



# Sinfin Moor Church

Arleston Lane, Sinfin Moor, Derby DE24 3DH

A Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) serving

Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields

## July 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 is my first attempt to produce it without the backup of Ian Sant so please be kind and forgive any mistakes or typos (Any complaints please forward to Ian Sant). My email address is: [jehughes5@hotmail.com](mailto:jehughes5@hotmail.com).

As a reminder there is no Newsletter produced in August.

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For our **Morning Communion Service** today, the Worship Leader is **Jean Desborough** and our Communion is presided by **Rev'd Paul Desborough**.

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

The Vestry Stewards today is **Lauren Foster**, if you have any queries or need anything announcing, please speak to her.

**Julia West** is our reader and the reading is:

Luke 10 v 1 - 11

Luke 10 v 16 - 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.

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It was a joy to be with our new curate Gael at Derby Cathedral on her Ordination Day on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We welcome Gael and the rest of the family; Adam, Esther and Oona to Sinfin Moor Church, and pray that they may settle in to their new home. For Gael, as she enters a new phase of training for the next 2-3 years, that all the experience and learning that will be gained here will be fruitful, and as she reorientates into this new role, with all its responsibilities, that Christ will be her light, illumining and guiding. Christ will be her shield, overshadowing. That Christ will be beside her and Gael will know the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

## Community Meals and Connect



Do you know someone who may benefit from connecting with others and doesn't know about Connect and Community meals? - Here is your opportunity to invite them, come with them and discover the joys of Mondays in this space.



There will be a friendly welcome, people to talk to - if you want, and space for you to sit back enjoy a hot drink and refreshments if that's your preference. There is

a free hot meal and dessert - you don't have to book a place. And there is help at hand if you need some support with the Cost of Living crisis that many are experiencing.



### COMMUNITY MEALS AND CONNECT

#### SINFIN MOOR CHURCH CENTRE

Arleston Lane, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 3DH.

For more details: 07958 618507

1st Monday  
of the Month  
July 7<sup>th</sup>

**FREE**  
Hot meal  
12 - 2PM

**EVERY MONDAY**  
All Welcome

**CONNECT**  
10AM-1PM

Refreshments,  
space to relax,  
board games and  
activities.

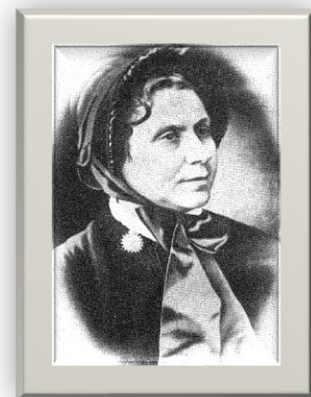


## The Feast Day of Catherine and William Booth- Wednesday 2nd July 2025.

On this day in 1865 , they began preaching the gospel to the working poor in London. England, thereby launching a work that would lead to the establishment of the Salvation Army.

Catherine Booth was wife of General William Booth and co-founder of the Salvation Army. She was born at 13 Sturston Lane (now Road), Ashbourne in 1829. There is a bust to her in Ashbourne Park.

Catherine Booth (nee Mumford) was born in humble circumstances in Ashbourne on 17 January 1829, although she was baptised in Derby. Her father, John Mumford, was a wheelwright and an itinerant preacher, and the family had moved to Ashbourne in 1827 at the end of the Town's heyday as a coaching centre. The major influence on Catherine's life was her Mother, Sarah. When she moved to Ashbourne, Sarah had started to attend St Oswald's Church but was unhappy with the Church and, as the Methodists gathered strength locally, Sarah became an ardent convert imprinting Methodism onto her daughter.



In 1834, the family moved to Boston in Lincolnshire, where Catherine was to become the Secretary of the Juvenile Temperance Society. In 1843, Catherine suffered a serious illness and, during her recovery she studied the Bible. In 1844, the family moved to Brixton, South London, but Sarah and Catherine thought the local Methodists there lacked zeal. Catherine went on to join the Wesleyan Reformers, where she was to meet her future husband, William Booth of Nottingham. They married on 17 June 1855 and became itinerant preachers travelling throughout Britain, but suffered health and financial difficulties; despite this they had 8 children.

William and Catherine returned to London in 1865. William became involved in the East London Christian Mission whilst Catherine preached in the wealthier parts of London to raise funds. Despite concerns about how they would be received, the development of their work far exceeded expectations. By offering a path to God and a wide range of welfare initiatives, the Salvation Army became the fastest growing religious movement of late Victorian Britain.

By the time of Catherine's death in 1890, there were 3,996 Centres of Work, over 85 social welfare projects and the Army was operating in over 32 countries world wide. Catherine's contribution was recognised by the Methodist Times who called her "the greatest Methodist woman of her generation"; 50,000 people filed past her coffin at Olympia and, at her burial in Stoke Newington, the numbers had to be limited to 10,000.



Today, The Salvation Army is a church and charity that is active in virtually every corner of the world and serves in more than 130 countries offering God's hope and love to all those in need without discrimination.

*Images courtesy of the Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Sinfin Community Funday*



SMC will be hosting a stall at the upcoming Community Fun Day at Sinfin Moor Park.



FRIENDS OF  
SINFIN MOOR PARK  
LOCAL NATURE  
RESERVE



## 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 9am.

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.



*"Pray continually" 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Other opportunities we can share together in prayer are through the

**Prayer List** in this newsletter - Contact Glen [roeglennard@gmail.com](mailto:roeglennard@gmail.com) with any requests

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

and with the **CoDA (School) prayer group** - the next meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup> in the Church Centre Welcome Area. contact Fiona [fiona@sinfimoorchurch.org.uk](mailto:fiona@sinfimoorchurch.org.uk)



**Just a  
reminder...**

**Sinfon Community Fun Day** - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
12pm-4pm at Sinfon Moor Park.

**Community Meals** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 10am -  
2pm at Sinfon Moor Church Centre

**Picnic in the Park** - Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> 3pm at  
Sinfon Moor Park

*(please note this date has changed from the previous  
newsletter)*

**Church Council Meeting** - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 21.00 pm at Sinfon Moor Church

Sinfin Moor Church



# INTERCESSION TASTER SESSION FOR ALL!

Interested in leading Intercessions but  
have no idea where to start or  
don't feel confident enough?

Come along to our  
**Intercession Taster session**  
and find out more -  
*no obligation to go on the rota!*



**SINFIN MOOR  
CHURCH CENTRE**



**AUGUST 16, 2025**



**9AM - 10AM**



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Picnic in the Park

WITH  
SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

10 August | 3 p.m.

Bring your own Picnic  
Hot drinks and cake provided!

The Colin Attenborough Pavillion  
Sinfin Moor Park and  
Nature Reserve





## Heath Court

When I left Theological College, I realised how little I knew, and how much more God had to show me. Forty years later He is still surprising me. Those lovely books we had recently about the Lord's Prayer is but one example. "Give us today our daily bread," refers, of course, not only to physical feeding but also to the spiritual feeding we all need if we are not to be malnourished in that respect. Here at Heath Court, four of us use a quarterly journal called New Daylight which says on its' cover that it is "sustaining our daily journey with the Bible". Printed first is a quote from the Bible, just a few verses, and then background material, ending in a quote or short prayer. Half a dozen of our church family use this too.

Some people use Daily Bread Ministries booklets which usually only give a line from the Bible, then comment. One excellent thing about this particular publication is that, at the back, as with the Gideon Bible, there is a list of what might be troubling you, worries, illness, lack of faith, whatever, and which page to turn to for help and other places to look in your Bible.

At least one person here and 8/9 in our church family use The UCB Word for the Day. Again, just a short quote is the starter for the writer to show you how your daily life can be laid alongside things God has already taught us. Some will warn that a line or short passage taken out of context can be misleading but these are chosen for our good not ill.

There are more publications to help us grow in faith than at any time since printing was invented. The publications quoted would take up only 5 minutes of your day. Bearing in mind Jesus gave his life for us, just a few minutes of our daily routine is not an unreasonable response. Some people read these first thing, one lady whilst eating her breakfast, one gentleman just before he cleans his teeth last thing at night. People outside the church assume we not only talk to God daily in prayers and that we read our Bibles "religiously" and it's nice to get help in fitting both of those into our increasingly busy everyday.

One of the good things about these booklets is that, if you fall behind, as they come out every few months, you can ask God's forgiveness and start gain.

It might be that you already use something other than the above and it would be good to hear about what you find helpful in your current choice. What suits you may well be just the job for someone else's growth.

See myself, Paul Desborough or David Macdonald for sight of one of these publications and really get the daily bread and nourishment God has on offer for you.

God bless and keep you.

Eileen Bangay

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## 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.

You can be certain of a warm welcome, and there are always some lovely refreshments afterwards<sup>7</sup>





## **Treasurer's Update**

Whilst you will read about the details elsewhere in this issue, as the Church Treasurer, I cannot let the moment pass without saying what an absolutely wonderful thing we did as a Church (and I mean you the people, not the building) in raising the £5,000 in our Give to go Green appeal. In the 6 weeks of the appeal, we managed to raise that amount of money. I am delighted that so many of you embraced this, although when I was told the criteria that we had to meet, I honestly did wonder if we could do it. Well, we did do it, not just about, but we did it with flying colours and there should be a fanfare as well. If you did give to this appeal or took part in it, thank you, you certainly did very well, if you didn't, well.....!!!

The next question is, how is the Church doing on the financial front in general since we are now halfway through the year. The answer is reasonably well. We are continuing to meet all our financial obligations in that we are paying all our bills and our assessment to the three denominations on time. I know that it has been and is still a difficult time financially for many of us, particularly after the raft of increases we all felt in April; this is the month when all the utilities rise along with the Council Tax, telephones etc. I thought I would take this opportunity to thank you all for, not just what you give financially to the Church, but also for everything you do. Without you, we are literally nothing.

Summer is a good time for us financially in some ways because our electricity and especially our gas charges reduce, it's a good time for the accounts to recover from the challenging winter period. You may not have thought so, but the summer months see a dramatic fall in our income from the hire charges paid by the groups, for part of July and whole of August they don't meet. This is just the time when we don't have to heat the building. It's just the way it works.

**Ian Sant - Church Treasurer**

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Just to let you all know that Eve Dudden has now moved to the new Middleton Lodge Care Home. Please see address below if anyone would like to visit.

This care home is more suited for Eve as they have daily activities and entertainment going on. It is situated very close to Littleover village shops, Burton Road and bus routes.

She has already visited the in-house hairdressers and had her nails painted in the beauty room.

This Home is like visiting a hotel it has its own coffee shop, Oliver can recommend the hot chocolate and cup cakes.

2a Middleton Ave, Littleover, Derby  
DE23 6DL 01332 504921

**Julie Froggatt**

## MONTHLY PRAYER LIST FOR JULY

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.

Please pray for the following,

- Gael our new curate as her and her family as Gael commences her time with us as curate. Pray she settles into her new role well and feels our support in all she does.
- The monthly Community meals the volunteers and who attend
- The Church Council as they try to unpack thoughts and a way forward after the meeting with Rev. Geoffrey Clarke from the URC.
- For the planning and preparation for a celebration day on Boundary Moor Gardens celebrating the amazing diverse community there.
- Pray for all the schools as they look forward to the school holidays. Pray for protection over the children and rest and relaxation for the teaching staff.
- 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.
- 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](mailto:roeglennard@gmail.com)



## Curates July Update

Take a moment to just pause.....



A big part of my role down on Infinity Garden Village is serving the local primary school - Ash Croft Primary Academy. As you know, I do seasonal assemblies, help out with lessons and we have a permanent reflective space in the school with prayer activities. I go into school every Thursday at lunchtime to spend time with the children who take time out to reflect and talk and do the activities.

I also go into school once a year to run a Transition lesson for the Year 6 children preparing to go up to secondary school. This I simply love to do. It is always chaotic, noisy but lots of fun. This year was no exception. Thirty eight Year 6 on a very hot day in a mobile classroom took a morning out to stop and pause and really think about the changes happening in their lives as they leave the known space in their primary school and step into a very different space in a variety of secondary schools across the city.

I always begin and end with meditative activities - starting with the clam jars filled with glitter to watch settle and finishing with an activity about identity using small stones - as they are encouraged to reflect on the smooth and rough parts of their characters and yet they are all wonderfully and beautifully made. Each is different, unique and perfect in a multitude of ways.



We thought about friends and drew them on large flowers. Considered the joys and challenges of moving up to Secondary School drawing them on the wings of butterflies. Dreamt about the future, making paper chains of the things they aspire to. And - the activity they always love - they made themselves on plasticine and considered the valuable part they play in the community that is school.

The following day they were heading off for three days in their new schools - my prayer is that we gave them space to pause, even for just a moment and reflect, celebrating them for the wonderful, amazing creations they each are.

## CHURCH MINISTER AND CONTACT DETAILS

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### 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 - July

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Connect Group/Community Meals (all welcome).
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship..
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).
	7.00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September Closing date for items to go in the September Newsletter.

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

Monday	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Connect Coffee Morning
	10.00 am - 2.00 pm	Community Meals (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday hot meal 10.00 noon - 2.00 pm) everyone welcome.
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
Tuesday	5.30 - 6.45 pm	Beavers (Term time)
	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)
Wednesday	8.15 - 9.15 pm	Footlights Stage School Adult Fun Tap
	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)
Friday	7.00 - 8.30 pm	Scouts (Term time)
	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](http://www.footlightsdancederby.co.uk)

**Connect Coffee Morning**

Jean Desborough (07415 671004)

**SMC Friendship Club**

Eirlys Smith (07872 623000)

**Brownies**

Fran Dolby ([39<sup>th</sup>derby@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sarahshacklock@gmail.com)

Girls aged 14 - 18 years

**Scouts**

Matt Baker E-mail: [scouts119derby@outlook.com](mailto:scouts119derby@outlook.com)

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**Beavers**

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**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)***

### ***Seen in a Parish Bulletin***

There will be a procession in the grounds of the the Monastery next Sunday afternoon.

If it rains in the afternoon the procession will take place in the morning.

### ***From the Lips of Children***

A little boy opened the big, old, family bible and looked through its pages.

As he turned one page, something fell out of the bible and onto the floor.

It was a leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages.

The boy picked up the leaf, looked at it closely, then he called his mother. "Come and see what I've found."

"What is it?" his mother asked

"It's Adams' suit," the boy replied.

## Give to go Green

A very big thank you to all of you who supported in any way our **Give to Go Green** campaign, I have now had confirmation that the £5000.00 that we raised is being matched by the Church of England, and that the money should be in our account during July. The work on the Solar Panels should start in August and then we look forward to having reduced electricity bills, this will also give a very big step forward towards obtaining our Gold Environmental Award, however, we are not quite there yet as we still have a few more steps to complete.

A little later in the year we hope with Church Councils approval, to be able to plant some trees and possibly a hawthorn hedge, this will encourage wildlife providing food and shelter, we would also like to set up proper recycling facilities, we currently only recycle card and paper in the office.

All these steps will go together to reduce our carbon footprint and help us to do our bit towards making our environment a little greener.

## Melanie Sant

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**Editorial** (from Ian Sant down under)

Special thanks must go to Joy Hughes for compiling and printing this edition of the Newsletter, I gather she has never done anything like this before, so thanks to her and well done. It can be a big leap.

The end of May and the beginning of June proved a good time for us as a Church because we achieved our Give to go Green target, more on that elsewhere in this issue.

A reminder that we do not publish a Newsletter in August, so please do not be surprised when one does not appear.

There is much going on behind scenes at the moment in our Church, I cannot go into any detail, please keep the Ministry Team, Stewards and Church Council in your prayers as they deal with these questions and challenges.

Melvin Worton is dealing with the installation of the Solar Panels, if all goes according to plan, they will be installed in August and we shall be able to reap the benefits almost straight away. There will be some minor disruption but with many groups not meeting during that month, very few people will notice. Another step on our journey to becoming a Green Church.

**The End** - Thank you for reading this far, that's 4,287 words. (you can count them if you want!)