



Sinfin Moor Church

Arleston Lane, Sinfin Moor, Derby DE24 3DH

A Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) serving

Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields

October 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.



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 **Ian Sant** who is also projecting, **Wendy Stower** is providing the music for the hymns and **Margaret Platt** is on sound.

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

Anne George is our reader and the reading is:

Exodus 16 v 1-26

(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.

Paul's Piece

As I write, this week I have been in conversation with people and organisations, friends, who are being attacked because they are, or they are helping someone from a different culture. Attacked verbally, physically, emotionally and mentally. Being called derogatory names, having bricks thrown through the windows of their homes, feeling scared, living in fear of their lives, and having to increase security around the places they meet and work. The aggressors are those who live on this same island as I, the United Kingdom. It is incredibly disturbing. It is not part of the faith in Christ that I know, that our church, or the Christian denominations that are our partners in this area of Sinfin Moor, Stenson Fields and the Infinity Garden Village housing recognise. Yet the Christian faith is being used, by some, as part of the reasons for the aggression.

The rhetoric behind the aggression simplifies, for some, very complex issues that are not only within the UK borders but beyond and affecting many other people around the world. Issues that need to be engaged with and worked through, not avoided or dismissed. Aggression, whatever form it takes, is not going to be part of any sustainable solution. The Christian faith trusts in Jesus Christ, who suffered unjust violence to bring about a just and lasting peace that we can experience now, and experience fully, when as the bible puts it, **'God is all in all'** (1 Corinthians 15.8). We are called to receive and give of that peace now and be part of Gods story, reflecting His identity of love, even in what can be an unloving time and place. The Christian faith also extends our actions and words into all our futures, raising our heads, hearts and hands to a beautiful time and place of being with **"a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb"**. (Revelation 7.9)



Julia Kendal, has spent over a decade working for and with NGOs, universities, think tanks, faith and grassroots groups to engage people locally, nationally and internationally with social and environmental justice. As a writer and social justice advocate Julia writes

“Reflecting on the news, I find myself thinking about the signs of a different kind of kingdom, one that transgresses national borders. In the Bible there's the story of one man who died once for all the world. And in dying, he brought forth his kingdom – one that crosses boundary lines to be truly global. The signs of this kingdom are not division or disconnection but peace and justice, joy and comfort, healing and presence.”

..... As Harvey Kwiyani, a theologian from Malawi, puts it: “We are all welcome to God’s kingdom with our unique cultures. Being in the kingdom of God does not erase our cultural differences... The kingdom of God finds its fullest expression in intercultural mutuality. It is a multicultural kingdom.” The kingdom of God in all its richness – that’s a tempting proposition.

It’s easy to see that we aren’t living in the fullness of this yet. But the world is not a static place. One metaphor used to describe the kingdom of God is yeast; living cultures filling the dough, making it rise. This is an image that is expansive, generous. The kingdom isn’t wholly realised yet, but we can see more and more of it.

..... The kingdom is bigger than our individual lives, churches or communities; recognising this helps us to break out of a fortress mentality. So far, this century has been marked by fortification. As well as the raising of flags, there have also been walls. At the end of the second world war there were fewer than five border walls; there are now more than 70, most of them built in the last two decades. But the kingdom of God offers a view of home that is not about defence, not about perimeters, or even places. It’s a relationship with God, who made and sustains this world, who crosses the divide to meet each of us. In meeting him, we can partner together in seeing more of his kingdom on this earth.”

On our new signs outside the Church Centre building there is a watchword – **‘You are always welcome’**. What do we mean by this? – whichever culture, social class, country you were born in, God welcomes you into His kingdom. You are welcome whenever, we welcome you into His kingdom.

The Bishop of Derby Badge

On Sunday 14th September there was a Celebration of Lay Mission in local Ministry at Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby. A service celebrating ministry and service in the church community, where the Bishop of Derby Badges presented, recognising the distinguished service and dedication of many individuals contributing in Jesus name to the mission of the church.



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Keith Jennison was presented a badge by the Right Rev'd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby for the significant contribution over the 50 + years of the life of Sinfin Moor Church. Keith has been a Church Warden, organised flower festivals and photo competitions, been in pantomimes, been instrumental in the care of the Church Centre and served on the Church Council. These are just some of the ways he has participated in the life of Sinfin Moor Church.



On Sunday 5th October, due to the numbers attending, there will be another celebration service where Doreen Hickman will also be presented with a Bishop of Derby Badge in recognition of her distinguished and dedicated service to the life of Sinfin Moor Church – pictures to follow.

Community Meals and Connect



COMMUNITY MEALS AND CONNECT

SINFIN MOOR CHURCH CENTRE

Arleston Lane, Sinfín, Derby, DE24 3DH.

For more details: 07958 618507

MONDAY

CONNECT
10AM-1PM

FREE
Hot meal

12-2PM
Nov 3rd to
March 30th

Refreshments,
space for families,
board games and
activities.



Do you know someone who may benefit from connecting with others and doesn't know about Connect and Community meals? We now have provision for young families and this 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. Or space for you to sit back enjoy a hot drink and refreshments if that's your preference. From November 3rd there is a free hot meal and dessert each week– 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.

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.

*"the first great and primary business to which I ought to attend to everyday is,
to have my soul happy in the Lord"*

George Muller

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 **October 6th 3pm** in the Church Centre Welcome Area. contact Fiona fiona@sinfinoorchurch.org.uk

Harvest Celebration

Sunday 12th October 10.00am we will be celebrating Harvest and this year the proceeds will be going to the **Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance**. Please bring your contributions to the service

DF4TA writes;

Child poverty in Derby remains a heartbreaking reality. Recent data shows that 38.3% of all children in Derby city are living in poverty, and the figure is rising. In Derby South, the picture is even starker, with 47.6% of children growing up in poverty. Too many families are forced to choose between heating their homes, paying bills and feeding their children. Your generosity makes a direct difference.



At

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance (DF4TA) we work alongside 17 partner organisations across the city, making sure donations reach the places they're needed most. Your Harvest gifts help keep our partners stocked with essentials so they can provide vital, dignified support to children and families experiencing hardship.

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance

You can also help tackle food poverty during your weekly shop.



Use the free BanktheFood app to donate smarter: download the app, search for Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance, and see our live “most-needed” list and nearby drop-off points.

Download the app for free, it's simple and quick to set up.

Get alerts on your smartphone while you shop - the app lets you know the urgent needs of your chosen food bank as you arrive at the supermarket.

Donate smartly - buy and donate items that are really needed to make balanced emergency food parcels, and drop them off at your local collection point (often situated after you have been through the tills).

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference.

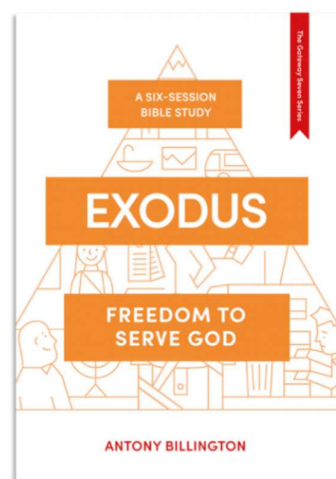
Exodus: Freedom to serve God (added poem for the current preaching series)

Freedom's Slave.

Drawn by the courts of kindness.
I bind myself today.
To be tide and tethered to the tender care.
Of the one who declares me free.

To be fastened to you is freedom, God.
To be anchored is emancipation
Held hard to heart that hammers for me
Hemmed in by the posts of your passion

This is the recipe
For authentic liberty
To relinquish my rights
And find Intimacy
By choice I lay down



My Licence to choose
Resolving to use
Each instrument
of privilege and power
To take pleasure
In the preference of others

Through the bars of our cages.
We see you, God:
An eagle in flight
Defining freedom
The ground beneath our feet is groaning
Crying out for liberation.
Yet louder still, we hear your voice.
Singing out the names
Of slaves unchained

Drawn by the courts of kindness.
I bind myself today.
To be tide and tethered to the tender care.
Of the one who declares me free

Taken from - I see a new city: Poems of place and possibility. Gerard Kelly.

Sinfin Moor Church

We are a Christian Fellowship
committed to serving God
and sharing the good news of Jesus with everyone

Some Save the dates

Sunday October 5th – Bishops Badge Award @ Derby Cathedral 2.,30pm – Doreen Hickman will be receiving a Bishops Badge

Sunday October 12th 10.00am– Harvest celebration followed by a light lunch and Church open meeting

Monday October 13th 11.15am – Jean Mathews Memorial service

Sunday 9th November 10.00am – Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 30th November 3pm – Memorial Service

Heath Court

One thing my daughter and I have in common, apart from loving her children and grandchildren, is Charity shops. In an article in the monthly newsletter at Heath Court I read the following:-

Fashion is the worlds' second largest polluter after the oil industry. The clothes we buy have a hidden cost. Fabric production creates an estimated 1.2 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent per year – that's more than international flights and maritime shipping combined,

Polyester, which is the most common fibre in modern clothing, is a plastic made from oil, and takes 200 years to break down. Polyester microfibres are released in every wash and account for 85% of all human debris found on shorelines around the world.

Even natural fibres such as cotton have a heavy footprint, using tens of thousands of litres of water to grow just a kilo at a time. It is estimated each time a new pair of jeans is made, an estimated 16.2kg of CO2 is emitted – the equivalent of driving 58 miles in a car. And yet, every second, a lorry-load of clothes is discarded to be burnt or sent to landfill.

Patric Grant, from The Great British Sewing Bee, is recorded as saying "We have enough clothing on the planet right now to clothe the next six generations of the human race: we have to find ways of using what we've got."

I, a self-confessed clothes-aholic, found this a shock to my system. David Attenborough says that we are the generation who can see what we and previous generations have done to this lovely planet, and we are the generation who can do something about it. Even a small individual change in habits can make a difference.

Mountains can be moved, albeit only one rock at a time. Too many people use rocks to hide under or toss at the unwary. Whilst curtailing my shopping may only be a pebble, it is one of the things I can do. Let's show the younger generation a good example when it comes to saving the planet God has given us.

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.



Open Meeting and Lunch

After our Harvest Festival Service on 12th October, we will be holding our Annual Open Meeting, where we will be updating the congregation on various aspect of Church life that have and are going to take place, it is also a time when questions can be asked by the congregation, the meeting usually lasts around an hour, you are then invited to stay for a lunch of soup and a roll followed by an excellent choice of cake. If you would like to stay we need to know numbers beforehand so please place your name on the list which is hung on the board in the middle bay.

Thank you

Melanie

Duty Rotas

Please can anyone help cover the coffee rota, if you would like more information just ask. We have lost 2 people and this is going to make it harder to cover on a Sunday morning, it may come to us setting up but you may have to help yourselves.

If anyone is interested on helping on any of the rotas, please ask for more information of what you have to do. Welcome rota, greeting people, Intersession Prayers and Bible Readers please let me know if interested.

Thank you

Julie Froggatt

Remembrance celebration

We will need help to decorate the church, Saturday 8th from 5.00 p.m. If anyone is available that would be good. Also help will be needed in the kitchen to serve tea and coffee etc. on the Sunday before and Saturday and Sunday of Remembrance weekend. If anyone can help with this, please have a word with me I would be so grateful.

Thank you

Anne George



MONTHLY PRAYER LIST FOR OCTOBER

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 continues with all the wonderful things they are putting in place in and around Boundary Moor Gardens celebrating the amazing diverse community there.
- 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 and let his pre-op goes really well.
- It was great getting the following prayer requests, it really helps to keep the prayer letter updated.
- Tricia Clegg as she awaits her test results. Lord, we pray for Your peace to be with Tricia and Bob.
- 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.
- Jacquie that her energy levels may increase and that she really feels Our Lord's presence during this time and support for Mel too.
- For Dom, Sequoia, Abi, Emma and Isaac pray that the Lord helps them to work through the recent trauma they experienced.
- Please pray for Pat McDonald to have a calm and peaceful mind and for David to have the strength, and grace to cope
- 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
- Please pray for Rita as she comes to terms with her latest diagnosis and for Rita and John for God's peace, strength and provision at this time.
- Thank you again for the prayer requests, it would be great if we could also have answer to prayers too, it would be GREAT to be able to include some good news.
- 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



Curates October Update 2025



They say a picture can say a thousand words. So, this month I'd like to share some pictures that I feel tell a story of somewhere very wonderful. I have the immense privilege of providing a reflective space within Ash Croft Primary Academy - this is the third year we have done this. But as in all things - especially in schools - things change very rapidly as numbers of students rise and fall and different needs emerge.

This first picture shows the reflective space, which is called Pause, back in June.

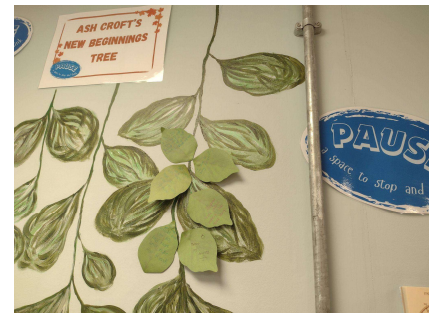


But, because of building work we lost our space - here it is as I took it all down in July. But as well as losing our permanent space, we also faced another change as the headteacher went on maternity leave. We prayed over the summer that we would be invited back in September and for the uncertainty of where our space may be.



In answer to our prayers, the new headteacher welcomed us again and we started the term in a temporary space in the Library with a small wall space. But we make the most of what is offered.

Please pray for the Reflective Space - needs have changed again within the school and we may once again need to rethink how we provide this space but it continues to be a joy to go into school every Thursday and those children who come into the space really appreciate the time to stop and chat and reflect.



Nothing is certain in all we do but one constant we do have is God alongside us.

"Ask and it will be given; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7) It may not always be what we expect but it will be what God knows is needed.

Smile Time (or grimace)

Here are the Notices

The youth group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7.00 p.m. You are invited to attend this tragedy.

From the Mouths of Babes

A little boy attended a church service for the first time with his grandmother. When the collection plate was passed along the pew, the grandmother put some coins in it. The little boy piped up: "I'm not five yet gran - you needn't pay for me"

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Diary Dates - October

Sunday 5 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion.
Monday 6 th	10.00 am	Connect Group/Community Meals (all welcome).
Sunday 12 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship..
Monday 15 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).
Sunday 19 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion.
Monday 20 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome)
Sunday 26 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
Monday 27 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).

Thursday 30th October Closing date for items to go in the November 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 st Monday hot meal 10.00 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)
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

Connect Coffee Morning

Jean Desborough (07415 671004)

SMC Friendship Club	Eirlys Smith (07872 623000)
Brownies	Fran Dolby (<a href="mailto:39<sup>th</sup>derby@gmail.com">39thderby@gmail.com) Girls aged 7 - 10 years
Guides	Amanda Jenkins (07832 771823) Girls aged 10 - 14 years.
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Yoga Class	Spencer George

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