

## GROUPS MEETING AT SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

Group	Contact	Telephone No.
<b>Asian Men - Over 60's Group</b> Meet Monday to Friday in the Front Bay/Coffee Bar from 1.00 ~ 5.00 pm	Mr Pabla	☎763977
<b>Cubs (Nelson Pack)</b> Meet Tuesday in the Back Bay from 6.30 ~ 8.00 pm	Janet Smith	☎772321
<b>Footlights Stage School</b>	Faye Elliott Anne George	☎07779 665181 ☎721108

Meet for 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.

**Sinfin Live at Home Group** Eve Middleton ☎07519 863035  
Meet on Wednesday afternoon in the Middle Bay from 1.45 ~ 4.00 pm

**Brownies** Helen Campbell ☎07763 852278  
Meet on Wednesday in the Back Bay from 6.00 ~ 7.30 pm

**Guides** Amanda Jenkins ☎754770  
Meet on Wednesday in the Middle Bay from 7.00 ~ 8.30 pm

**Parent and Toddler Group** Karen Bailey ☎762585  
Meet on a Thursday in the Back and Middle Bays from 1.15 ~ 2.45 pm

**Beavers** Lesley Holmes ☎768581  
Meet on a Thursday in the Back Bay from 5.30 ~ 6.45 pm

**Slimming World** Mark Gadsby ☎07530 987378  
Meet on Thursday morning in the Back and Middle Bays 9.00 - 11.00 am

**Sinfin Moor Church Music Group** Melanie Sant ☎721927  
Meet on Thursday in the Front Bay from 6.45 ~ 7.45 pm

**Live at Home Lunch Club** Dawn de Saeger ☎07857 652653  
Meet on Tuesday in the Middle Bay from 11.00 am ~ 1.30 pm

*Please advise the Editor if there are any changes to the above.*

# Monthly **Sinfin Moor Church** Monthly

The Church serving Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields  
Arleston Lane, Sinfin Moor, Derby DE24 3DH

Find us at: [www.sinfinmoorchurch.org.uk](http://www.sinfinmoorchurch.org.uk)

## December 2016

Published Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 am Taking our **Morning Communion** today is Rev'd Susan **McIvor** who is the Minister at this Church.



**Readings are:** Isaiah 11 v 1 - 10 and Luke 1 v 39 - 56.

Bibles are available in the Foyer to follow the readings.



The Church building is fitted with an inductive loop system.  
Hearing aid users should switch to the 'T' position.

We will be celebrating **Holy Communion** and we have an open table and invite all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ to take the bread and wine with us. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please come forward when asked to do so and tell the Minister that is what you require.

If you do not wish to take communion or have a blessing, please remain in your seats whilst communion is served.

**We extend a very warm welcome to anyone who is worshipping with us for the first time or visiting. If you are new or visiting:**

- **Please join us for complimentary refreshments and a chat in the Back Bay or Coffee Bar at the end of the Service.**
- **If you are a tax payer and want to Gift Aid your offering, yellow envelopes are available in the Foyer.**

Normally, there are no Evening Services at SMC.

DBS afternoon today at the Vicarage at 3.00 pm for those who need it. See Julie Froggatt.

## SINFIN MOOR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

"We are a Christian Fellowship (including Anglican, Methodist and United Reformed ministries) committed to serving God and sharing the Good News of Jesus with everyone."

## CHURCH MINISTER AND CONTACT DETAILS 2016/17

<b>Minister*</b>	Rev'd Susan McIvor	765933
<b>Secretary*</b>	Julie Froggatt	761388
<b>Stewards*</b>	Julie Froggatt	Margaret Platt
	Michael Prince	Melanie Sant
	Melvin Worton	Vacancy
<b>Church Council</b>	John Archer	Colin Attenborough
	David Dockray	Eve Dudden
	Amanda Jenkins	Vincent Martin
<b>SMC Safeguarding Officer</b>	The Stewards	
<b>Room Bookings</b>	Melanie Sant	721927
<b>Webmaster</b>	Vincent Martin	728295
<b>Newsletter</b>	Ian Sant	721927 or ian.sant@ntlworld.com

• denotes members of the Church Council along with the Treasurer.

The Editors are always happy to receive contributions for the Monthly and Weekly. However, they reserve the right to edit all contributions and this includes, in some cases, not using the material at all. All articles used are representing the writer's own personal view and they do not necessarily represent the views of the Church.

## PATTERN OF CHURCH WORSHIP AT SMC

10.00 am Morning Worship (Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)  
Evening Services are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month from May until September.

## CHURCH DIARY DATES DECEMBER

Sunday	11	10.00 am	Toy Service
Tuesday	13	8.00 pm	Men's Club (See page 8)
Saturday	17	9.30 am	Monthly Coffee Morning (See page 7)
Sunday	18	10.00 am	Morning Service
		5.00 pm	Carol Service
Friday	23	8.00 pm	Christmas Party
Saturday	24	11.30 pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Sunday	25	10.00 am	Christmas Family Service

## OUR SERVICES FOR DECEMBER ARE:

4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Morning Communion	Rev'd Susan McIvor
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Andy Cokayne
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Susan McIvor
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Susan McIvor

## Normal Weekly Meetings:

Monday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
Tuesday	11.00 am - 1.30 pm	Live at Home Lunch Club
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Cubs
	8.30 - 9.30 pm	Footlights Stage School Adult Fun Tap Class
Wednesday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	1.45 - 4.00 pm	Sinfin Live at Home Scheme
	6.00 - 7.30 pm	Brownies (Term Time)
	7.00 - 8.30 pm	Guides (Term time)
Thursday	9.00 - 11.00 am	Slimming World
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	1.15 - 2.45 pm	Parent and Toddler Group (Term time)
	5.15 - 6.45 pm	Beavers (Term time)
	6.45 - 7.45 pm	Church Music Group Practice
Friday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Footlights Stage School - Ballet
Saturday	9.00 - 2.00 pm	Footlights Stage School (various classes)

For details of contacts, see the back page.

Sinfin Moor Church Prayers  
November 2016

“So I tell you, no matter what you ask in prayer, believe it is yours already, and it will be yours!” (Mark 11 v 24, ‘The Truth’)

*Please pray for:*

**Our Minister:** Revd Susan McIvor (See Hebrews 13 verse 7a).

**Upper Myanmar (Burma):** Revd James Ngun Hlei (President of the Methodist Church) and all the Christians in that area.

**Those who serve our community:** Health Care: Opticians, doctors, nurses, dentists, chiropodists, ambulance service, health care admin people etc. Schools staff at this busy time.

*Short term needs:*

**Carol and Mark Bates** in their loss of Brian.

**Mary Moore** recovering from her fall.

**Philip Brown** (Great nephew of Ellen Treece) who is recovering from a bone marrow transplant.

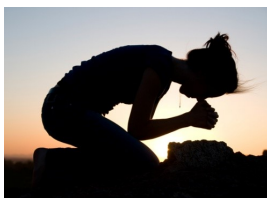
*Long term needs:*

**Marian Bannister** for continued healing of her eyes

**Richard Dockray** (David & Verity’s son) who is at Bible College continuing his studies and his gardening work.

**Reg and Olwyn Lancaster** (Melanie Sant’s parents), both diabetic, with Reg having dementia.

**Sandy and Ken** (Anne George’s friend in the USA) who are really in need of the strength of prayer at this time.



The Monthly Message from Rev'd Susan McIvor

'O that you would tear open the heavens and come down'

Isaiah 64 v 1

Is it me, or does it seem that each year Christmas comes sooner? I was visiting another church in the Derby Methodist Circuit the other day when I spotted a group of children, in full costume, taking part in their nativity play. To me it felt so out of place; the season of Advent, when we get ready for Christmas, had not yet started. Yet presumably out of concern to get everything done a local school was having its nativity performances. Sometimes it seems that we are in such a rush to get everything done for Christmas that we actually miss what it is all really about.

Advent is the Christian season when we look forward to the in-breaking of God into the world; the time when we as Christians wait hopefully for Christ our Redeemer to come. It is the season which reminds us to slow down, to make proper preparations. In Advent we focus on the stories of those who prepared the way for Jesus; the prophets, John the Baptist, Mary the mother of Jesus. In Advent we hear about their great expectations for a different world order. We hear of the deep longing of the people in the Bible to know God more fully. Their stories are characterised by patient witness, long journeys, deep longing and strength of faith. This is a huge contrast with our traditional festivities in the weeks running up to Christmas, characterised by excessive eating, drinking, spending and huge traffic jams of impatient shoppers.

Yet despite the contrast in the ways we prepare for Christmas our need is the same. We still cry out for God to 'tear open the heavens and come down' as the prophet Isaiah did many centuries before us.

There are times when we long for God to do something dramatic in

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our world. Why doesn't God intervene when people are destroying each other through war, we wonder. Or when natural disasters destroy lives and communities we ask why God didn't stop it from happening? We long for God to intervene in our world. 'O that you would tear open the heavens and come down'.

There are times when we long for God to do something dramatic in our lives. When we are locked in by our own anxiety or despair, or shut ourselves away because of anger or guilt, often we find ourselves praying for God to help us. When we are overcome by pain or facing serious illness we pray to God to do something. When we think we don't have enough faith we ask to know God better. We long for God to intervene in our lives. 'O that you would tear down the heavens and come down'.

There are times when we long for God to do something dramatic in the lives of people we know. We pray for miracles for our loved ones and sometimes we pray for God's judgment on those who hurt or harm us or those whom we love. We pray for God to intervene in the lives of people we know.

So I think we are not that different from Isaiah, who with his people, longed to know God more fully and longed for God to break into their lives, the lives of the people whom they loved and the world. Our desperate prayers tell us we still long for God to intervene in our world today. 'O that you would tear open the heavens and come down'.

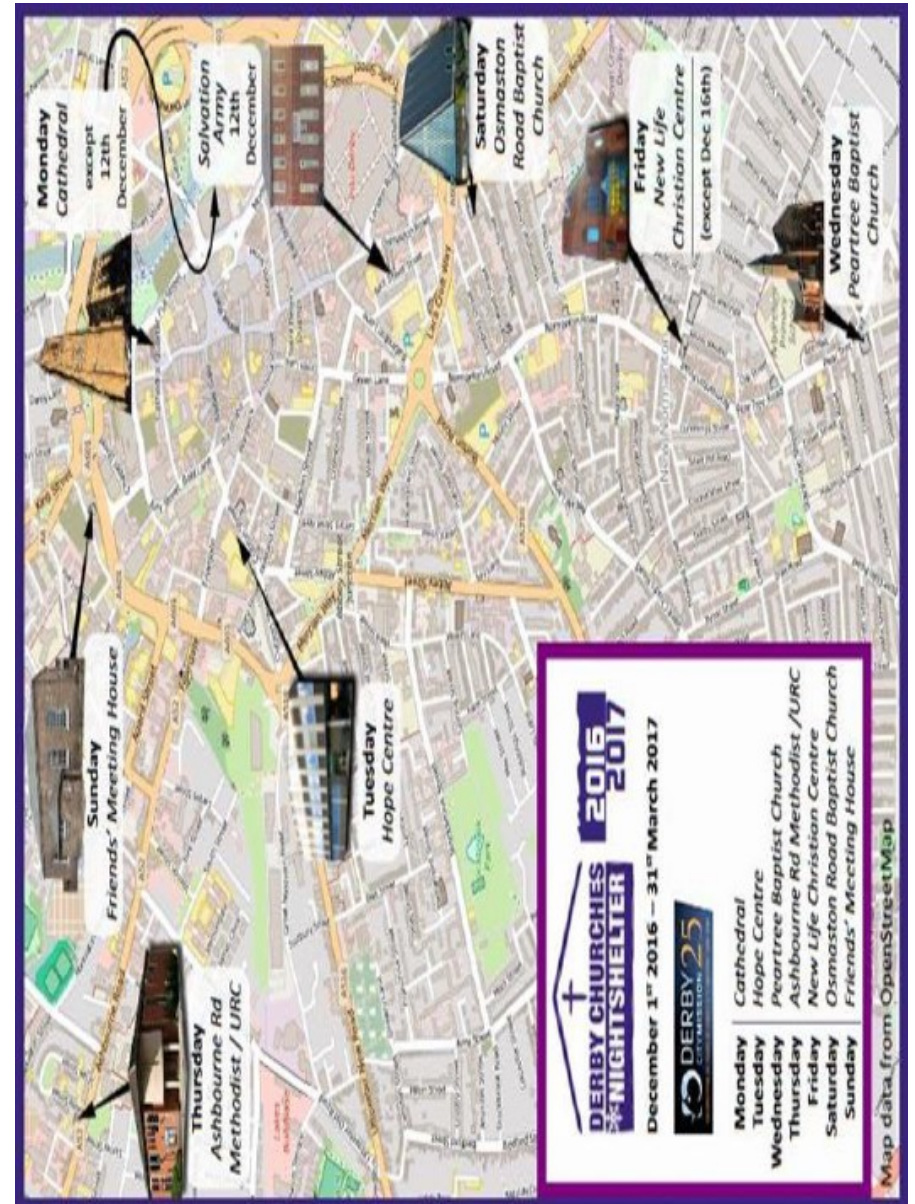
But one question remains. Will we be ready when he comes?

May God bless you all as you prepare for Christ's coming amongst us again.

Susan

## Christmas Appeal 2016

The cash offering from our Carol Service at 5.00 pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December and also the Midnight Communion at 11.30 pm on Christmas Eve will, this year be given to the Derby Churches Nightshelter Appeal. We would ask you to give generously when you attend. Below is some further information about the Nightshelter.



**Gift Day** - This was launched on our Anniversary Sunday in September, our Gift Day is to enable us to purchase a new lectern microphone (which we now have and are benefitting from) and then improve the multimedia projection. So far you have given **£362** and for that, thank you. This appeal continues until March 2017. Please put your gift in an envelope in the offering basket on any Sunday. Monthly envelopes are available for those who want to give a little more but spread the cost, see Ian Sant. See Ian if you do not still have your Gift Day Envelope and want one.

### **Celebrate a Life**

This year we will be having a memorial Christmas tree in our fantastic new porch (or Narthex if you prefer!) to celebrate the life of a loved one. If you would like to remember someone this way I will be selling Angel tags for you to write your own personal message on to hang on the tree. These tags will be £1 each and all the money raised will go towards the Building Works Fund. The Angel tags will be available every Sunday.



Christmas for many is a difficult time of the year. We should all be full of joy, celebrating the birth of our Lord, but for many of us it is a time when we remember such sad times over the Christmas season and of course through the years. I hope that this tree will be a wonderful sign of remembrance of our loved ones who are no longer with us, but who are always in our hearts.

Thank you to the Church Council for allowing me to do this. I can't wait to see the tree shining brightly in our beautiful new entrance

**Anne George**

### **Harvest Gifts**

You will recall that we gave our harvest gifts to the Derby Refugee Advice Centre (DRAC) this year. We received a letter of thanks from them shortly after the gifts were delivered but it arrived too late for inclusion in the November Monthly, so here it is.



### **Dear all at Sinfin Moor Church**

Thank you so much for the most generous donation of food and toiletries from your Harvest Festival to DRAC. We are very busy at the moment with increasing demand for our advice sessions, food, clothing and general support services, and it is because of organisation like yourselves make such valuable contributions that it really helps us to maintain these services.

We try to give particular help to the most vulnerable, including those who are destitute and those with significant health issues. The food from your harvest festival will enable some families and individuals to have a more varied and healthy diet. Also it is important to try to ensure that asylum seekers and refugees feel safe and welcome in Derby, especially at the moment when there is so much in the media and you support us in doing that.

Please thank everyone from Sinfin Moor Church on our behalf.

With thanks and kindest regards

**Janet Fuller - Manager**

*ED: How good to know that our gifts to DRAC are able to make such a difference, well done for being so generous again.*

## R & R Group update.

This morning you will have entered the Church through the new Foyer which was handed over to us on Friday afternoon (2<sup>nd</sup> December). We do hope you enjoyed the experience and were able to appreciate how



much bigger it seems on the inside than it looks on the outside. If you are a Dr. Who fan you might think of it as the 'Tardis' effect. If you are not a Dr. Who fan then you will have no idea what we are talking about!!!!

The overall cost of the work is around £200,000 and we have achieved that with just two significant grants, the Derby Methodist Circuit (£20,000) and the URC East Midlands Synod (£10,000). So well done to everyone who has contributed over the years to make this happen.

Of course, we have had to borrow £40,000 to get to where we are and this will have to be repaid over the next 5 years so we cannot let up in our fund raising or giving until that is done.

Of course, now you can see the work is done, we hope you will be encouraged to continue to give to our Building Works Fund and if you are one of those who has not yet taken to supporting this, you may now be inspired to do so.

We now have a watertight building with the new roof and a lovely light and open area as we arrive and it is warmer; we have much to thank God for.

There will be a formal event soon to commemorate and bless the work that has been done, please look out for that date.

You will see hanging in in the Foyer our lovely new 'Christmas' Cross' to compliment our existing 'Easter Cross' in the front bay of the Church. Mike Prince got the cross made and he has added the frame, our thanks to him and the anonymous donor who made it possible.

This should be the last of the regular monthly updates for the time be-

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sinfin Guides - Shoeboxes



Thanks to all those who donated items and helped us to pack and send 113 shoe boxes to Eastern Europe. We had an enjoyable afternoon where we all worked really hard to get them all packed and wrapped, they are currently on the way overland to those who have so little and who really appreciate what we send. We will look forward to hearing back from the group who give their time to travel to remote villages to hand deliver the boxes. More photos will go on the guide notice board so feel free to have a look.

**Amanda Jenkins**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sinfin Guides - Sleepover



We started our sleepover on the Friday evening by making an apron, the girls learning how to follow a sewing pattern then how to use a sewing machine, didn't they all make a good job. The Saturday was spent with a guide bake off with the guides learning how to

make a variety of quiches and sweet tarts which were judged before eating them for tea. The evening was spent making peter rabbit from "jumping clay" before watching films featuring the said rabbit. Some of you will also have been given an example of baking and craft that the guides made during the weekend after the Morning Service.

**Amanda Jenkins**

## Coffee Morning 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016

With the Footlights Stage School being away putting their show on elsewhere, we were able to use the two rear bays of the Church for a change.

This fortunately was a good advantage as we had such a large amount of Bric-a-Brac raising a total of **£156.90**. Jacqui and John in action here. Within this total were two kind donations of £20 and £10 from two Church members.

An excellent array of edible goodies were on show thanks to Mandy Dudden, Violet and Amanda producing **£60.60**.

The hot refreshment bar with Nina, Katriona and Amanda raised a total of **£55.50** and Gill's on the regular raffle raised another **£39.00**

To all the team and to everyone who came along to support us a great big thank you. The total amount of **£312.00** has been passed into the Church Building Works Fund. Many thanks also to Melvin and David for the unseen work of setting the coffee morning up and down. As well as all this, £113.00 was raised by the 1<sup>st</sup> Sinfin Guides who were selling Christmas cakes and jars of sweets.

The next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December between 9.30 - 12.00 noon.

Please keep your Bric-a-Brac and raffle prizes coming along, it's always most welcome.

Colin Attenborough

## Prayer after the Morning Service

We continue to offer the opportunity for private prayer after the service should you require this; please see either Brenda Gosling, Mary Davis or Verity Dockray who will be happy to pray with you.

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ing as we take a bit of breather but work will continue in the new year so thank you for your continued generosity.

**On behalf of the R & R Group**

*ED: And our thanks to the R & R Group for the immense amount of work they have put in to this on our behalf. Words cannot really express our appreciation.*

## Building Works Fund

It has become a bit academic how much we have in this fund at the moment because it is being used for its intended purpose i.e. to pay for the work on our building. We think that we more-or-less have the funding in place to pay for the work but please do NOT stop giving money as we are not sure if there will be additional unforeseen costs. In the meantime, isn't it exciting to actually see the work complete after all these years!



# Monthly Coffee Morning

to be held at the Church on  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December between  
9.30 am until 12.00 noon



Come and enjoy the usual relaxed  
friendly atmosphere.



Tea Coffee Books Raffle Fairtrade  
and maybe

Breakfast Baps Homemade Produce

The 'girls and boys' would love to see you there.

**Money raised is for the Building Works Fund**

### Men's Club

Our final event is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December for our Christmas Meal after which we will cease to meet due to our dwindling numbers. We have had a very successful time over the many years we have met, but the time has come for this to cease.

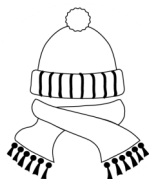
### Church Weekend 2017

Thank you to those of you who have booked for the 2017 Church Weekend. If you are thinking of going to our Church Weekend next year, it is important that you to fill in the form (on the table in Back Bay) and pay the deposit, so we can then pay our deposit at the venue. We are going again to the Willersley Castle Hotel which is set in a lovely rural setting in Cromford.

For more information, please speak to Julie Froggatt.

### Wanted

Clean scarves, hats and gloves are being collected by Jacqueline Worton to give to the homeless. If you have any that are surplus to requirements, please place them in the food collection tub. It is important to note that they should be clean, Thank you.



### Church Cleaning

We are planning to give the Church a good clean on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and if needed Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, can you help for an hour or two? There are plenty of jobs to do and I am sure something suitable for all abilities, if you need more info please just ask, I will be putting up a list in the middle bay for names and preferred days / times. Thanks.

**Melanie Sant**

The floral display in Church today are sponsored by

**Violet Clark**

In memory of her late husband **Sam**,



### Dates for your diary

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am - Toy Service

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am - Morning Service

5.00 pm - Carol Service

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Church Christmas Party (tickets £5 from Melanie)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 pm - Midnight Holy Communion

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am - Christmas Day Family Service.

Note that there **WILL** be a Service on New Years Day (1<sup>st</sup> January 2017) at 10.00 am here at the Church but it will not be Communion as that will occur on the 8<sup>th</sup> January.

### Gift Aid

Thank you to those of you who are able to Gift Aid your offering money and if you have already done so, thank you for completing our new form.

We are doing this because those nice people at the Inland Revenue have revised the wording for the Gift Aid Form and we have decided that all those who Gift Aid their money to the Church should complete the new form. So if you are already registered with us for Gift Aid and have NOT yet completed the new for, please see Margaret Platt or Ian Sant to get one (rather than wait to be approached!)

If you pay tax and are not already registered with us to enable us to claim Gift Aid, again see Margaret or Ian.

By completing the form, it does NOT cost you any more but enables us to claim from the Inland Revenue a further 25p for every £1 you give.

Interestingly, we get about £4,000 each year from the Inland Revenue and this is helping us enormously to meet our costs so it is very much worth doing.

**Closing Date** for the next newsletter  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** please.