



Sinfin Moor Church

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

June 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.

Paul's Piece

Over the past three months, we as a church family have been reminded of how tender and fragile life can be through the loss of three men who were part of the story of Sinfin Moor Church from its early days: Ivan Vickerstaff, Keith Jennison and John Keith. We remember them with deep gratitude, and with the hope that is ours in Christ.

We give thanks for the lives they lived, for the friendships they shared within the church and across the wider community, and for the many quiet and faithful ways they touched the lives of others. Each of them leaves behind a witness to the good that one life, offered in love and service, can bring. We also remember them in hope, trusting in the promises of Jesus Christ. In him, death is not the end, but the doorway into the fuller presence of God. And we hold onto the promise that one day, in God's new creation, all who belong to Christ will be gathered again in joy and peace. Though this is still a mystery beyond our full understanding, it is a living hope given to us through faith in Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit.



As we continue to adjust to the changing seasons of life, we make room for both sorrow and thanksgiving. There is space among us to grieve those we love and miss, to "weep with those who weep," and also to cherish the gift of their lives. At the same time, we look ahead with faith. We walk on foundations laid by those who have gone before us, and we are called now to continue bearing witness to the immeasurable love of God in our own generation.

Gracious God, lamp to my feet, light on my path.

Where the path before me is unclear, my perception falters, your purpose is obscure and your good will concealed, Grant me...

Faith to trust that what is currently concealed will, through your grace, one day be revealed.

Hope and confidence that you will be my companion, guide and confidant on the way.

Love enough to know that one day I shall gaze upon you fully, face-to-face.

O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who lives in timeless time and perfect light, may your will and way be known in me and through me, in your community and in your world. Amen.

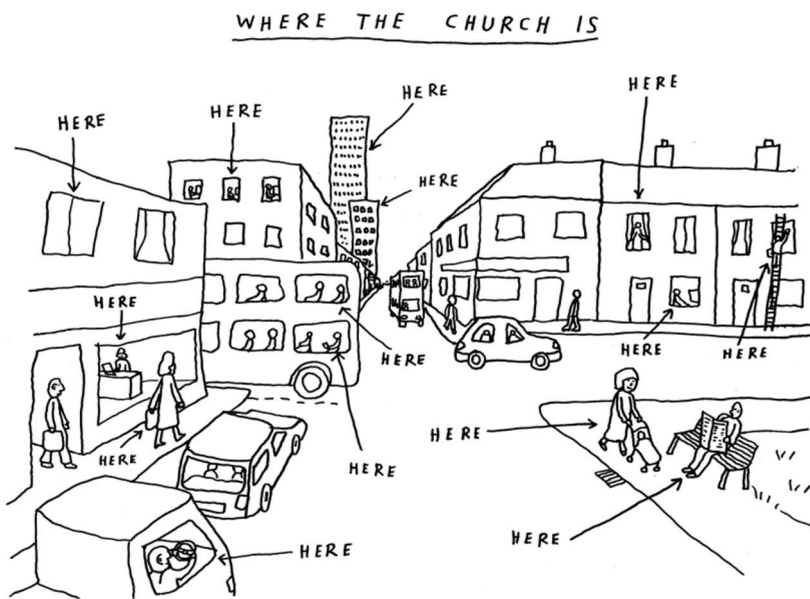
Prayer by Richard Andrew, District Chair, Darlington Methodist District

Church Council Away Morning

"The Church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning."

Emil Brunner quoted by Rev Raymond Lunt Sunday 31st May

This year, our Church Council Away Morning last month focused on Mission Planning and was led by Revd Canon Matt Barnes, Director of Mission, Evangelism and Parish Revitalisation for the Diocese of Derby. Together, we reflected on all that we are already doing as a church and began to explore how these activities can better welcome people who are new to faith or new to our church community. We also considered how each of us can play a part in helping the wide variety of people connected with church life grow in faith, deepen their sense of belonging, and flourish in their relationship with God and with one another.



Please continue to pray for, ask questions and encourage all the Church Council members as we continue with the everyday information, discussion and decisions that direct the life of the church when we are gathered and also when we are scattered in different activities and places. Also, for the work with all our denominational partners as each partner is adapting to their own challenges and for our partnership to be able to flourish in the mission of **Sharing the Good News of Jesus and Serving the Local Community.**

God of vision and courage,
You call your Church to journey in faith,
to look beyond what is comfortable,
and to seek the places where Christ is already at work.
As we reflect on who we are and where you are leading,
stir our hearts, clarify our calling,
and grant us wisdom and grace
to serve your Kingdom purpose in this time and place.
Through Jesus Christ our Ascended Lord. Amen.



Rev Fiona's Update



We are, each and every one of us, shaped by our life experiences: our childhoods; those around us who influenced us when we were young but also as adults; the places we lived; the schools we attended; the places we worked in; the church we attended. We are a wonderful combination of all that we have experienced. Each one of us is unique. Just like our fingerprints - there are no two the same. Yet, regardless of all our differences, we are all children of God, all made in the image of God. In that regard, we are the same!

When I first arrived in Sinfin Moor - and more precisely in Boundary Moor Gardens - I found my ministry interwoven across two very different locations, with very different people. Many people living on this estate have a very different life experience to mine. They come from across the world, from different cultures and faiths. The things that have shaped them differ greatly from the experiences I have had. But as time has gone on - it will be 4 years in December that I actually moved here - I have come to see, although there are such differences, we have many things in common.

We have a group on the estate called Food & Faith - these are Christians who have come to live here, some who have come from across the world to be here from Nigeria, Swaziland, Hong Kong, as well as the UK. We meet to eat together, to learn from Scripture and to pray together. I asked some of them why they came to Food & Faith and I just wanted to share some of their thoughts. I feel it may resonate with many of us as we delve deeper into God's Holy Habits at Sinfin Moor Church.

"Why I connect with food and faith - it's the joy of being together with other believers outside regular going to Church on Sunday. In food and faith, we get to share our thoughts on the word as well."

"I joined the food and faith Christian community because I wanted to grow stronger in my relationship with God while connecting with people who share the same values and faith. The community creates a welcoming environment where people can support one another spiritually, emotionally, and practically through fellowship and shared meals. I believe food brings people together and sharing meals is a pathway to build friendships, unity and meaningful conversations about faith."

"Being new in the country I want to meet more people with similar interests with faith, especially people who are in our neighbourhood. I value the sense of belonging and purpose that comes from being surrounded by people who genuinely care for one another. I believe food brings people together and sharing meals is a great way to build friendships and meaningful conversations about faith."

Many of these things - Christian friends, fellowship, shared meals, belonging, purpose, meaningful conversations - will be things we all appreciate, we all find helpful in deepening our faith and feelings of belonging to a community. Regardless of our different lived experiences from across the world, our different ways of doing things, our different understanding, our different tastes: we are all brothers, sisters and siblings in Christ, let us celebrate that.

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

With every blessing.

Fiona

Gael's Ordination

I'd love to invite you to join me at **Derby Cathedral on Saturday 20th June at 4.00pm** for my ordination as priest!

Ordination services are wonderfully joyful occasions; they are full of worship, prayer, celebration, and a real sense of the Church gathering to mark God's call and faithfulness. Whether or not you have attended an ordination before, I can assure you that it is a special and uplifting service, and it would mean a great deal to me to have members of the congregation there to share in it.

In the days leading up to the ordination, I will be away on retreat with the other candidates, spending three days in prayer, reflection, and preparation for this next step in ministry. By the time Saturday arrives, I suspect I will be feeling a mixture of excitement, gratitude, and nerves!

This is a significant milestone for me personally, but it is also something that belongs to the wider church. I would not be here without the love, encouragement, prayers, and support I have received from so many people along the way, and I am deeply thankful for that. It will be an absolute privilege to preside at Holy Communion at church the next day and serve you all.

The service is open to everyone, and you would be very welcome to come along. If transport is a difficulty, please let us know, as we would be happy to help organise lifts so that anyone who would like to attend is able to do so.

Thank you for your prayers and support. It would be a joy to see some familiar faces there as I take this next step in ministry 😊

Anna Chaplain

I wonder what comes to mind when you think of the word Chaplain?

The word chaplain has its roots in the 4th century, derived from the medieval Latin *cappellanus*, meaning "custodian of a cloak".

This title is closely associated with the story of St Martin of Tours, a Roman soldier remembered for cutting his cloak in two to share it with a man who was cold and in need. That act of mercy has long been seen as a powerful image of Christian compassion in action.

It is a simple yet moving reminder of the call to notice those in need and to respond with kindness, generosity, and care. Over time, the word developed through Old French before becoming the modern English word "chaplain". And chaplaincy today continues that same spirit of compassionate service, offering spiritual and pastoral support in places such as hospitals, schools, workplaces, care settings, and the wider community. In this way, chaplaincy remains a valuable ministry of presence, listening, and hope.

Chaplaincy is something that has been on my heart for many years. Even before I became a Lay Minister, I sensed that God was calling me towards this kind of pastoral ministry. However, the right opportunity did not seem to arise. Then, last year, I came across the name Anna Chaplaincy through an article that I had read, and I felt as though God was gently opening the door for me to look again at this calling.

After much prayer and speaking to some of my friends I decided that this was the time to be trained to be an Anna Chaplain.

And I am delighted to share that, earlier this year in February, through the funding of Sinfin Moor Church, and their ongoing support, I completed my training through the Bible Reading Fellowship who train people for different kinds of ministries. The Bible Reading Fellowship are a Christian charity who have a vision to help people grow in faith and in their understanding of the Bible.

The BRF ministries have placed the name Anna in front of the word Chaplain which is taken from Luke 2:36-38. Which highlights the wonderful story of the widow Anna, a faithful older woman who worshipped and served God in the Temple alongside Simeon. Her story is a wonderful reminder that, whatever our age, we are never beyond God's calling and purpose.

Anna Chaplaincy is a specific role in supporting the elderly, offering a listening ear, spiritual encouragement, and companionship. At the heart of Anna Chaplaincy is a simple commitment: to offer person-centred spiritual care to older people, whether they have a strong faith, little faith, or no faith at all.

This support is available to people living in their own homes, as well as those in care homes and sheltered housing, and extends to friends, family members, and care staff who may also value encouragement and companionship.

I will be licensed in the near future to work in partnership alongside the BRF and Sinfin Moor Church working within the parish of Sinfin Moor.

My Anna Chaplain role offers

- Listening and companionship
- A safe place to talk through worries and concerns
- Prayer
- Home Communion

Jean Desborough



I just wanted to say how much I am enjoying the Holy Habit group. It's great sharing our ups and downs with each other as we build good relationships.

Following the course that goes deeper into the meaning of worship has been really eye opening. Enjoying all the different aspects of worship with each other.

I'd really encourage anyone who is able to join a group near where they are and enjoy all it offers.

Wendy R

MONTHLY PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE



Thank you that we're able to host the Youth Club run by CODA as from the 9th June every week until 21st July. We pray that all goes well as we host and serve drinks. Be with all the staff from CODA as they run and support the students. Thank you for the visit from Stenson Fields school last month, pray that the children have happy memories of Sinfin Moor Church. Pray for continued growth of relationships in all the schools in our area.

Pray for those young people who may be struggling with lack of Self-esteem, self-worth, confused identity and those living in difficulty situations please Lord give them the help they need at this time.



Thank you that the Holy Habits groups are going well, friendships getting deeper, delicious food to eat and great discussions based on Christian attitudes and teachings.



Help us to share our faith with others as an act of worship to You.

Pray for each of our church leaders that God will guide and protect them in all they do. And for their families as they love, support and release them to do the work the Lord ordained for them.

For each of the Churches within Sinfin, that we can build on relationships, connections and support to enable a deeper unity so providing more help in our local areas.

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. Thank you, Lord for those we have been able, alongside Food4 thought, to provide food parcels.

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. So many have a lack of self-esteem and self-worth. Those struggling with their sense of identity and those in difficult situations. Pray that God will put the right people around them.

Could we please hold those who are awaiting operations in our prayers, they have your peace, watch over and be with them Lord.

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, roeglen-nard@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report for the June Newsletter.

It is has become clear that quite a number of you have already or intend to increase your giving each week/month, thank you for either doing it or telling me that you intend to do it. Thank you!

I can tell you that we seem to have turned a corner in financial terms and we are operating with a steady surplus which is certainly an improvement from the early part of the year when I could not pay invoices in time. There are a number of reasons for this including the increase in giving as well as the extra income we are getting from our users.

Ian Sant
Treasurer

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.



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.

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.

Community Meals

Our Next Community Meal will be Monday July 27th

Children's Activities will be available from 11am

Further dates are

August 3rd

August 10th

August 17th

August 24th

August 31st (*Bank Holiday*)



Please note that Connect will continue to meet weekly 10am -1pm

Scam emails and texts

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.

Smile Time (or grimace)

Kids in Church

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you."

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter the Lord's prayer for several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail."

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Diary Dates - June

Sunday 7 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion
Monday 8 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).
Sunday 14 th	10.00am	Sunday Morning Worship
Monday 15 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).
Sunday 21 st	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion
Monday 22 nd	10.00am	Connect Group (all welcome)
Sunday 28 th	10.00am	Sunday Morning Worship

Thursday 2nd July Closing date for items to go in the July 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)
	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
	6.30 - 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