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

November Newsletter

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Editors' Comments



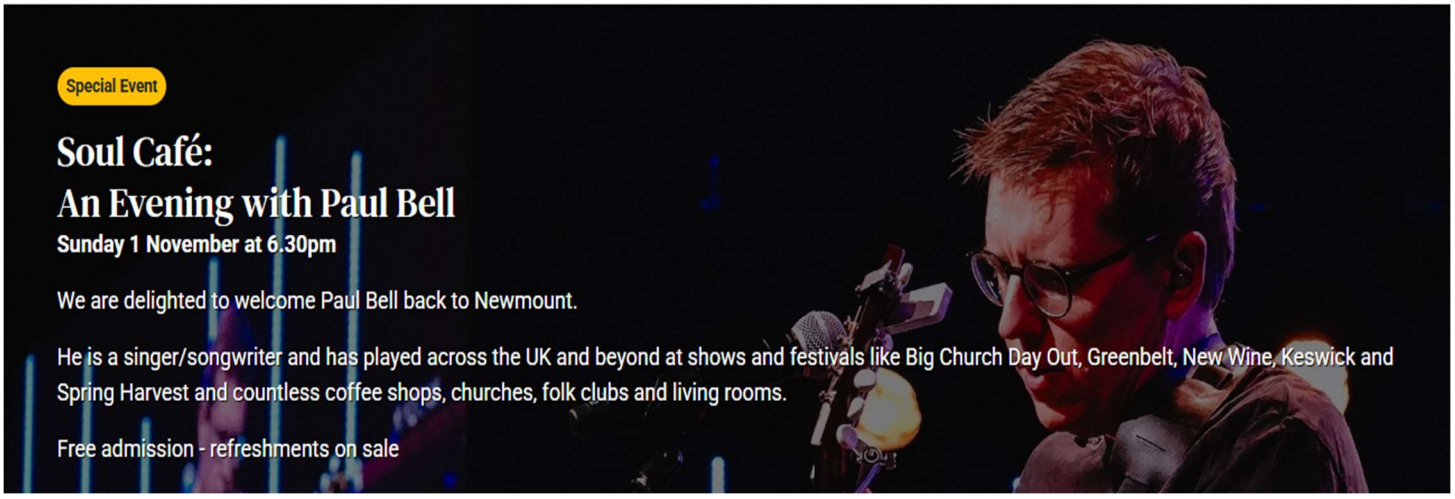
"At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them"

Any articles that you would like to be considered for the December issue please let me have them by **Thursday 3rd December,** either to **newsletter@sinfinmoorchurch.com**, **jehughes5@hotmail.com** or if you don't have access to send it by email, please hand it to me. If you know of anything going on in the community from 1st to 5th December please let me know as the newsletter will be produced on the 6th.

Joy

Tell

Newmount Methodist Church



Gift Day Appeal: Supporting Our Growing Church Community

Thank you to everyone who had already supported the Gift Day appeal, we are already on the way with over a £1000.00 donated.



Our church community is growing, and so is the work needed to support it. Good administration helps communication, rotas, bookings, records and day-to-day organisation run smoothly, freeing volunteers and leaders to focus on ministry and people. We hope to raise £5,000 towards employing a paid administrator. This role would provide reliable support for our shared life, helping us respond well to new opportunities and care for our community more effectively.

Please prayerfully consider making a special gift. Every contribution, large or small, will help strengthen the mission and ministry we share together.

When Sinfin Moor Church was first formed, a mission statement was written to describe who we are and what we are here for. We still have it and it gives us a good foundation today. It reminds us that our life as a church begins with God's love, and that this love is something we are called to share generously with others.

Teach



Gather

Rev Fiona's November Update

October has proved to be quite a busy month with quite a few conferences that have given us much food for thought and been very inspiring! Alongside all our "usual" day to day ministry we've also welcomed some visitors to Boundary Moor Gardens at Food & Faith. On Wednesday 14th October we were joined by a group of eleven pastors from the Lutheran church in Ohio, USA! They were visiting different expressions of church across the UK to inspire their own ministry at home in America.





So, they joined us for Food & Faith! 27 of us gathered to share a meal in a gazebo in my garden. At Food & Faith we are following the Holy Habits and so we had a lively discussion over our food about Gladness and Generosity. It was such a joy to spend time with them, to hear their stories and to share our own, a true example of gladness and generosity and an inspiration, hopefully for them and certainly for us.

On the new housing estate we find ourselves in a key moment as plans begin for the next stage of new houses - 2,500 homes along the length of Wragley Way up to the A50. There is a very strong sense of God's presence as we consider the part we may play in this next development. There are many ways in which we can sense God speaking to us. Sometimes that can be in a very clear and audible voice, sometimes through Scripture or the words and encouragement of others. Sometimes we hear God's guidance through circumstances. In the book of Ruth - there is a simple phrase that suggests what we may call a God-incidence. The text states, "*it just so happened*". Well, we have been experiencing many such moments where "it just so happened" that we feel are guiding our thinking for Infinity Garden Village. So, we are embarking on a time of prayer and discernment as we consider the possibility of exploring hosting a community space within the new development. A space that would be accessible for all - all ages, all faiths, all cultures but with a distinctive Christian flavour and within it a new worshipping community. A space

that will enable new Mum's to meet, those who work from home to feel less isolated, a meeting place to get to know neighbours and develop relationships. A space where those that live there can feel that they belong, a space to enable people to live life in all its fullness. Too often these massive new estates are merely places to sleep and eat - described as "dormitory spaces" - not places to flourish and grow and encourage and inspire for all.

We have no idea what this may look like - maybe a coffee shop and community space - but we enter a time now of seeking God's will in this. Do keep an eye open for different opportunities to pray into this next step for us in Infinity Garden Village. As they say - watch this space!

With every blessing.

Fiona

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.

Monday evening Holy Habits group

Our Group, Rev Paul Desborough, Chris and Pam Burrows, David McDonald, Joy Hughes, David and Verity Dockray, and Melanie Sant have all continued to meet on Mondays sharing lovely food and fellowship and studying the Gladness and Generosity coursework, we have all got to know each other a little bit better and now regularly share news and banter across the dinner table.

It was a surprise when Gael said last week that we were nearly halfway through the Holy Habits Course, as it had gone so quickly. Some of the material has been quite thought provoking and a few of the questions have led to our group taking on challenges, we all gave up meat for Lent, by the end we were counting down the days to a bacon butty ! You may have also noticed that we now regularly move around the congregation and don't sit in the same seats, this is in an attempt to get to know others better and to be more inclusive.

As with all courses we have found some weeks to be better than others, and sometimes we go completely off in a different direction, but overall we look forward to each weeks meeting with a promise of good food and company and usually very lively discussion.

Chris

Tend

Paul's Piece



When voters in the UK were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with the statement "most people are basically good and want to do the right thing," 79% agreed. Nearly as many – 73% – said they believed it was still possible to build a better future for the next generation. The future Starts With Us. G. Brown

This is a hopeful finding as we approach Remembrance Day, when we honour service and sacrifice for others. It reminds us that, even in difficult times, people want to do good. The writer, former prime minister Gordon Brown, found the results surprising against a background of war, division, natural disasters and everyday hardships, both here and around the world. Yet a significant amount of the people we know, meet, work with and spend time with have an inbuilt desire to do good.

These hopeful findings raise a deeper question: what is our goodness for? For Christians, the belief that we were created good and made to do good things gives us a starting point. Yet it can still be hard to believe in a better future, or to talk about it with hope. There are many reasons for this, and it is easy to blame other people or even ourselves. Jesus shows us what goodness looks like when it becomes a way of life. He came to live among us as a human being, but never did anything wrong. He lived in a country affected by war, natural disasters and everyday struggles, yet he lived out his goodness by serving others. Many people recognise the goodness of his life. The question for us is whether we see his example as something to admire in the past or something to follow as we build a better future today.

As we think about how to serve someone today, we can also ask where our goodness comes from. For Christians, God is the giver of goodness; it does not begin with us. Jesus shows us that goodness in a human life. He came to bring life's goodness in all its fullness to every generation. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we can share in his life and put his goodness into practice. These are the connections that matter: recognising God as the source of goodness, following Jesus and allowing the Holy Spirit to shape our lives. For me, this is what makes a better future more than a possibility: it becomes a reality and a certainty rooted in faith in God. That faith shapes how we look towards the future and helps us see the value of our lives today.

This week, you can remember to choose one act of service that puts God's goodness into action.

Small Groups

As part of our looking to grow in faith and following Jesus we have small groups that meet in people's homes and community spaces throughout the week. These spaces are open to all and are times of sharing food and life, learning and praying. If you would like to become part of one of the groups please contact Paul or one of the group leaders.

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Friendship Club

We continue with a strong membership and have had a very varied and enjoyable programme over the past few months, from visits from the Chaddesden Ukulele Band, on the hottest day of the year – we all had to have ice lollies, to Stories Through Song and we even managed to fit in a Cream Tea in August.

Today we have had a visit from Sue Northard, a local lady who writes poetry, she has given me permission to share with you this poem which I feel sums up our group.

Friendship

There's a miracle called Friendship
That dwells within the heart
You don't know how it happens
Or even where it starts
But the happiness it brings to you
Always gives an extra lift
As you realise that friendship

Is one of God's great gifts.
We meet so many people
Through the passing years
So make a point of treasuring
All of the ones who bring you cheer
A friend is really precious
Whether they are young or old
So always love and care for them
They have value more than gold.
But above all earthly friendships
There's another we can know
What a Friend we have in Jesus
He's the one who loves us so.

If you, or you know of anyone who would benefit from getting out on a Wednesday afternoon and joining in with our group, please do feel free to give us a try, many of our Church folk already attend and I'm sure that they will be glad to let you know what goes on.

Melanie Sant

Monthly Prayer List for November



Ephesians 6 verse"[18] And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. "

Prayer is so important

Please pray for PNG as the drought is an extreme problem. Especially in some of the outlying villages as it's difficult to get top-up water to them. Fires have been lit in some areas as the smoke encourages rain clouds to form, however this in itself is causing problems due to the smoke making visibility difficult near the landing strips.

Pray also for the people of Zimbabwe as temperatures are due to soar into the 40s.

Pray for all who are in hospital or due to be admitted.

Father God

Thank you for always loving and caring for each one of us. Help us to love and care for others with the same unconditional love.

We pray for all the different roles within our Church,

Secretary

Property Steward

More members of the Church Council

enable each one of us to search our hearts and minds as to whether we can serve You in any of these areas.

We pray for the increasing relationships with the local school. Thank you for the progress that is being made within Ashcroft, Redwood and CODA.

Thank you for the Community Meals and the Light Party where children and parents from these schools have attended.

Leading up to Christmas the church calendar is always very busy so pray for all our Ministers and their families. Be with them every day helping them to feel Your love peace and guidance in all they do.

Let us pray for each of our members who are no longer able to attend our church service. Father God let them know how much they are loved and missed.

May the Lord Bless you and watch over each one of you.

Amen

Please remember to get in touch for any prayer requests names won't be mentioned but situations will be, give us the privilege of praying for you. My contact for any prayer requests is, Glenn Roe Mobile 07949654286 email, roeglennard@gmail.com or wendy.roe1@hotmail.com

Transform

Eileen writes

As well as our Church being as green as it can be, having gained Bronze and Silver Awards for this, before we can be considered for the Gold Award we really need to look at our own individual lives and the way we live to see how we can work toward this.:

I was reading an article by Sarah Edwards who is Executive Director of the JustMoney Movement (yes, it is called JustMoney) which aims to provide resources to help Christians act more justly with money.

She quotes Zacchaeus, saying that from the moment he met Jesus his life was transformed, specifically in the one place we are reluctant to let Jesus go: his finances.

Now we might not consider ourselves wealthy or exploitative, but we have food on the table, shelter and warmth we are richer than many in our world.

Her article encouraged me to look at my income that is, firstly, my pensions. She suggested writing to our MP's, to encourage them to support any new laws that would make pensions greener, This is something we can do as individuals or even as church. We could ask our MP to come one Sunday and tell us what he is able to do to help us with this part of our mission.

When it comes to banking and investment choices, there I did have some say and personal responsibility. To my horror, I discovered that the Bank I used and invested money in, was actually investing in companies working with fossil fuels. Another Bank was heavily into Armaments and whilst I want to help Ukraine, the idea of my savings being used against the children of Gaza, was another option I did not feel comfortable with.

Sarah encourages us to see how we can act differently with our finances to do good rather than harm, caring for our neighbours and helping God's creation to flourish.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, don't look away or expect someone else to take our individual responsibilities seriously. What is that saying attributed to Simon Wiesenthal "for evil to flourish, it is sufficient that good people do nothing."

Congratulations on sticking to the end of this piece, some won't!

SMC Information

Diary Dates – November

Sunday 1st 10.00 am Sunday Morning Communion

Anna Chaplain Commissioning (Jean Desborough)

03.00 pm Movie Afternoon – Elf

Monday 2nd 10.00 am Connect Group

Thursday 4th 09.00 am Prayer meeting

Sunday 8th 09:30 am Remembrance Parade from Sinfin Moor Park

10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship – Remembrance Day

Monday 9th 10.00 am Connect Group

Thursday 12th 09.00 am Prayer meeting

Sunday 15th 10.00 am Sunday Morning Communion (Café Church)

Monday 16th 10.00 am Connect Group

Thursday 19th 09.00 am Prayer meeting

Sunday 22nd 10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship

Monday 23rd 10.00 am Connect Group

Thursday 26th 09.00 am Prayer Meeting

Sunday 29th 10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship

03.00 pm Memorial Service

Monday 30th 10.00 am Connect Group

Some December dates

Friday 4th December – 2pm Amazing Days Nativity at Heath Court

Monday 14th December – Christmas Community Meals

Monday 21st December – Family Christmas Community Meals (ticketed)

Sunday 27th December Sunday Morning Worship



Treasurer's Update - November



There is not a great deal to report other than to report that our financial situation is stable, that we are able to meet all our financial obligations.

During last month we had a significant water leak outside the building between water meter (which is located in the public footpath adjacent to Arleston Lane) and the building. We do not currently have a Property Steward so it fell to Rev'd Fiona Barber to deal with the issue, and she got it fixed! She did not actually dig the hole and stop the leak herself you understand, but got a contractor to do it thanks to our insurance company. For the record, it was reported to us by Severn Trent on Monday 5th October and fixed on Tuesday 6th October; pretty efficient that – well done Fiona! One unknown from this is whether there are any further costs we have to meet though we hope not. We are still dealing with the paperwork as I write this. So far it has cost us the insurance excess which was £250.

We are at that time of year when we expect to be notified of what our Assessment for 2027 will be. This has a number of different names depending on which of our denominations you talk to e.g. to the Anglicans it is the Common Fund. We expect it to rise as it does most years, but hopefully it will only be a small percentage.

Gift Day 2026 – this continues; to date we have received eleven gifts totalling £1,145, for some of these we can claim Gift Aid which adds a further £230 to the total making it £1,375 so far. It is hoped that more gifts will be received over the coming weeks so maybe the figure will rise. If you need an envelope to make your donation, please come and see me or one of the Stewards. The envelopes are kept in the Office. Another way you can give is by paying money directly to the Church bank account. You must tell me you are doing this or have done this so I can allocate it to right fund. You can get the bank details from me. Sadly, at the moment you cannot give using the electronic giving machine because it has been removed from the Welcome Area because it has been meddled with and locked. Although it has been unlocked thanks to Martin Barber (Rev'd Fiona's husband), we have not yet restored the software.

Well, there has been plenty to tell you this month, I do hope that you have found it interesting. If you want to know more about what I have written or anything to do with the Church finances, come and have a chat with me, I am very approachable!

Ian Sant
Church Treasurer

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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.

Community Information

Requests for help

Just to let you all know, we are decorating the church with a poppy display for Remembrance Sunday. This year is going to be a smaller display and we are going to set up on Friday November 6th in the front bay. If anyone wants to help, I will be there from 5.30pm and hopefully it shouldn't take too long. If anyone is able, I would be grateful for all help.

Many thanks
Anne George

Remembrance Service

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Remembrance Sunday *in Sinfin*

Procession

09.30 am

from the Colin Attenborough Pavilion, Sinfin Moor Park Nature Reserve

Service

10.00 am

Sinfin Moor Church Arleston Lane



Let us join together as neighbours and friends as we gather in remembrance

Memorial Service



Names of loved ones to be read out at the service on the 29th November can be given at the Church Centre Welcome Desk on Sunday 15th and 22nd November.



Church Centre Groups

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	Squirrels (Term Time) in Middle Bay
	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

Scam emails and texts

Please remember: the church will never ask for money by email or text message. If you receive a message that seems suspicious, please check carefully that it has come from a known and trusted church email address before replying.

The Government gives the following advice about reporting scams and phishing:

Report internet scams and phishing

You can report misleading websites, emails, phone numbers, phone calls or text messages that you think may be suspicious.

Do not give out private information, such as bank details or passwords. Do not reply to suspicious text messages, download attachments, or click links in emails unless you are sure they are 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.

If you are ever unsure about a message claiming to be from the church,

please contact us another way before taking any action.

Smile Time (or grimace)

Twelve commandments for seniors

#1 Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.

#2 "In style" are the clothes that still fit

#3 You don't need anger management. You need people to stop hacking you off

#4 Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work

#5 The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it"

#6 "On time" is when you get there

#7 Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound

#8 It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller

#9 Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you

#10 Growing old should have taken longer

#11 Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up

#12 You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will

Oh, and one more

"One for the road" means going to the toilet before you leave the house

Enjoy