



Sinfin Moor Church

Arleston Lane, Sinfin Moor, Derby DE24 3DH
A Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) serving
Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields

April 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.



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.

Hi everyone

First of all, HAPPY EASTER.

Secondly, the May newsletter will not be published until **10th May** as neither Ian nor myself are available the first week in May. If anyone wishes to have anything included can you please let me have it by **Thursday 7th May** at the latest.

Thank you

Joy

Paul's Piece

Happy Easter—what a day of joy!

Happy Resurrection Day—hope bursting into life!

Happy Freedom Day—chains broken, hearts set free!

Happy Love-of-God Day—love poured out without measure!

Happy New Life Day—fresh beginnings overflowing!

Happy Forgiveness Day—grace that wipes the slate clean!

Happy Reconciliation Day—God drawing us close again!

Happy Near-to-God Day—His presence so wonderfully near!

Happy Finding-Grace Day—grace meeting us right where we are!

Happy Living-for-God Day—purpose renewed and strengthened!

Happy Life-by-Faith Day—trust rising with every breath!

Happy Freedom-from-Fear Day—peace replacing every worry!

Happy Life-with-Christ Day—walking in His light every moment!

Happy Joy-of-Jesus Day—celebration overflowing!



How full our hearts can be today, Easter Sunday!

How deeply we can sense the wonder of what this day means!

How brightly we can feel God's love, freely given to us!

How joyfully we can believe—Jesus is risen today!

May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

has given us the victory,

give you joy and peace in your faith;

Connecting with the City of Derby Academy

As immediate neighbours of the Church Centre a number of us a regularly intentionally pray for the school, the staff, pupils and all who work there and this will continue.



As a pilot initiative, we are partnering with Sporting Communities to host **ten weekly sessions**, beginning **Tuesday 14th April at 3:30pm**, offering a welcoming and safe space for young people in the Church Centre. These sessions will be led initially by Sporting Communities staff and supported by volunteers from our church family.

We would love to hear from anyone who feels called to be involved. In particular, we are seeking volunteers to help serve refreshments during the pilot period. If you—or someone you know—might be interested, please contact **Paul** or **Gael**.

As this project develops, we anticipate further opportunities to serve and additional roles emerging. Please join us in praying for continued wisdom and discernment as we explore how best to support and connect with the young people in our local community.

Community Meals

Over the winter months, our **Community Meals and Connect** programme has welcomed more than **1,500 visits**. We have hosted a **monthly pop-up pharmacy**, served **1,350 meals** prepared by the YMCA, enjoyed a **Nativity performance by Ashcroft Primary School**, and taken part in the **National Warm Welcome Initiative**, helping to highlight the need for warm, safe spaces across the UK. We have also provided **emergency food parcels**, offered **Energy Advice**, **Health Watch**, **Pharmacist Advice**, a **Benefits Awareness event**, and offered **Half term family activities**—most importantly—seen many new people join and friendships formed and strengthened.

Scam emails and texts

A number of scam emails have been received claiming to be from the church or ministers recently. No requests for money are ever made from the church via emails or text. Please check your emails before replying that they are from the known email addresses.

Here is further advice from the Government

Report internet scams and phishing

Report misleading websites, emails, phone numbers, phone calls or text messages you think may be suspicious.

Do not give out private information (such as bank details or passwords), reply to text messages, download attachments or click on any links in emails if you're not sure they're genuine.

Emails

Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk.

The [National Cyber Security Centre \(NCSC\)](#) will investigate it.

Text messages

Forward suspicious text messages to 7726 - it's free.

This will report the message to your mobile phone provider.



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.

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 **March 9th 2.30pm** in the Church Centre Welcome Area. contact Fiona fiona@sinfimoorchurch.org.uk



So, what is a...
LIBRARY OF THINGS



A library of things is a place where people can go to borrow tools and other useful "things" similarly to borrowing a book from a library. If you've ever needed a jet washer, wanted to do a one-off carpet clean, don't have space to store a lawn mower, fancy some family fun with a popcorn maker or want to do your bit to help the environment then Library of Things is for you! Run by the community, for the community we're bringing this not-for-profit initiative to Derby.

HOW IT WORKS



Could you...
DONATE A "THING"

Having a house or garage clear out? Got something you rarely use? If so we're on the hunt for donations of things for our library including:

- DIY Tools
- Power Tools
- Cleaning Tools
- Gardening Tools
- Hobby & Craft Kit
- Holiday & Camping Gear
- Bakeware
- Other Things (suggestions welcome...)

If you'd like to donate (or buy) a thing please fill in the form on our website.

Interested in...
VOLUNTEERING WITH US



Feel passionate about this concept and want to help make it happen? There's lots of ways to get involved with varying time commitments, including:

- Tool Pickups
- PAT Testing
- Software Loading
- Library Operations Volunteers
- Social Media Support
- Website Help
- Graphic Design
- Accountancy

Our next find out more pub night: Wednesday 25th March, The New Pin pub, Chellaston, 19:00 – 21:00



Keen to...
HOST A BRANCH

We're aiming to open our first branch in Chellaston and are exploring other venues in Derby. Over time we'd like to open branches all around the city so that our service is easily accessible to everyone. If you're interested in hosting a branch of library of things where you are or have an idea for somewhere that might make be a great venue please do get in touch via our website or email.





Rev Fiona's Update



On February 28th I was licensed as Associate Pioneer Minister for Sinfin Moor. What a joy it was and what an answer to prayer. I feel so very privileged to continue to minister in this place alongside the community and at Sinfin Moor Church.



I chose, for the licensing, 1 Corinthians 13 - a passage used frequently at weddings because it speaks of love. I chose it because the words of Paul in this letter to the Corinthians are words that are designed to help them to live well as a community. It starts with the words: "If I could speak all the languages of earth and angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." Whatever we think we are good at - whatever we think we have achieved or are doing - if we don't love others, it's all nothing - just pointless noise!

This passage holds the very essence of my ministry in the community - on Boundary Moor Gardens, in Ash Croft Primary School, at Sinfin Moor Church and our hopes for Infinity Garden Village. The call to show God's love and story by loving those around us. All people, not just those like us.



This week as I've visited neighbours and wished many Eid Mubarak as their fasting of Ramadan came to a close - I am reminded again of this passage from 1 Corinthians. The final verse says:

"Three things will last forever - faith, hope and love -
and the greatest of these is love."

Faith in the Lord. Our hope in Christ, our Saviour. And love for all those made in His image.

As we celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, may our hearts be filled with faith, hope and love.

With every blessing.

Fiona

Derby City Vision Service

Revd. Gael Browne

Some of you may know that as clergy, we gather with other churches and partners across the city for a monthly gathering (and occasional lunch) to share good news of what God is doing in our city, bring prayer requests before God, and to worship. It's a really encouraging time, with so many cultures and denominations represented. We have CofE, Methodist, URC, Salvation Army, Assemblies of God, Baptist, free churches, and more! These spaces are always places of encouragement and unity as we petition God on behalf of Derby.

Some of you may also remember various times when, organised by Derby City Vision, Christians from across the city have gathered on a large scale to worship, encourage, share fellowship, and hear the word of God. I can remember one such time as a child in the old Assembly Rooms, and I have memories of it being such a blessing on my faith journey - to see and know that I was part of something much, much bigger than just my own local church. That, in fact, others across Derby are working to see God's kingdom come here on earth, and any sense of loneliness I may have had as a young Christian in our society was very quickly thwarted!

Well, DCV are hosting a free event on May 17th at the Vaillant Live in Colyear Street. They have hired the building so that we might join, over 2,000 Christians in our city, to worship God together in unity. Further information is on the poster sheet provided, but I will be going with the family and would love to encourage you to join us as a contingent from SMC. Because of the start time and allowing for travel, this would be *in place of* attending the 10 am service.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME, I NEED TO KNOW **BY FRIDAY 10TH APRIL**, SO THAT I CAN BOOK TICKETS, SO WE CAN ALL SIT TOGETHER.

My number is: 07405 922557

Don't worry about lifts - we can liaise and sort those out. It will be a very joyful outing! Please consider coming or get in touch with me for more details ☺

ONE



WHAT IS IT?

At a time when the world can feel divided, we are coming together as one! This is a powerful moment for our city, as more than 2,000 people from across generations, denominations, and backgrounds gather in unity.

Together, we'll lift our voices in worship, pray and hear an inspiring, hope-filled message from J John. We'll celebrate stories of transformation and share in the joy of baptisms, as well as discover the incredible work of charities making a difference across our city.

The heart of our gathering is expressed in Ephesians 4:4-6: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

WE'D LOVE YOU TO BE THERE - EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WHEN:

11.00am - 12.30pm, 17th May 2026 (Doors open at 10am)

WHERE:

Vaillant Live, 2 Colyear St, Derby DE1 1LA

BOOKING:

Tickets are free. Please book your seats at www.derbycityvision.org. The link will take you to ticketmaster so you can choose your where you'd like to sit. Please do book seats and if needed cancel them so we know how many are coming.

BAPTISMS:

We would love to baptise anyone from across the city who feels that this is the next step for them in their journey of faith. This will be a powerful witness of lives transformed and a witness to our city of one church. If you're interested or would like to know more please contact Anna on the email below.

FOR MORE INFO OR ANY QUESTIONS:

Please email anna.mann@stwderby.org and follow us on social media: search Derby City Vision on Instagram, Tiktok and Facebook.





Boundary Moor Gardens {Wednesday lunchtime}

The "Jacket Potato Club"

Gathering to eat whether with family or friends or community acts as a powerful social glue that not only enhances physical and mental well-being but fosters a strong spiritual trust and builds lasting connections.

Our Holy Habits group led by Fiona along with Ken, Joan, Cathy, Lauren and Chris have been meeting at Fiona's house on Boundary Moor Gardens on a Wednesday lunchtime.

We are a mix of ages that has produced a wide variety of knowledge and opinions albeit over a lovely meal, so relaxed and informal yet so uplifting as we share our Christian experiences that life has provided.

Due to school holidays even Henry and Oliver have joined us a few times and brought Lego into it as well.

Food is what brings us together, but it's also what allows us to be vulnerable and open in our understanding of the themes provided. It has provided so many different stories from our varied lifetimes and experiences as we share our thoughts through the Holy Habit themes. The food brings people together on so many different levels breaking down barriers, It's the nourishment of the soul and body; it's truly love as God intended it to be.

With love in Christ

The Spuds!!

MONTHLY PRAYER LIST APRIL



Hi Everyone,

Thank you, Father for always being there to hear our prayers. Thank you that Gael is enjoying her time at Redwood School, pray as the relationship grows. Thank you for all the good things that have happened during March. Thank you as we enter this month of April especially this wonderful celebration of Easter as we remember all you have done for us.

Help us to share our faith with others. Thank you for all the outreach and the connection with others over this wonderful season and for the joy we have when the children share in our service.

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. Pray for patience and grace for their families as they release them to do the work the Lord ordained for them to do.

Pray for continued growth of relationship with Redwood School as they are looking for ways to work together with Gael also pray for other schools in the area. For each of the Churches within Sinfon that we build on relationships, connections and support for other.

Let us pray for all the children in the area have a peaceful and safe school holiday.

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. Help us be grateful for the freedom we have to worship You and the joy that brings

Pray for all those within our church family that are struggling with ill health, physically and emotionally.

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 this season of Lent. Help each one of us be open to hearing your still small voice during this special time.

Could we please hold Jacqueline in our prayers as she is still waiting for her operation to happen. Pray that it happens soon and that Father God gives her peace and relaxation as she waits for her next appointment.

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. Let us keep seeking the Lord in all we do.



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

Treasurer's Report – April Newsletter

We have now come to the end of the first quarter of our financial year which runs from 1st January to 31st December each year.

For once I am able to bring you good news on the financial front, we seem to have turned a corner and we are now in a much better place than we were in the first couple of months of the year. Of course, we shall have to see how the year unfolds financially. Like everyone, our costs are rising and we need to consider carefully how we spend our money.

I am grateful to the small number of you who have increased your giving, it is noticed and thank you for considering us in this way.

Interestingly, April is usually the month when I issue a reminder about reviewing our giving as the increase in pensions and salaries, we receive filter through. Please ask yourself 'when was the last time I increased my offering?', you may be surprised that you can't remember.

I thought I would take this opportunity to remind you about our donations box which is usually out on a Sunday morning. This is usually on the Welcome Area bar or on the back bay hatch area where you get your drinks and biscuits. It is intended for donations in thanks for such things as the Newsletter and refreshments, please only give if you want to, there is absolutely no obligation.

Now that we print the Newsletter in colour, and I know that many of you appreciate this. Each copy in colour is ten times more expensive to print than it was in black and white. Those of you who receive the Newsletter electronically will have enjoyed the full colour version for a long time. It would be helpful if all those who could, receive an electronic version do so with the aim of printing less paper copies and helping to boost our 'green' credentials.

I am always approachable about any queries you may have on the Church finances.

Ian Sant

Church Annual General Meeting

This is planned to take place after the Morning Service on Sunday 28th April and is expected to start at about 11.30 am and finish within an hour.

We plan to be electing the following positions:

- Church Secretary
- Church Treasurer
- Six Stewards
- Six Church Council Members

Representatives to:

- Anglican Diocesan Synod
- Methodist Circuit
- URC East Midlands Synod

We also appoint a number of other positions such as Inspector of Accounts, Electoral Roll Secretary, Room Bookings Secretary etc.

Nomination papers are on the notice board in the middle bay, and if you wonder what Church Council and Stewards are responsible for, these are also shown for your reference.

Later in the month these lists will be joined by another sheet where you can indicate if you want a copy of the annual report, these are in either electronic format or you can choose paper.

You will be unable nominate on the day of the AGM, so these lists will be removed before Sunday 28th April.

We now have vacancies for Stewards, and we will need a new Property Officer since Melvin Worton will not be carrying on.

If you have any queries or questions, please speak to any one of the Church Stewards.

Church Offering Envelopes

The new sets of envelopes have been issued and start on 12th April. If you are expecting a set of envelopes and not received yours, please speak to the Treasurer.

You should also speak to the Treasurer if you would like to start giving using the offering envelopes scheme or should you wish to give directly from your bank account, again speak to the Treasurer about the merits of this.

The other way you can give is by using the electronic giving terminal on the counter in the Welcome Area. Should you need help with this, again speak to the Treasurer.

The Methodist Church - Easter Offering

Each year, we receive a small number of envelopes for the Methodist Church Easter Offering, the money goes to the Methodist Church's World Mission Fund to help and support Partner Churches and Organisations. Fuller details are on the envelopes.

If you would like to give, please put your money in one of the special envelopes which are available from me, please place your gift in the envelope and put it in the offering basket on any Sunday up to and including 19th April.

The Derby Circuit Easter Offering Service is on Sunday 26th April at 3.00 pm, and held at Mickleover Methodist Church.

Ian Sant

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)

Biblical Humour

Blessed are the orchard growers, for their work shall not be fruitless.

Blessed are they who wrap leftovers, for they shalt be foiled again.

Blessed are those who make perfect bread, for they shalt be good roll models.

Blessed are those who make it through April, for they shalt be in dismay.

Who was the greatest financier in the bible?

Noah, he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Which Bible character had no parents?

Joshua, son of Nun.

CHURCH MINISTER AND CONTACT DETAILS

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	Joy Hughes	Margaret Platt	
	Glenn Roe	Wendy Roe	

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Diary Dates - April

Sunday 5 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion.
Sunday 12 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
Monday 13 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).
Sunday 19 th	10.00am	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	10.00am	Connect Group all welcome).

Thursday 7th May Closing date for items to go in the May 2026 Newsletter.

Normal Weekly Meetings

Monday	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Connect Coffee Morning
	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)
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
	6.30 - 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

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