



Sinfin Moor Church

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

July 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 (by Fiona!)

As we step into July, it has really felt like summer has arrived in all its glory. The first few days of June brought us more rain than all of spring and has ended with days of record-breaking temperatures! It feels like June has been a month of opposites in significant events - alongside the weather! We've said goodbye and celebrated the life of another of the founding members of Sinfin Moor Church, John Keith. John's daughters, Sarah and Emma were both Baptised in the house on Ryan Close where Sinfin Moor Church began and John was involved in many a church pantomime and caravan holiday. He was also Mayor of Derby, a local councillor and magician! Truly a life lived in all its fullness. Our thoughts and prayers are with Andrea, his wife, and all the family.

The other significant event of June has been the ordination as priest of our very own curate, Gael. She was ordained as deacon last year but priesthood brings with it additional callings - the very visible change we will see is that she can now lead our Holy Communion but priests are also called to be servants and shepherds, messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord. The words spoken of this role at the service at the Cathedral on June 20th describe the task as: "to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for [God's] family, to search for His children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ forever."



These are considerable tasks and this is acknowledged. The Bishop says to all present - but also to all of us as part of this church community - how great the charge is for those making these promises, and that they cannot do this alone. We therefore are called to pray, uphold and encourage Gael in this next stage of her journey with God, but also those tasks are ours too. 1 Peter 2 verse 5 tells each of us "you are living stones that God is building into His spiritual temple. What's more you are holy priests" and again in verse 9 "you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession." So as we pray, uphold and encourage Gael, we too are called to be servants and shepherds, messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord in our everyday lives.

How might you serve or care for another today?

Are you watching for signs of God working in the world - through people,
or the Bible or in everyday conversations?

And how will you join in with what God is doing to help share His love with others.

Some are called to leadership on priesthood but we are all "royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession" in our own way in our everyday lives - how might that make a difference in what you do and say today?



Rev Fiona's Update



Are you ready for a story?



Now we have time to breathe.

In a circle of trust, we listen and explore our feelings.

There's space to wonder and play, in love.

Your story, my story, our story. Let's be curious about this story.

Every Thursday after school at Ash Croft Primary School, a group of children gather together to hear a story. It's always a very simple story, sometimes with just a handful of words - from different cultures, faiths and traditions. We've heard stories of caring for the environment, of tiny mustard seeds growing so big that they can offer safety to the birds, of being grateful for what we have - however little that may be and of the pain of letting go.

Each story is told very gently with props on a cream circle of cloth. The children just listen (and amazingly they do just listen - they don't interrupt!) and at the end these questions are asked:

Let's be curious about how we feel.

I wonder what part of this story you like?

I wonder which part you didn't like?

I wonder what the story reminds you of?

And together - in this safe space - we talk about how the story made us feel. We explore the words we can use to describe how the story affects us. The children respond not just in words though - they retell the story or create their own story using lego, the story telling props or with craft materials. We may not speak of God but He is felt - His presence is certainly around us. I have been left speechless by the profound words that these children have spoken. I have had to fight back tears at the sadness of some of the things they have navigated.

Through Out of the Box after-school club at Ash Croft Primary school - God has



made a space for those who need to be heard, this slow pace, this opportunity to just be themselves and to explore their own spirituality and find words and actions to express these. I have felt blessed in this space. God is surely blessing it.

With every blessing.

Fiona



We finished a lovely meal of pizza, salad and chips, followed with cake (for those who had room!) and washed down with a nice cool drink which was a real life saver in this hot weather, and then we started to discuss our first session in our new Holy Habits series on Serving. You may think Serving can be very quickly covered by listing what is or can be done, but as with the other habits, this series is digging deeper, our one today was entitled "Serving means holding on to one another" we have found this to be very true in our group we have formed friendships that care about what is happening in each others lives on a weekly basis, both good and not so good. We have also started to organise a few outings for people with similar interests within the group.

It isn't about being in each others pockets 24-7, but growing together and appreciating others thoughts and needs, if you're not already in a group I can thoroughly recommend it, if you want to know more, please speak to either Paul, Fiona or Gael, there are already groups running but many more can be added.

Melanie

Ahoy me hearties,

We had the pleasure of joining Redwood school for their annual summer fayre on Wednesday 24th June (which by the way, was an extremely hot day). With our pirate themed games of beat the captains score - bean bag toss and find the captains treasure by scratching off circles to find the captains treasure chest. Of course, everything was free and a prize every time, which was highly popular. With a total of 82 bags given out, which included some sweets, bible verses and invitation to summer connect for kids, we are so happy with possibilities of some new faces. A big shout out to Fiona for lending us the gazebo! And a special thanks to Chris for building our games and treasure map.

Now hoist the anchor and raise the sails, we're ready to set sail to the next event. The fun day at Sinfin Moor Park. Watch this space.

If anyone can help for even just 15 minutes or half an hour on the stall, please speak to one of us. Joshua has very kindly offered to help set up and take down the gazebo.

Lauren, Julie, Chris, Gael and the boys



Welcome to a new corner of the newsletter where each month we interview one of our wonderful children in church to see what they've been up to, what they have learnt etc. Ladies and Gentlemen I give you

"THE GOSPEL TRUTH"

Name: Oliver

Q1. Can you remember anything you have done this month with the church?

I went to Darley Abbey to watch mummy be a church warden.

Q2. What did you see and how did you feel?

I could see a massive old church, with a really big graveyard that looked lovely. There was so many plaques on the ground too. I had some toys when we went into the church, which was super old in there to. One of the windows had a beautiful stain glass picture on. Everything made me super happy, that I wanted to cry.

Q3. How will you help use what you've learnt over the next month?

I will try to help people more just like my mummy is helping the church.

Treasurer's Update

They say that as you get older, time seems to go more quickly. Maybe there is some truth in that as I cannot believe that we are halfway through the year of 2026 already!

Our Church finances are now holding up quite well. Since February, when we were struggling to pay everything in good time, we are now able to operate normally. All our invoices are paid quickly and our assessments, that is the money we pay to the three denominations, are paid on the due date.

We have had some good news and some not such good news from our electricity supplier. The good news is that we have received the first payment for the export of electricity to the National Grid, it was just over £515. It covers the period from December, when we registered, to mid-June. We will now receive the money every three months.

The not such good news is that the rate at which we get paid is to reduce from 15p/kWh to 8p/kWh in early July. This is because our system produces 10 kWh; to get the higher rate it would need to be 15 kWh. Whilst this is not ideal, we need to be thankful that we are getting the income we are getting. Importantly, if you add in the fact that our electricity costs have reduced dramatically, then the savings in a year may well be around £1,500 or greater. It was certainly a good decision to have the solar panels fitted, so thanks to you all who made the fitting of the panels possible.

Finally, you will recall that last month I told you that we are still awaiting the Methodist grant of £10,000 from Circuit. Again, I remind you that the delay is NOT with the Circuit but higher up the chain. I can now tell you that although we are still awaiting the grant, there is a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. Admittedly, a glimmer is all that it is. Please continue to pray for us on this matter so that it is resolved sooner rather than later.

That's it for now, I hope you have been cheered by the news on the financial front.

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.



Chairs

Please can anyone help with setting up chairs on a Saturday evening with Peter Martin from September. Ready for a Sunday morning service. It would only be the 1st and 3rd weekend on the rota as Anne very graciously already helps with the rest.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Meals

Our Next Community Meal will be Monday July 27thth

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)***

Favourite Hymns by Occupation

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| Dentist - Crown Him With Many Crowns | Meteorologist - There Shall Be Showers of Blessing |
| Optometrist - Be Thou My Vision | Tailor - Holy, Holy, Holy |
| Shoemaker - It Is Well With My Soul | Electrician - There Is Power In The Blood |
| Massage Therapist - He Touched Me | Veterinarian - All Creatures Of Our God And King |
| Buyer - Sweet By And By | Realtor - I've Got A Mansion, Just Over The Hill |
| Geologist - Rock Of Ages | Surveyor - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross |
| Pilot - I'll Fly Away | Tour Guide - Shall We Gather At The River? |
| Doctor - The Great Physician | Shepherd - Lamb Of God |

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Diary Dates - July

Sunday 5 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion
Monday 6 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).
Sunday 12 th	10.00am	Sunday Morning Worship
Monday 13 th	10.00 am	Connect Group (all welcome).
Sunday 19 th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Communion
Monday 20 th	10.00am	Connect Group (all welcome)
Sunday 26 th	10.00am	Sunday Morning Worship
Monday 27 th	10.00am	Connect Group/Community Meal (all welcome)

Thursday 30th July Closing date for items to go in the August 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