community called the church, doing its responding in the world.

Paul

Archdeacon Matthew Writes

On the day I wrote this article, the stock markets were down 11% as the impact of what President Trump termed 'Liberation Day' took hold on the global economy. As of April 2, the United States has imposed global tariffs on countries exporting goods and services to America. Some countries have already responded to Trump's move by imposing retaliatory tariffs on the cost to the United States of exporting their goods into those countries. Now, you might not follow the ups and downs of global stock markets and the twists and turns of the geo-politics, but part of the concern over these tariffs will be their effect on nearly all of us. The US President's move affects pensions, the cost of car purchases, family savings and more. And the language applied to the advent of these significant and far-reaching tariffs is 'Liberation Day'.



The heavy burden imposed on countries and individuals by these tariffs starkly contrasts with Jesus' message of salvation, liberation, and hope that we celebrate during the Easter season. Jesus took the full weight of human sin on himself on the cross and rose from the dead to offer us new life in Christ. Whereas President Trump's tariffs lead to hopelessness and despair, the liberation Jesus offers us brings hope. However, as we take our confidence in the Good News of Jesus, we must reconcile what we believe in faith with the world as we experience it; that is the challenge of being a disciple. It might strike you as hard to cling to a message of hope amid a fractured world, but that is the work we must do if we are to point people to Jesus.

Will Freemont-Brown's chapter in the Archbishop's Lent book 'Wild Bright Hope' suggests that for Christians, hope is not the same as optimism but inviting Jesus into the challenging and traumatic: the hopeless places of our lives and the world, we can reimagine those spaces with hope. The apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans (12.2) urges early followers of Jesus to 'not conform to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your [our] mind'. Therefore, the challenge for us as contemporary followers of Jesus is not to deny or play down the despair of tariffs and warfare but, through prayer, invite the Holy Spirit to help us reimagine our outlook on the here and now, in light of the liberation Jesus won for us on the cross and in the resurrection.

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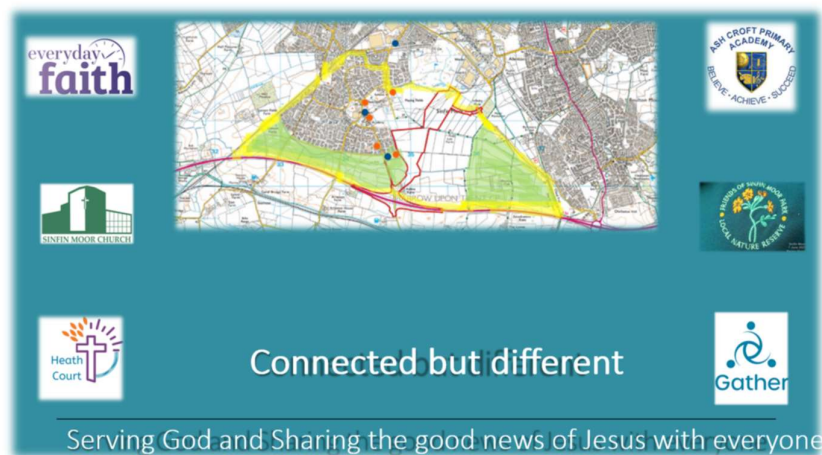
Archdeacon of Derby City and South Derbyshire

Church Council Away Morning

As has become our custom each year, the Church Council takes a full Saturday morning away to look at the 'bigger picture' for us as church communities within the parish of Sinfin Moor.



One aspect that was given attention on, was the different activities that we do together and the different people who in their everyday lives are serving God and sharing the good news of Jesus. Although things happen in different places and with different people we are all still connected. This is something we value and want to recognise, encourage and hold together as we grow.



Another feature that was shared and discussed was the role of our respective denominational partners, and how they can be coming alongside us to support as the landscape of society and the extensive increase in population changes where we are placed for our mission. The partners are facing many challenges in a time of significant change and with them we need to do some new things.



Please pray for all those on the Church Council, that they may have discernment and wisdom, alongside our denominational partners, to be guided by the Holy Spirit and courageous to see where He is working and join in.

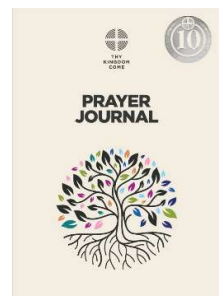
Thy Kingdom Come 2025

In its tenth year, this annual time between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday, churches from all around the world and from all different denominations have a focus on praying for more people to come to know Jesus. We are invited to join in.



We have two booklets available at the church Centre for anyone to take and use. A Prayer Journal and Novena which are both based on the Lord's Prayer.

The Prayer Journal features contributions from across different denominations and traditions including Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, His Eminence Archbishop Angela, Bishop Mike Royal and many more.



The Novena - Ten Lessons, One Hope - is written by Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell.

These may be resources not used before and new to you. Why not have a look and for 11 days take a small amount of your time each day to engage, learn and pray. Joining in with thousands of Christian across the world and with the risen Jesus who is always praying for you and for the people you know and love along with those who you may

not know.

Most importantly were encouraged to **pray for five people** who we know by name. To pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call, that they will come into the life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

A dark blue prayer form. At the top, it says "LORD I PRAY THAT YOU WILL LEAD...". Below this are five white rectangular boxes for writing names. At the bottom, there is a button that says "TO YOU, AMEN" and the website "www.thykingdom.co.uk".

First the Hands, Then the Words (Churches Together in England)

Rev'd Silke Halfmann, Chair of the German Synod in the UK and Vice Chair of the Council of Lutheran Churches, shares her Reflections

"How can we be one when we believe so differently?" I often hear this question - in ecumenical settings, among church members, or in everyday conversations. It's a valid concern. Christian diversity can feel overwhelming. Different traditions, teachings, and liturgies are undeniably real. And yet, I've come to believe that the deepest unity doesn't begin in discussion, it begins in action.



Although I am ordained in the Reformed tradition, I have spent much of my ministry immersed in Lutheran practice. I trained with a Lutheran mentor during my vicariate, lived for four months in a Lutheran women's monastery singing Psalms, and spent a year in Istanbul working in a Lutheran church - even singing the liturgy. These experiences have shown me that unity often begins not in theological debate, but in shared service. In the context of action, differences fade away.

One of the most powerful experiences of unity in diversity came during my time in Istanbul, working with a refugee project. Orthodox Christians, Free Church volunteers, German Lutherans, English Anglicans, Austrian Roman Catholics — we didn't always share a common language or theological vocabulary for each other. But we understood what mattered most: people needed help. Medical care, clothing, food, comfort, education, and prayer. So, we served, side by side. In that shared work, theological boundaries were not important because they were overtaken by a deeper calling: to love our neighbour.

Especially in today's time of increasing fragmentation, I believe ecumenism is strongest when it is practical. Not in solemn declarations first, but in shared bread and burdens. The words come later, born from what we've done together. When we stand side by side at the same soup kitchen counter, visit the hospital ward, or pray together in grief, something happens. Quietly, but unmistakably, unity begins to take root.

Of course, dialogue matters. We must also talk about our differences. But unity does not grow from neat theological formulations alone. It grows from shared life, from the experience of serving and being served by one another. Perhaps this is ecumenism's gift to the world today: not grand institutional mergers, but small, faithful acts of cooperation. A funeral planned across denominational lines. Collaborating for climate action. Sharing a church building with different denominations and reaching out to the people in the neighbourhood together. The decline of some churches may be an opportunity—a chance to discover how much we can accomplish when we work together.

We often speak of ecumenism in terms of "dialogue tables" but I wonder if we also need more workbenches—places where faith becomes tangible. Where the question is not, "What divides us?" but, "What can we do together?"

When we stretch out our hands to work alongside each other, conversation naturally follows. And with this understanding, we may even discover that the other is not as strange as we once thought.

Perhaps we'll find that Christ has already been at work between us — long before we found the words. In doing so, we also demonstrate to the world that true unity is not a matter of agreement on every theological point but of shared service and compassion. The way we work together, despite our differences, can serve as a witness to a world increasingly divided by identity and self-interest. The goal is not to erase difference, but to build connection through service — not of one opinion, but of one heart.

Rev'd Silke Halfmann is pastor of the United Congregation of the Bonhoeffer Church in Sydenham and two Lutheran congregations: St Mary with St George in London, and St Albans with Luton. Since April 2024, she has served as Senior Pastor of the German-Speaking Synod in Great Britain and was elected Vice-Chair of the Council of Lutheran Churches (CLC) in December 2024. She studied theology in Germany and the Netherlands, completed an ecumenical placement in Istanbul, and moved to London in 2022 from the Protestant Church in the Rhineland.

Church Community Prayer Meetings



Each week we meet to pray together for our church and local community for around 30 minutes at the **Church Centre** on Thursdays 9.00 am.

We follow the Celtic Daily Morning Prayer that has some written prayer we say together, some short bible readings, then we hear a reflection, meditation and move into a time of 'open prayer' for current needs and concerns, including praying for the church and all its activities. You are

welcome to join.

"Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you:

love, prayer, and forgiveness."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Other opportunities we can share together in prayer are through the

Prayer List in this newsletter - Contact Glen roeglennard@gmail.com with any requests

at **Heath Court** on Thursdays 10:00 am in the Quiet Room

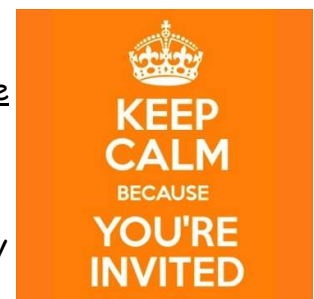
and with the **CoDA (School) prayer group**- contact Fiona fiona@sinfimoorchurch.org.uk

Heath Court Services

You are invited to a time of worship at Heath Court at **2.00 pm** (note the start time is now 2.00 pm) on the first Friday of every month.

The next Service is on Friday (6th June).

You can be certain of a warm welcome, and there are always some lovely refreshments afterwards.



Some save the dates:

Community Meals - Monday 2nd June 10.00 am - 2.00 pm at Sinfin Moor church Centre

City Vision Pentecost Praise and Prayer - Sunday 6th June 6.30 pm at the Reach Conference Centre, Riverside Court. DE24 8JN

Ordination of Deacons service (Rev'd Gael Browne) - Sunday 29th June 10.45 am at Derby Cathedral

Sinfin Community Fun Day - Saturday 12th July 12 noon - 4.00 pm at Sinfin Moor Park.

Picnic in the Park - Sunday August 3.00 pm at Sinfin Moor Park

Treasurer's Update

It is currently a busy time in the life of the Church financially, because we are in the middle of our "Giving to go Green" appeal which is running for 6 weeks. We are trying to raise £5,000 in that time so that we get the same amount in matched funding through the Diocese. I am sure you will be able to read more details on this elsewhere in the Newsletter as Melanie will no doubt give you a full update of where we are up to with it. There are also various associated notices on the subject on the middle bay notice board.

If you recall, a couple of months ago we asked you to stop giving to our Gift Day because we had reached our target for our Solar Panels Appeal thanks to the grants we are to receive. We know that some of you didn't give and were waiting so that it can go to the "Give to go Green" Appeal. This appeal is now 'live' and you can now give your donation to qualify for matched funding; it must go through the electronic giving machine in the Welcome Area. If you need any assistance with this, please speak to me or Rev'd Paul Desborough. If you have signed up for Gift Aid, please talk to me so that we can claim the this for what you give.

We continue to just about break even each month in our finances. Now is the time of year when we try to consolidate, to build up some reserves ready for the winter period. All our bills are so much higher now, in particular the gas and electricity. I have hopes that when the solar panels are fitted our electricity costs will reduce somewhat.

Thank you to those of you who heeded my words and reviewed their giving after my request last month. I can tell you, as I write this, that at least one person has increased their giving. I pass this on to you to keep you informed, and not embarrass you to do the same, it is entirely your decision as you pray for guidance.

I may not be able to provide you with a report for the July Newsletter and we do not produce a Newsletter in August, so my next update may well be in September.

Ian Sant - Church Treasurer

MONTHLY PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE

Our Father God is an amazing God, His love and care for us is never ending. Let us always remember to praise Him and honour Him in every circumstance.

Father God, help us to share our faith with others by our actions trying to follow you in all we say and do. A personal thank you to Father God and everyone who have been praying for us.

Glenn is improving everyday .

Please pray for the following,

- Gael our new curate as her and her family move into their new home
- For the Give to Green Initiative -help us to increase in our care for Your creation.
- Monthly Community meals the volunteers and who attend
- Church Council for wisdom in their conversation with the URC
- The Kingdom Come initiative to pray for 5 to become fruitful in their faith journeys.
- For Paul and Jean that they are able, to have a time of rest and restoration as they go on holiday.
- For the new prayer space being set up for the beginning of June at Ashcroft school. This is to help on transitions in school as they move up a year or take the leap to Secondary School.
- For the planning and preparation for a celebration day on Boundary Moor Gardens celebrating the amazing diverse community there.
- For Dom and Sequoia, as they have a much -needed holiday in July. Pray that it can be restful and a time of making wonderful memories. Especially the time they spend with Mel and Ian.
- Prayer for Isaac as he will be heading to the boarding school in Ukarumpa at the end of July and for Dom and Sequoia as they move into a season of not having any of the children around. Dom as he awaits a General Manager for aviation to be appointed which will alleviate some of the pressure he is under. Dom has also applied to be Full time Country Director and wisdom for MAF as they look at this role. For Sequoia as she tries to juggle many different roles.
- Heath Court their prayer meetings and monthly services. For Jean and everyone involved in spreading your word in this place.
- May The Lord bless all they do.
- Richard D. for all the groundwork and gardening he does at the college and in the surrounding area.
- Chris Burrows, we thank you his knee is free from infection. Help it continue to heal.
- Eve Dudden, and Ken Bates-Wagstaff that God will give them, Your peace and strength and may You pour Your Holy Spirit into their lives to bring healing to them both. Help us to be generous in all we say and do. Thank you for the prayers that you have answered, we pray that we can show the same love, acceptance and kindness as You show us to everyone we meet. Help us to know how awesome You are, much more than we can ever comprehend.



Please remember to get in touch for any prayer requests

My contact for any prayer requests is, Glenn Roe Mobile 07379469978 email, roeglennard@gmail.com



Curates May Update



Different but Connected

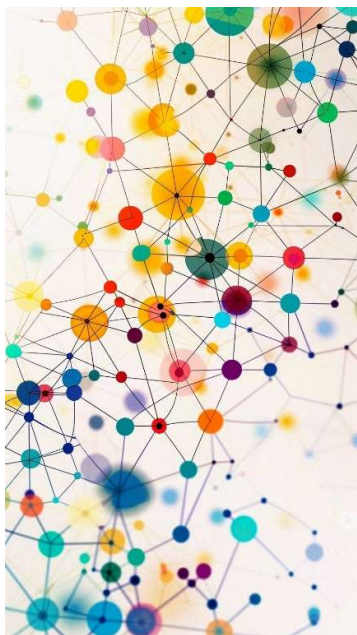
As I look out my window I see an array of new roofs, a mixture of terracotta and grey tiles, all very similar just facing in different directions. This little corner of Sinfin Moor down on Boundary Moor Gardens and opposite on Mulberry Place (on Wragley Way) I realise is very different to its surroundings. The houses are very different, even the front gardens are different with such clay earth that little grows yet!

We are also a fabulously multicultural, multi faith community down here that is multi-generational too. Some have come here to retire, some are young and working, many are families of all ages. This makes this place wonderful and diverse but it also has its challenges, like everywhere!

As I look on this place, I see a community that is different - within itself and to all that is around it - but connected. Fine lines of connection. Connected by location. Connected by the desire to belong. Connected through people. Connected through shared lives, work or faith. Those fine lines of connection - the overlaps between people and places - are vital in making **US** a community. Just like at Sinfin Moor Church, we know some people really well - maybe we meet up in the week, maybe we have shared hobbies or friends. But there are also those we don't know at all - we may exchange smiles or greetings but maybe we don't actually know their name yet we're still connected through our faith. In all our diversity let's keep our eyes and our hearts open to sense those connections.

One way we're hoping to encourage those connections on Boundary Moor Gardens is a "Celebration Day" bringing everyone together to celebrate the different cultures, the colours, the food, the lifestyles. Celebrating that we're different but connected.

I found this image and (for those viewing this in black and white - it's multi coloured!) all the colours in it - for me it highlighted the fineness of the connections, how different we all are but also, we're all connected in different ways through others. How wonderful is that? God has made each of us:



"I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well." Psalm 139:14

Let's cherish and nurture that and celebrate it always!

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Underlined are recent additions or amendments except email addresses.

* denotes members of the Church Council along with the Treasurer and Reader Jean Desborough.

Biscuits Needed

We are in need of biscuits for after the Morning Service, it seems that they keep being eaten! If you are able, we need packets of biscuits, please give them to those serving refreshments on any Sunday Morning. Thank you to those who do bring biscuits occasionally, they are very gratefully consumed!



Diary Dates - June

Sunday 1 st	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion followed by lunch together.
Monday 2 nd	10.00 am	Connect Group/Community Meals (all welcome).
	7.00 pm	Ecumenical Team Ministry (EMT) meeting.
	8.00 pm	Stewards Meeting.
Thursday 5 th	2.00 pm	Funeral of Mavis Gilmore (was a Brown Owl with the Brownies that meet at SMC).
Sunday 8 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship.
	4.00 pm	Good old-fashioned Sunday School and Tea (see middle bay notice board to put you name down).
Monday 9 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).
Sunday 15 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion.
Monday 16 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome)
Sunday 22 nd	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
Monday 23 rd	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).
Sunday 29 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
Thursday 3 rd July	Closing date for items to go in the July Newsletter.	

Normal Weekly Meetings (Contact details below):

Monday	10.00 am - 2.00 pm	Contact Group in conjunction with the Community Meals (1 st Monday hot meal 12.00 noon - 2.00 pm) everyone welcome.
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	5.30 - 6.45 pm	Beavers (Term time)
Tuesday	9.15 - 10.00 am	Yoga Group
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	1.30 - 2.30 pm	Seated Exercise Group
	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Cubs (Term time)
	8.15 - 9.15 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 - 7.00 pm	Brownies (Term Time)
	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Guides and Rangers
Thursday	8.00 am and 9.30 am	Slimming World
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	5.30 - 6.30 pm	<u>Squirrels (Term Time) in Middle Bay</u>
	5.30 - 6.45 pm	Beavers (Term time)
	7.00 - 8.30 pm	Scouts (Term time)
Friday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Footlights Stage School - Ballet
Saturday	9.00 am - 4.30 pm	Footlights Stage School (various classes)

Contact Details for the above

Asian Men	Mr Pabla (07845 891442)
Over 60's Group	Mr Gurdev Dhillon (07772 680827)
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 www.footlightsdancederby.co.uk

SMC Friendship Club	Eirlys Smith (07872 623000)
Brownies	Fran Dolby (39thderby@gmail.com) Girls aged 7 - 10 years
Guides	Amanda Jenkins (07832 771823) Girls aged 10 - 14 years.
Rangers	Sarah Shacklock (07411 121398) E-mail sarahshacklock@gmail.com Girls aged 14 - 18 years
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Beavers	E-Mail: beavers119derby@outlook.com
Slimming World	Zoe Hayward (07312 085137)
Yoga Class	Spencer George

Please advise the Editor when there are any changes to ANY of the above.

Smile Time (or grimace)

From Canada

Only on Sundays

'Morbus Sabbaticus is a peculiar disease:

1. The symptoms vary but never interfere with appetite.
2. It never last for more than 24 hours.
3. No doctor is ever called.
4. It is contagious.

The attack comes on suddenly on Sunday mornings. The patient wakes as usual, feeling fine, and eats a heart breakfast. Then about 9.00 am, the attack strikes and lasts until noon; then the patient is much improved and is able to take a rise, visit friends, watch TV, work in the garden, play golf, mow the lawn, or read the Sunday papers. The patient is able to eat a hearty meal, but the attack can come on again and lasts through the early evening. The patient is able to work on Monday as usual.

This ailment is often fatal to the soul.

From the magazine of Christ Church, Meaford
Diocese of Huron

Whoop

Our **Give to go Green** campaign is now live on our giving machine in the Welcome Area, and thank you so much to all who have supported the appeal which is to raise money towards our green projects so that we can lower our carbon footprint as a Church, we have so far raised:

£1,753.00 (with matched funding that is £3506.00) which is fantastic. We have included the £526.00 from our last Coffee Morning.

Our Beetle Drive which was really good fun, raised £63.00 with a further £20.00 given in donations afterwards, which actually will have raised £166.00 when it has been match funded. A big thank you to Amanda for organising the event.

Money has also been received from members who have saved and given their gift day donations for this year.

Yesterday was a very special day as we held our Sponsored Read, reading through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, with many of the congregation taking part, it was a pleasure just to sit peacefully and listen as people read these well-known parables and stories. Donations for this are yet to come in

Today after our Stewards Service we will share in lunch, again to raise money for the appeal. Our last planned event is our Old Fashioned Sunday School Anniversary on 8th June at 4.00 pm which will be followed by a tea, we will be singing all of our favourite choruses and hymns, and if you have a favourite, put it down on the list on our green board and we will see if we can include it, who knows if we have too many requests we may need another Anniversary later in the year.

Please keep an eye on the barometer on our green board in the middle bay as we will be updating this each week.

Once again, many thanks

Melanie Sant

The End - Thank you for reading this far, that's 5,237 words. (you can count them if you want!)