



# Sinfin Moor Church

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

## January 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.



### Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2026

For our **Morning Communion Service** today, the Worship Leader is **Rev'd Gael Browne** and our Communion is presided by **Rev'd Raymond Lunt**.

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

The Vestry Steward today is **Ian Sant**, if you have any queries or need anything announcing, please speak to him.

**Anne George** is our reader and the readings are:

Luke 15: 11-32

1 Corinthians 11: 17-22

(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

## Happy New Year !

As we enter into the life of the new year 2026 with a blessing for happiness, into a time where none of us has been before, we have another immeasurable opportunity to share faith in God's goodness. Among the many ways we can practically live this is to continue to bless and be a blessing. What do I mean?



**“the action of blessing represents a reflection of God’s intent that another person flourish, and a prayer for them to come into God’s life in all its fulness, as defined by God”**

*Blessing - By Dr Isabelle Hamley*

When we greet one another, friends, neighbours and even strangers with a 'Happy New Year' we're offering a mini-blessing. We're wanting the recipient of our greeting and wishes to enjoy the days, months and year ahead. It's our goodwill gesture to those we know and meet. When we ask, pray, or speak blessing for someone from our trust in God there's an enhanced reality of strength in the blessing. We are joining in the very nature of God, who is love, and fulfilling something of that love for the world God has.

Jesus, the child born at Christmas, has enabled us to continually celebrate the love that has been gifted to us. Through His life, with us and for us, we are being drawn into immeasurable goodness and love. Can there be a better start to the immeasurable unknowns of the year ahead than to bless with the immeasurable love of God?

You may want to use the blessing in this newsletter as a prayer for someone you know, as I will be praying for each one who reads this first newsletter of 2026.

May you be blessed in all your blessings.

*Paul*





The blessing of God break out around you

His grace astound you

His goodness ground you

The light of his smiling face around you

His Miracles remake and remould you

His mercies hold you

His perfect peace enfold you

May you be blessed in urban vibrancy

blessed in rural beauty.

In fruitfulness

In artfulness

In playfulness be blessed

Blessed in occupation

Blessed in recreation

In zest and rest

Your speed and stillness be blessed

In sleeping as in waking

In walking as in working

May every breath you breathe

Be breathed as blessing

Your body's every cell be blessed.

The marrow of your bones

Your bread baskets

Your drawing boards

The saucepans of your homes

Each project and proposal

Every castle in your air

Your pipes of dreams

Your sky of Pies

The differences you dare

May each in their delivery

Be Blessed.

The blessing of God break out around you.

His grace astound you.

His goodness ground you.

The light of his smiling face surround you.

May peace be yours

*'Breakout' by Gerard Kelly in 'I see a New City'. Poems of place and possibility*

### Update from Upbeat Clean

This month we wanted to include a story of one of the community partners that we work with and who share our values.

Sinfin Moor Church employs Winnie from Upbeat Clean to ensure that we are providing a clean quality space for all the Church Centre Users. Through Upbeat Clean we are also helping provide a Living Wage and making a positive impact for people who face big challenges.



Not sure who Upbeat Clean are? - Upbeat Clean is a charity-owned commercial cleaning business that provides excellent service to companies and churches in Derby.

Upbeat Clean was established by Upbeat Communities who have served refugee communities in Derby for over 15 years, seeking to help people who have fled their countries rebuild their lives here in Derby.

Upbeat Communities was aware that refugee women, who have shown such resilience and bravery in supporting their families through traumatic events, often have a real challenge finding flexible work that fits around childcare. This often leads to years of unemployment and the serious challenges that come with that. After considering dozens of Social Enterprise

opportunities, we started Upbeat Clean to provide flexible, 'Real Living Wage' employment that can help refugee women and others support their families and rebuild their lives.

Here's Upbeat Clean latest update and a story of another one of their workers



RECOGNISED BY THE KING How our social enterprise Upbeat Clean transforms the lives of refugees like Crystal

*"I couldn't speak English when I came here. I didn't even understand the numbers when I had to buy something. People were laughing at me in the shop because I didn't know how to pay."*

This is Crystal's story of finding employment with Upbeat Clean while rebuilding her life in the UK.

Upbeat Clean is one of two social enterprises run by Upbeat Communities, the other being Derby Language School. Both exist to offer outstanding services, and fulfilling, ethical employment—in partnership with some of the biggest companies in Derby.

Crystal is one of many refugee women whose lives have been utterly transformed after encountering Upbeat.

*"The first day in a new country, you feel good. But after that, you feel like you are alone. To be new in a country is not easy. You arrive and you have no friends, no family at all. Upbeat helped me a lot, beyond English classes. The volunteer who befriended me helped me to understand what to do when I was pregnant. She gave me baby clothes and essentials. Upbeat was like my second family."*

As Crystal slowly began to rebuild her life in the UK, raise a family, and learn to speak English fluently, Upbeat supported her into employment.

*"My friend told me about a job opportunity as a cleaner. At first, I didn't know it was Upbeat. But when I met Michael, I realised it was the same person who helped me before, in the English classes. It felt like a full circle moment. I started my first job in the UK at the same place where I had first learned to speak English. Now, I am so happy to be able to provide for my family. When I get paid money, each time, I can do something for my kids."*

We are delighted that Upbeat Clean has been recognised by the King, receiving the King's Award for Enterprise—the highest official UK award for British businesses.

Upbeat Clean is the first company in Derbyshire to do so. It's our privilege to partner with some fantastic organisations across the city to genuinely transform lives through cleaning, empowering people like Crystal to step into their full potential.

Upbeat Communities has a long history of innovation as a charity. Since we began in 2005, we have always sought to be led by those seeking sanctuary, listening to their needs and responding with lasting solutions.

As we journeyed with people to support them to rebuild their lives, it became clear that finding meaningful employment was a huge challenge—particularly for refugee women.

Women like Crystal were experiencing barrier after barrier to accessing work, from language difficulties, to needing to care for children around their working hours.

All our cleaners are able to gain a Real Living Wage, mentoring opportunities and supported employment, all while having the flexibility to maintain a balanced family life. We are absolutely delighted that our cleaners have been recognised for their excellence by the King, and we are excited for what the future holds for each of these incredible women.



You can find more about Upbeat Clean at their website <https://www.upbeatclean.co.uk/>

Chase the **blues** away...  
with **red, orange, purple & pink!**

COMMUNITY MEALS  
SINFEN MOOR CHURCH CENTRE  
Arleston Lane, Sinfen, Derby, DE24 3DH  
MONDAY 19TH January 2026.

Hot meal  
12-2PM

Warm Welcome Week

Warm Welcome Spaces

SINFEN MOOR CHURCH

For more details: 07958 618507

January can be a challenging time of year for everyone for all sorts of reasons. That's why at Connect and the Community Meals we give 'Blue Monday' a colourful makeover in **Warm Welcome Week**. We ask everyone at the Community Meals on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January** to wear **warm** colours and get creative with **pinks, oranges, reds, and purples** to chase the **blues** away.



Our volunteers all love a bit of colour and  
enjoyed a *Christmas Carvery* courtesy of Greene King in December!

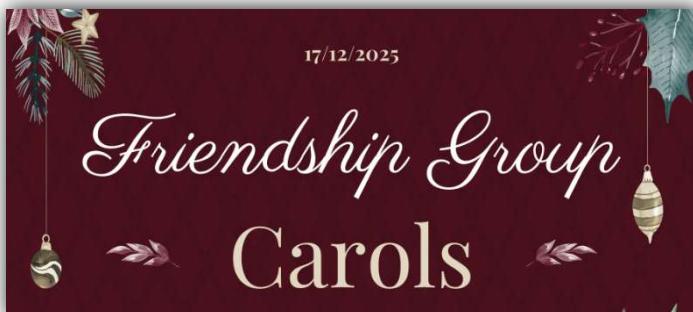
Christmas 2025 montage - images of living the Sinfin Moor Vision;  
Serving God and sharing the Good News of Jesus with everyone



Heath Court - Nativity



Christmas Community Meals - Ashcroft Primary Academy Nativity



## Christmas Carol Service



Carols in the Park -  
Nativity



Boundary Moor Gardens - Posada

Midnight Holy Communion



Christmas Day



## 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.

*"Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of Containing God's gift of himself."*  
- Mother Theresa

Other opportunities to 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 **January 12<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm** in the Church Centre Welcome Area. contact Fiona [fiona@sinfinmoorchurch.org.uk](mailto:fiona@sinfinmoorchurch.org.uk)



Rev Fiona's Update



As one of the curates in Sinfin Moor, a lot of my role here is seeking ways to build community and share God's story on the new housing estates in our parish. Those that live here are of all faiths and culture and so I need to think 'out of the box' as to how to draw neighbours from across the world together.

In the past we've done carol singing and Christingle to share the story of Jesus' birth but this year we did an adapted version of the Mexican tradition called Las Posadas. The tradition commemorates Mary and Joseph's difficult walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a warm place to stay. (Posadas is Spanish for lodgings) From December 16th to the 24th the whole village walks from home to home dressed as angels and shepherds asking if they can stay. Having been turned away they reach the designated house and are invited in for food and celebrations and the retelling of the Christmas story.

On the estate we did "A Journey to Christmas" starting with the figures from a nativity scene of Mary, Joseph and the Donkey. We walked through the estate knocking on doors (mostly of the Food & Faith members) asking if there was room. There was no room but each house gave us another nativity figure - shepherds and sheep, angels and wise people. As we walked we talked about their part in the story and we finished at our 'stable' - the gazebo, festooned with fairy lights waiting to offer us a welcome with hot chocolate, mulled wine, mince pies and singing.

As the Christmas busyness fades away this January, join me in praying that the story of how God 'moved into our neighbourhood' (John 1:14 The Message translation) will remain in the hearts and minds of those that encountered Him, walking with friends and neighbours through the streets of their estate one cold December evening.



And even when our journey feels difficult - like Mary and Joseph's - may we all know that God is with us.



With every blessing.

*Fiona*



## MONTHLY PRAYER LIST FOR JANUARY

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all had a great Christmas as we celebrated the birth of our saviour.  
Let us pray for a peaceful and healthy 2026, Thanking father God for all He has done in 2025 and will do in 2026  
Thanking him that Tricia has now completed her treatment and all went well.

Thanking Him for Fiona having an extended placement to continue the wonderful work she has started in Boundary Moor Gardens, for the connection with Ashcroft School and the prayer space.

May He Bless her and help her to build on the wonderful foundations that have been laid in each of these areas.

Let us be thankful for each of the church services, thanking all who lead and prepared for the success of each one.

Pray for each of our church leaders that God will guide and protect them in all they do. Pray for their families too as all the outreach they do affects each member of their family too. Pray for patience and grace as they release them to do the work the Lord ordained for them to do.

Pray for continued growth of relationship with Redwood School and other schools in the area. For each of the Churches within Sinfín that we can build on relationships and connections with each other.

As we look forward to starting the new season of getting deeper into God's word and discovering who we are and who we can be in Him. Pray for each of the leaders as they prepare for the Holy Habits that they are blessed as they bless others. Help us to totally commit to getting closer to God and His word.

Pray for World leaders and ask for wisdom, perseverance to work towards Peace, Grace and Wisdom in all they do. Help each one to stand up for what is needed to bring an end to wars and the exploitation of those unable to defend themselves.

Pray for all who are displaced and affected by war and tyranny to get the help they need. Especially our brothers and sisters around the world who are being persecuted, tortured and killed for their belief in you, give our government and those at work with the asylum seekers and refugees the wisdom to acknowledge those who are genuinely in fear of their lives and need help. Let them provide for what they need, with care and compassion.

Pray for all those within our church family that are struggling with ill health at this time, Pat MacDonald to have peace and for the right treatment to help her to be calm  
John Keith who is quite poorly

We have received some very sad news this week that Hazel has gone to be with the Lord. Sad for us but joyful for Hazel. No more pain, no more sorrow. Can we please pray for her family and friends that they will receive support and comfort from all those around them and that they will know the peace that only our Father can bring .

All those who are struggling with ill health, physical and emotional.

For all who are struggling financially give them the help they need and the peace to know You are our provider.

Pray for members of our church who are no longer able to attend our services. Pray that they will know they are still in our thoughts and prayers.

For all the young people that they will seek you as they struggle with many areas of their life.

Pray that God will put the right people around them.

Pray for pupils and staff as they return to school that they can keep healthy and safe

Prayer is our most powerful tool when we pray in true faith even faith as big as a mustard seed how do I know? It's because the Bible tells us so.

Thank you for your commitment to pray and lets make a difference in 2026



Please remember to get in touch for any prayer requests

My contact for any prayer requests is, Glenn Roe Mobile 07949654286 email,  
[roeglennard@gmail.com](mailto:roeglennard@gmail.com)

## Some Save the dates

### 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.



### 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!



### Duty Rotas

Can I please just ask again if anyone can 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.

Also, if anyone is interested in helping on any of the rotas below, please ask for more information of what you have to do. Welcome rota, greeting people, Intersession Prayers, Bible Readers and help with setting out the chairs for Sunday services please let me know.

Thank you

**Julie Froggatt**

## ***Smile Time (or grimace)***

### Heard but not seen

A tiny lady was guest preacher. After  
A few minutes she called: "Can you  
Hear me at the back?" A voice replied:  
"We can hear you, hen. We jus canna  
See you".

### This and That

The vicar visited a patient in hospital  
Who was recovering from a very serious  
Operation. He was met with the words  
"I vaguely remember you coming  
yesterday and thinking 'I can't be in  
Heaven because there is the vicar'".

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### Diary Dates - January

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Connect Group/Community Meals (all welcome).
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Connect Group/Community Meal (all welcome).
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sunday Morning Communion
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Connect Group/Community Meal (all welcome).
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Connect Group/Community Meal (all welcome).

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Closing date for items to go in the February 2026 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 (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)
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**

<b>Asian Men</b>	Mr Pabla (07845 891442)
<b>Over 60's Group</b>	Mr Gurdev Dhillon (07772 680827)
<b>Footlights Stage School</b>	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)

<b>Connect Coffee Morning</b>	Jean Desborough (07415 671004)
<b>SMC Friendship Club</b>	Eirlys Smith (07872 623000)
<b>Brownies</b>	Fran Dolby ( <a href="mailto:39thderby@gmail.com">39<sup>th</sup>derby@gmail.com</a> ) Girls aged 7 - 10 years
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<b>Slimming World</b>	Zoe Hayward (07312 085137)
<b>Yoga Class</b>	Spencer George

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