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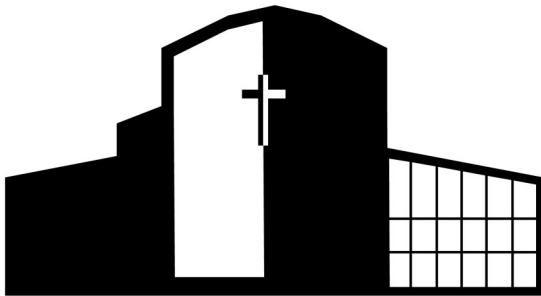
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A Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) serving
Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields

September Newsletter

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SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

Welcome to our Monthly Newsletter

Firstly our usual reminder to those who come to Church on a Sunday morning, we would be most grateful if you silence your phone either by switching it off during our time of worship or putting it in silent mode. Thank you.

Thanks to Joy Hughes for producing and printing the July edition, didn't she do well (as Brice Forsyth used to say). There was no Newsletter in August so this is our first opportunity to acknowledge the learning curve and work Joy did to produce it.

Since our last Newsletter much has happened in our Church, perhaps most notably was the installation in August of the Solar Panels on our roof. You have all been involved in us getting them because you have contributed financially and other way, special thanks to Melvin Wor-ton for organising and overseeing the installation, a good job well done. The new coverings on the notice boards at the front of the Church and there is more about that inside.

The Church Council have met and agreed to adopt a new Constitution which will be adopted once all the background work is done



Enjoy this edition of the Newsletter, any comments to the Editor please.

You can find out more about our Church by scanning the QR code to the left, why don't you take a look if you can?



Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

For our Morning Communion Service today, the Worship Leader is **Rev'd Gael Browne**, preaching and presiding at Communion, we welcome back after a long period, **Rev'd Moira Biggins**.

Today our Intercession Prayers are being led by **Melanie Sant**, **Ian Sant** is projecting, and with **Wendy Stower** being unavailable, the music will be on video.

The Vestry Steward is **Ian Sant**, if have any queries or need anything announcing.

Rita Archer is our reader and these are:

Philemon 1 v 1 - 21. (NLT Version)

Luke 14 v 25 - 33. (NLT Version)



The Church is fitted with an inductive loop system.

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

Communion will be served at the rail today, 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 Communion to you at your seat.

The Message by Rev'd Paul Desborough

Joy does not simply happen to us.
We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day"
Henri J.M. Nouwen.

I seem to be playing 'catch up' on a lot of things lately to try and keep up with all the people and matters that I am involved in. You will see in this newsletter the evidence of some of this, and read of what we have been involved in as church 3 months ago, which seems a lifetime away!

I'm sure that I am not alone in experiencing the feelings of these moments that life brings. They can disrupt our routines that we feel are comfortable with as we chase to get things more under control. We can long to stop the 'instants' that need responses and interrupt our 'normal' of life that we can confidently manage. 'Normal life', when we find confidence is strong and can feel good about. The opposite of the feelings of defeat, of despondency, of not being 'on top of things' that pull us down. Each one of us will have different ways we look to exit those times and look to return to a more sustainable pace without so much pressure, whatever our different capacities are.

As we look at the life of Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith and the one who is with us on our faith journeys, we see that he purposely took time out, even at the busiest times of life. Not just to escape, but for rest and renewal. Not just to 'get away' from life's challenges and responsibilities, but to make time to connect with God through prayer, to hear from God through his Word and His Spirit, to rest and be ready to engage again, with people and with their circumstances in their many contexts. To continue in the 'joy set before him' as the writer of the Letter to Hebrews puts it.

That same joy can be our joy, even when we are trying to play 'catch up' with all the things that are going on and with all the people we connect with and circumstances we are involved with that may seem unending. It is a joy set before us, in

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our futures, as we immerse more into the fullness of life that Jesus has made possible. It is a joy for us, in our now, as we participate in implementing the ways of Jesus into our everyday life and with the people and places where we have influence. Amongst family, friends, workplaces and the community we live in. When we get 'caught up' with what God is doing, joy rather than despair, is accessible. The bible says that the "Joy of the Lord is our strength", it is there for us, there to know, to feel and to be 'caught up in', even when we are playing 'catch up'.

Paul

The Vice President of Methodist conference address 2025

At the end of June, beginning of July one of our Partner Churches, the Methodists, held their annual conference. This year Matthew Forsyth is the Vice President (who is always a lay person or deacon), and in his address he encouraged people to all play their part and not get stuck in our stories of the past, "Our song is for us to sing now. It is being written, being sung anew by the Spirit who makes all things new" his concluding words are here

So why are you here?

Perhaps it was routine.

Perhaps it was curiosity.

Perhaps it was calling.

But the Spirit whispers, as Jesus once did by the well:

"Will you give me a drink?"

A simple question that opens sacred possibility.

You did not come here by accident.

You have a part to play.

You are not just a listener to this story

You are a line in it.

Not just a voice in the congregation

You are a note in the song.

Our song is still rising

Because grace is still singing.

So play your part:

Even if your voice trembles.

Even if your chapter feels unwritten.

Even if you've been holding your jar too tightly.

Lay it down.

Let go of the burdens that have shaped you

But no longer serve you.

Pick up the treasures God has hidden for you
the prayers of past generations,
the courage of those who came before,
the wisdom of a Spirit who still speaks.

For this is the moment

To follow our roots,

and co-create new songs.



And as you go,

May the well you draw from never run dry.

May the story you tell always make room
for grace.

And may the song you sing

Join the great chorus of saints

Who have played their part

And passed the pen to you.

The page is turning.

The Spirit is moving.

The story is yours.

The song is ours.

Play your part.

Amen.

You can read the full text of Matthews address or watch it on video using this link.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/structure-and-governance/the-methodist-conference/conference-2025/presidency/president-and-vice-president-2025-26/the-vice-presidents-address-to-the-conference-2025/>



Community Meals and Connect

Do you know someone who may benefit from connecting with others and doesn't know about Connect and Community meals? We have piloted over the summer provision for young families and are looking to continue to continue this - 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 7th

**FREE
Hot meal**
12 - 2PM

EVERY MONDAY
All Welcome

CONNECT
10AM-1PM

Refreshments,
space to relax,
board games and
activities.



New volunteers are always welcome like Harry here at the front with the plates. He was able to serve at 2 Community Meals while looking for employment, which he now has. Other Students have joined during their breaks along with retirees who are looking to support the local community.

During August we had a team from the National Grid who came to see what happens at the Community Meals. They "appreciated meeting everyone and to see the fantastic work happening" Their visit coincided with a milestone of having 100 visitors at one session!

National Grid is one of our corporate partners who supports the Warm Welcome Championship Programme that Community Meals is part of. They also introduced us to Marches Energy Agency, who have supported us through providing energy and Priority Services Register advice for guests.



Stenson Fields Primary School visit



At the beginning of June Stenson Fields Primary School year 1 came for their annual visit to learn about what happens in a Church building. They walked around the building finding clues to discover some ways the church uses this space to show the love of God, through the food donations, the different groups that meet and the prayer box.



Together, with a bit of role play, we also shared about the Life events of Baptism, Marriage and Funerals that take place. We looked at what the Bible is used for and then watched a Lego version of the story of the Good Samaritan.



Wendy shared about what prayer is and led an interactive version of the Lord's prayer. Then the children wrote or made picture prayers of their own.

And at the end of the session all the children got to hear a Children's version of the Blessing, which also involved a lot of dancing and flag waving! You can watch the Kids Blessing video here <https://youtu.be/uiWZXLsdE9w?feature=shared>



Hollybrook Carers group

On Wednesday 23rd July Gael and I were invited to the Hollybrook Carers Group to celebrate their 8th Anniversary. The group provides support to the often unseen carers who live in our local community and who daily give their time and care to family, friends and neighbours. From exercise classes, talk to quizzes and games, the group works with referrals from local GP's and is led by volunteers. Over the last two years we have been privileged to make financial donations as a church, helping to ensure their viability in challenging and uncertain times.



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Sushama Sehmbi and David Hepworth lead and coordinate the group.



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. All are welcome to join and you are not required to pray aloud.

We follow the Celtic Daily Morning Prayer that has some written prayer that 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, and life in the surrounding area, including praying for the church and its activities You are welcome to join.



"Pray as you can, not as you can't."

- Dom Chapman

Other opportunities to 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 10:00am in the Quiet Room

and with the **CoDA (School) prayer group** - the next meeting is **8th September** in the Church Centre Welcome Area. contact Fiona fiona@sinfimoorchurch.org.uk

Smile

Self Service

A report by Southwark News of a visit to Walsingham said: "Afterwards the Bishop walked among crowds eating their picnic lunches."

Choir Concert

The magazine reported that at a recent choir concert, two members of the choir sang a duet - 'The Lord Knows why'. Thanks are due to the vicar's wife who laboured all evening on the piano which as usual fell upon her.

Not on Fridays

At a Theological College it was custom to vary the canticles and psalms from day to day. Announcing Te Deum one morning the Principal, who was rather absent minded began cheerfully: "We Praise Thee, O God", then hastily, "Oh no we don't - it's Friday".

Picnic in the Park



This years we had glorious sunshine at the Picnic at the Park as we placed ourselves in nature to consider the impacts that lives have within it. To engage with our hands with how the good news of Jesus has taken the 'rubbish' of life and transformed it to loving goodness and how we can join in with that transformation work that still needs to be done through his love for all of nature, all of us. There was also some big bubble fun courtesy of the Friends of the Park who hosted the space and us with refreshments.



Upbeat Communities



**URGENT
APPEAL!**

HOSTS NEEDED

Do you live in Derby and have a spare room?

Many refugees are already homeless - your spare room could become someone's safe haven.

Become a host with Upbeat.
www.upbeatcommunities.org/hosting

As a Church we employ Upbeat Clean who are an ethical cleaning company working with asylum seekers and refugees. They ensure that the Church Centre is kept clean and hygienic for all the activities that take place. This year they have been recognised by His Majesty the King for transforming lives through cleaning.



Upbeat Clean is part of Upbeat Communities who are now recruiting for people across Derby who might be willing to open their homes and hearts to someone in need of temporary accommodation.

Host Derby provides accommodation for refugees and people seeking asylum who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness. We match guests to volunteer hosts, who can offer a spare room for a few days to a few months. Each host family can decide how long they host for and how often they take a new guest.

This is a simple but powerful way to offer hope and hospitality to someone when they need it most.

Smile

A three year old who had had enough of kneeling for what seemed to him never-ending prayers in Church, got up wearily and declared "My knees are full!!!"

Seen in a Parish Magazine
"We are all in favour of change as long as it doesn't make ant difference".

Monthly Prayer List for September



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,

Each of our ministers as they support us and the wider parish in Sinfin, Stenson Fields and Boundary Moor Gardens. Also, for all the other roles they work hard to fulfil

- The progress of the new constitution as the Methodist, URC and The Church of England representatives read and hopefully accept it.
- The monthly Community meals the volunteers and all who attend also that the new families that have started to come along to Connect and the meals will continue it has been a real blessing seeing them come and enjoy their time with us.
- For the planning and preparation for new ideas and fresh expressions of faith as it continue with all the wonderful things they are putting in place in and around Boundary Moor Gardens celebrating the amazing diverse community there.
- Pray for all the young people as they return to school as they have changed classes, schools and those going onto college and university. Pray that they will settle well find good friends and everyone will feel accepted by those around them.



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- Thank the Lord that Ian and Melanie had an amazing time with Dom and family.
- 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.
- Angela Leech and family as her mum Jean has gone to be with the Lord. Thank the Lord for her faith and joy in Him.
- There are many people within our church family that need our prayers at present, many waiting for test results those with viruses and ongoing conditions. Not having received actual request for prayer I will not name them but please pray for all those you are aware of.

God bless you all for your faithfulness in praying.



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



Rev'd Fiona Barber - Curate - Update



On social media I follow a page called "The Happy Newspaper". The aim of it is as it says - to share happy news stories in what can feel like relentlessly challenging news! It feels increasingly that we live in a fractured society which struggles to hold any sense of God's Kingdom on our streets and in our communities. With this in mind I propose that we seek out the happy news - the examples of people loving their neighbours and caring for those less fortunate than themselves. That we endeavour to look for goodness on our streets and in our communities. So let me share some happy news!

At the very end of July those who live on Boundary Moor Gardens gathered to celebrate being a community - a multicultural, multi faith, amazing community. An invite was delivered to every household and the responses started pouring in! We had a games area with a game of cricket being hosted by some of the youngsters, the children created a chalk obstacle course on the pavements with "rocks" to jump from and sharks fins to avoid, aiming for the rainbow at the finish line; we had bubbles and throwing contests, henna hand art and an attempt at Bollywood dancing but too many people were shy (next time maybe!!). We shared food from around the world and drank iced mint tea. We laughed and chatted and got to know new neighbours - the last few residents having moved in the week before. Over a hundred people gathered together to celebrate the fabulous diversity and wonderful community we are building together. One lady - who had moved in just that week- shared with me how she'd walked down to look from a distance at what was going on because she'd never heard of anything like it before! She loved making new friends with so many neighbours. To enable that space, to encourage people from such different backgrounds to come together and be alongside their neighbours, to shine a light into what can feel like dark times - this is God at work: this gives me hope. Hope that He **will** overcome the darkness, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." John 1 v 5 (NLT)



Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who attended, and helped in any way at the Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th August, although not quite as busy as the last coffee morning, we managed to raise £388.08 for Church funds.

Well done and thanks again to you all.

Melanie Sant

Refurbished Notice Board

Some of you may have already seen our notice board by the footpath on Arleston Lane has been refurbished and brought up-to-date. It is now looking resplendent again.

The old one was tired and out-of-date and so the decision was made to improve both its appearance and update the information.

Our thanks should go to our Property Steward, Melvin Worton for sorting and overseeing this on our behalf.

Our picture shows one of the sides and it is identical when coming in the opposite direction.



Sinfin Moor Church Mission Statement

"We are a Christian Fellowship
(including Anglican, Methodist and United Reformed ministries)
committed to serving God and sharing the Good News of Jesus with everyone."

Heath Court Services

You are invited to a time of worship at Heath Court at 2.00 pm on the first Friday of every month.

The next Service is on Friday 3rd October.

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



Treasurer's Update

This report is very similar to that I have submitted to the Church Council for their meeting tomorrow evening (8th September).

We are financially OK albeit that the current account is a bit stretched. I am hopeful that this will go some way correcting itself over the coming months, if it doesn't as we approach the end of the year, I will transfer from our deposit account a suitable amount. My reason for being optimistic on this is three-fold. Firstly, our electricity costs will be reduced, secondly, we will start to get an income for the electricity we produce that goes into the national grid and thirdly, the rents for our users rise as they always do in September. We will know more as this develops over the next few months.

As regards our invoices etc. these are all paid; we continue to pay our Assessments to the three denominations on time.

Lloyds Bank have recently moved us from a Treasurer's Account to a Community Account; this means we now pay bank charges which are currently around £10 a month. I have written to Lloyds saying that we are a charity and asked if a Community Account is the correct one for us. Thanks to the help of the Finance Department at the Diocese, I was able to obtain a copy of our Charity Certificate to attach to the letter. I await a response from them on the matter.

As regards the money that we will get for supplying energy to the national grid, these are called FIT payments. The registration process for this is ongoing and should be done over the next couple of weeks (famous last words).

The Solar Panels are paid for, using money from our Deposit Account until the grants have all come in. Having said that, we have received £10,500 from the United Reformed Church as their grant towards our solar panels, this arrived very promptly on 21st August. The grant of £10,000 from the Derby Methodist Circuit has been delayed because they now want us to go through their 'Consents' procedure. I don't yet know what that is or how involved it is as I cannot access it. I have written to the Circuit Superintendent Rev'd Tracey Harris as I was instructed to do. She has written to those who control this and that is where we are up to. I await further information as to what to do. We still await the £5,000 for the Give to Go **Green** campaign from the Anglicans despite us completing this appeal in May and they have assured us they have all the information they need in order to pay it, we just have to be patient.

Ian Sant - Treasurer

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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.

September Diary Dates

Sunday 7 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion.
Monday 8 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (everyone welcome).
	7.00 pm	Church Council Meeting.
Sunday 14 th	10.00 am	Anniversary Morning Worship with Bishop Malcolm preaching.
Monday 15 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (everyone welcome)
Sunday 21 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Cafe Church and Communion.
Monday 21 st	10.00 am	Connect Group (everyone welcome).
Sunday 28 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Service
Monday 28 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (everyone welcome).
Thursday 2 nd October		Closing date for things to go in the October 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.

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 Girls aged 14 - 18 years

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