

GROUPS MEETING AT SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

Group **Contact** **Telephone No.**
Asian Men - Over 60's Group Mr Pabla ☎07845 891442
 Monday to Friday from 1.00 ~ 5.00 pm.

Footlights Stage School Faye Elliott ☎07779 665181
 Anne George ☎721108

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. See the bottom of page 15 for further details.

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

Brownies Helen Chesshire ☎07763 852278
 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
 Thursday in the Back and Middle Bays from 1.15 ~ 2.45 pm
 Group only meet during school term time and **will restart in September.**

Scouts Matt Baker E-mail Scouts119Derby@outlook.com
 Thursday in the Back Bay from 7.15 ~ 8.45 pm

Cubs (Nelson Pack) Sam Reynolds E-mail Cubs119Derby@outlook.com
 Tuesday in the Back Bay from 6.30 ~ 8.00 pm

Beavers Lesley Holmes ☎768581
 Thursday in the Back Bay from 5.30 ~ 6.45 pm

Slimming World Mark Gadsby ☎07530 987378
 Thursday morning in the Back and Middle Bays 8.00 am - 12.00 noon.

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

Please advise the Editor if there are any changes.

Sinfin Moor Church

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



Find us at:
www.sinfinmoorchurch.org.uk

March 2018

(Published on the 4th)

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

Readings are: Exodus 20 v 1 - 17 and John 2 v 13 - 22.

Bibles are available in the Welcome Area 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 warm welcome to those who is worshipping with us for the first time or visiting. Whether 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.*

There are no **Evening Services** planned at SMC in March

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 2017/18

Minister*	Rev'd Susan McIvor	765933
Secretary*	Julie Froggatt	722222
Stewards*	Julie Froggatt	Margaret Platt
	Michael Prince	Melanie Sant
	Melvin Worton	Vacancy
Church Council	John Archer	Colin Attenborough
	David Dockray	Eve Dudden
	Amanda Jenkins	Vincent Martin
	Wendy Roe	
Safeguarding	Julie Froggatt	722222
Room Bookings	Melanie Sant	721927
Webmaster	Vincent Martin	728295
Welcome Centre		
Manager	Wendy Roe	762664
Prayer		
Co-Ordinator	Ken Bates Wagstaff	-
Newsletter Editor	Ian Sant	721927

• 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 1st and 5th Sunday)
 Evening Services are held on the 1st Sunday of the month from May until September.

Credit: Cover diagram of SMC by Mike Prince.

CHURCH DIARY DATES MARCH

Monday	5 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
		7.30 pm	Lent Course
Monday	12 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
		7.30 pm	Lent Course
Monday	19 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
		7.30 pm	Lent Course
Saturday	24 th	9.30 am	Monthly Coffee Morning (See page 7)
Monday	26 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
		7.30 pm	Holy Week Worship.
Tuesday	27 th	7.30 pm	Holy Week Worship
Wednesday	28 th	7.30 pm	Holy Week Worship
Thursday	29 th	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	30 th	10.00 am	Good Friday Service

Normal Weekly Meetings:

Monday	10.00 am - 12.30 pm	Prayer, Fellowship and Coffee Morning.
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
Tuesday	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
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	8.00 am - 12.00 noon	Slimming World
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	1.15 - 2.45 pm	Parent and Toddler Group (Term time)
	5.30 - 6.45 pm	Beavers (Term time)
	7.15 - 8-45 pm	Scouts (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 am - 2.00 pm	Footlights Stage School (various classes)

For details of contacts, see the back page.

**Sinfin Moor Church Prayers
March 2018**

"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:

- **Revd Susan McIvor** as she continues to minister to our Church and in her role as Safeguarding Officer for the District.

Short term needs:

- **Skye Cunningham** (Guides Member) recovering from a broken hip, please pray for a complete recovery.
- **Philip Brown** (Great Nephew of Ellen Treece) pray for healing after hospital treatment for leukaemia.
- **David Smith** who is still undergoing treatment.

Ongoing and Long term needs:

- **Vincent Martin** as he continues to improve as his treatment takes effect.
- **Richard Dockray** (David & Verity's son) who is at Bible College continuing his studies and his gardening work.
- **Nathan, Michelle, Lily and Ella Sant** as they continue their lives in Zimbabwe.

General needs for:

All our Church family who:

- are unable to come to Church on a Sunday due to illness or ill health.
- are undergoing treatment at this time or recovering from treatment, operations etc.
- the groups who use our building, that they continue to be successful and still show respect to the premises and facilities.
- the Monday Morning Prayers, Fellowship and coffee initiative.
- the Church AGM on 18th March, that people will be inspired to serve the Church and help make a difference.

Please do let **Ken Bates-Wagstaff** know of any prayer requests, they can be included in any edition of the Newsletter.

The Monthly Message by the Bishop of Repton

Bishop Jan recently addressed the new Derby Deanery (of which we are part) and below are the main points of her talk. This is the beginning of a conversation that will go on for the next few months and years. We don't know the answer, but are looking for a way forward for the parishes, deanery and diocese.

The Church of England in 2018 can seem doom and gloom:

- Numbers falling
- Congregations getting older and more tired
- No children or young people
- Big old buildings to maintain
- Not enough money
- No one is interested in coming to church any more
- John Humphrys hates Thought for the Day

If we were Tesco, we'd update our logo and come up with a new mission strategy. But we aren't Tesco, and our mission statement is Matthew 28 v 19-20. The big question we face is this: "Do we believe God?"

- God's people are in exile, but God promises them a future (Jeremiah)
- God will not abandon us

The Church of England suffers from institutional atheism

- We say we believe in God, but act as if we don't
- We act as if we're in charge and it is all down to us • God gets sidelined

There are signs of new life, but they are all fragile, very new and delicate.

Numbers are not falling everywhere:

- Messy Church and Fresh Expressions
- Resource Church proving a source of growth
- Pioneer Ministry

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- Cathedrals

Congregations are getting older

- Older people can be powerhouses of prayer
- Grandparent figures are needed to reach young people
- They have wisdom to impart But ... we must be prepared to be innovative and creative

We do have children and young people

- There are thousands in church schools
- Children bring their parents to church
- The new Cathedral Secondary School
- Messy Church

We have big expensive buildings to maintain

- People do want to help pay (e.g. National Trust appeal for White Cliffs of Dover)
- We'll need help - Friends Societies, Electoral Roll
- Be realistic about the Quinquennial Inspection Report
- Church Buildings Review will help
- Buildings are missional tools in their own right

There is not enough money, but ...

- Common fund payment is up (Thank you)
- DBF exploring and using alternative methods of funding
- Generous Giving is an aid to teaching on giving

No one is interested in coming to Church

- Yet 50% of the population pray
- There is an interest in spirituality

There are Challenges that we face:

- We might have to let go of precious things

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Gift Day 2017

This appeal will close at the end of **THIS** month. Once we know the final amount, we can then look for a system to suit our needs.

To date you have given £937 so a big thank you for giving to this appeal. This amount is higher than in recent years so your response to our appeal to enable us to improve the security on our building has appealed to you. Whatever the reason, thank you very much.

A Reminder to support Sinfin Moor Park Nature Reserve

Please may I ask for your continued support when you shop at Asda.

They operate a green disc system. When you purchase your items you can ask the till operator for the small green discs.

Opposite the main tills is the unit where you can use your discs. Please see the pictures.

This runs until April and the organisations you can give the discs to are Shelton Football Club, Derby Sea Cadets, and finally who I kindly ask your support for

The Friends of Sinfin Moor Park Local Nature Reserve.

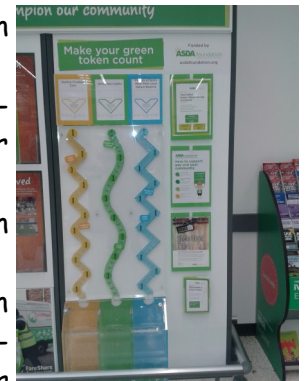
The winner with the most discs are rewarded with £500 and the two runners up get £200 each.

I always use the self-service checkouts for my shopping but I then go along to a manned till and ask for the discs.

Please tell your friends

Many thanks

Colin Attenborough



**Closing Date for the next newsletter
Thursday 8th March please.**

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with lots of stalls etc. ... or the evening entertainments with food, but I plan to continue with some of the "old faithfuls", such as a themed Quiz...a coin collection (so please keep saving your copper and silver small change) ... an afternoon entertainment for " Live-at-Home", whose members faithfully save coins throughout the year ... and the Christian Aid gift envelopes. I hope to organise one or two other smaller efforts, as well, so keep an eye on the newsletters for further details. I hope, as in the past, you will continue to support our fundraising efforts for the work of Christian Aid and help them to build many "Homes of Hope". Many thanks

Doreen Hickman

Coffee Morning - Saturday 24th February 2018

A very busy and rewarding morning for Church funds. Many thanks to the team and to everyone who came along to support us. A grand total of £330 was raised. Bric a Brac (Jacqui, Chris, John) £196.00. Cakes (Mandy, Mary, Eve.) £14.20. Tea, Coffee, hot sausage and bacon cobs (Nina, Mary, Amanda, Katriona) £71.80. Raffle (Gill, Sue, Margaret) £48.00. Setting the Coffee Morning up (Jacqui, David, Melvin). The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 24th March, 9.30 - 12.00 noon. We normally have the last Saturday of the month but not this time due to 31st March being Easter Saturday.

The planned dates for the rest of the year are 24th March, 28th April, 19th May, 30th June, 28th July. We have a break in August due to it being a Bank Holiday. 29th September, 27th October, 24th November, 15th December (Christmas Coffee Morning).

Colin Attenborough

The flowers in Church today (4th)
are not sponsored

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- The church in this generation needs time to lament, to sing the Lord's song in a strange land
- The church will never again be as it was 50 years ago.
- We need to mourn all of this before we move on.
- This is not an easy time to belong to the church
- We need to look for the signs of new life
- Need to put resources into nurturing the new life
- Find out where God is at work and join in

As a deanery this means talking to one another, praying, and working out what God is doing and where God is leading us.

- It takes huge courage
- It means taking risks
- It may be the end of the church as we know it, but it is not the end of the church
- Mission is finding out what God is doing and joining in!

Running faster is not the answer - we need to wait for the wind of the Spirit.

- Do less, do it better
- The church is hopeless at giving things up
- If we are exhausted, we have nothing to offer the world
- We need to be an oasis

If we do things joyfully, then people will want to join in

- Be contagious Christians
- Do less, do it better, do it joyfully
- Wait for God

What do we need to stop doing?

- Why lots of PCC meetings in benefices?
- Days of one priest per parish are gone

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- We need to work together as bigger units
- Share resources and expertise
- We need to stop being in our own protective units

Questions to ask:

- What can we stop doing?
- What could we be doing better/more of?
- What are the signs of growth?
- Where can we share resources with each other?
- Where do we deploy the (stipendiary) clergy?
- Where do we deploy Readers/LLMs?
- How are we demonstrating every member ministry?

We are NOT to feel guilty. This is not our fault. This is not the clergy's fault. We are living at the end of a time of the church being complacent. It is on our watch that this is having an impact. BUT IT IS NOT OUR FAULT!

- We are all the church and we have a resurrection faith
- We may be going through a Good Friday experience, but Easter will come.
- We need to be alert to the new acts of God
- These are exciting times to be a Christian.
- We are being asked to do something for God.

Online Outreach

Whilst I have the time currently I am able to dedicate more attention to our online outreach. Facebook has proved very useful in getting announcements out particularly during the adverse weather conditions. We have reached, helped and advised a lot of people in the last few months. Please can I ask that if you have any items of local news that should be announced to the community, let me know and I can post it. I'm always looking for relevant content.

Vincent Martin

Christian Aid Week, 2018

Christian Aid Week will be with us again in May. This is what they say : "We are sure you share our belief that the world can ...and must...be changed! We also believe that we are each called to love our fellow human beings. Together we can raise money to support our poorest brothers and sisters around the globe and pray for justice and witness at the heart of our communities. We are honoured to support people of all faiths and those of none, and would be so pleased if you could support us in this work." One of their stories this year tells of a lady called Vilia, who lost her mother and her home, when a terrible earthquake struck Port-au-Prince in 2010. Bereaved and homeless, she returned to her home town with her husband and children, but they had nowhere safe to live. Christian Aid built them a new home, safe, stable and strong enough to stand up to natural disasters. In 2016, on the terrifying night when hurricane Matthew struck, Vilia opened her home to 54 neighbours, who sheltered with her for several days, until the ferocious storm had passed. Her house was barely damaged at all. She is incredibly grateful to Christian Aid for the help she has received...and that she was able to help others. She recognises that many other local neighbours are struggling and she would dearly love safe housing for them too. (You can see a short video of Vilia telling her story online...by going onto Google and typing in "Vilia's story Christian Aid".)

This year, Christian Aid Week will run from Sunday, 13th to Saturday, 19th of May. Their campaign this year is themed "Homes of Hope". They say, " Will you help us provide life saving new homes for desperately poor communities, at risk from disasters?" I want to thank you all so much for the amazing support you have given to Christian Aid over the years. This year , I'm afraid I will be unable to organise a "Big" event , such as the Coffee Mornings

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Prayer after the Morning Service

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



Concerns, worries etc. about our Church

We thought we would take this opportunity whilst we have the space to remind that you can approach the Minister, Stewards or any member of Church Council if you have any concerns, worries or require any help or advice about any aspect of what goes on at our Church.

A list of names and contact details can be found on page 2 of this copy of our Monthly newsletter.

Sinfin Moor Church - Annual General Meeting

A reminder that this takes place on Sunday 18th March after the morning worship. Please be prayerful about this especially encouraging those considering the Stewards and Church Council positions.

The Agenda & Annual Reports will be available next Sunday. To give us an idea of how many copies to print, if you want a copy, please put your name on the list on the notice board in the Middle Bay.

Electoral Role

We have to review this during the weeks leading up to our AGM. It is an opportunity for new names to be added e.g. new Church members. See Wendy Roe for more information.

Church Weekend

The 2018 booking forms are on the back table for our weekend away at Willersley Castle, Cromford on:
Friday 10th August to Sunday 12th August

Building Works Fund (BWF)

This fund continues to grow albeit more slowly than was since the first phase of our building work was completed.

That said the growth is steady with £516 being added during February.

As always, we are grateful for your continued generosity and at the end of February we have £9,348.12 in the fund of which some £4,300 is allocated to the final payment on the work completed in 2016. Yes you have guessed it, we are still awaiting that final invoice!



OUR SERVICES FOR MARCH ARE:

4 th	10.00 am	Morning Communion	Rev'd Susan McIvor
11 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Jenny Dyer
18 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Susan McIvor
25 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Katriona Jenkins

FUNDRAISER COFFEE MORNING

Held every month to raise money for our church funds
Join us on

Saturday 24th March, 9:30am to 12pm

Find a bargain with our huge bric a bric table, browse through hundreds of books at just 25p each, or maybe have a go on the raffle to win some top prizes.

We also serve breakfast cobs and homemade produce, tea, coffee and squash with biscuits.



Free entry



Everyone welcome, the team would love to see you

More info on our website www.sinfinmoorchurch.org.uk or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/sinfinmoorchurch

Above artwork produced by Vince Martin

Footlights Stage School

25 Years
BLACK & SILVER BALL

Friday 23rd March 2018
Doors Open 7.00pm to 11.00pm

Child £8.00 Adult £12.00
Family 2 adult & 2 Children £38.00
Family 2 adult & 3 Children £45.00

Rolls Royce Leisure
The Pavillion, Moor Lane, DE24 9HY
07779 665181 / 01332 721108

This is open to everyone and anyone who has had an involvement with Footlights over the 25 years it has existed. Why not come along!

St Stephen's Church

Sinfin Lane

invite you to their

Coffee Morning

on

Saturday 10th March

between

10.00 am and 12.00 noon

All the usual stalls including cakes, tea, toast etc.

Come along and join us!



Advance notice of the Derby Bible Week event for 2018, with Christopher Ash speaking on the subject: Anger - practical lessons for the Christian life.

The meetings will be held each evening at 7:30 pm, from Monday 9th April to Thursday 12th April, at Woodlands Evangelical Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree, Derby and also at 10:00 am at Christ Church, Great Northern Rd, Derby. (note: there will be creche facilities in the morning; this is not mentioned in the flyer which will be coming to you shortly so I would be grateful if you could make this known.)

LEADERS LUNCH - As in previous years there will also be a church leaders lunch, being held again this year at Christ Church, on Tuesday, 10th April from 12:15 pm until 2. 00pm. This is aimed at leaders in the broadest sense and would include, for example, apprentices, elders, youth pastors etc.

Christopher is a well renowned bible teacher, the author of a number of books, and is currently writer in residence at Tyndale House and Ministry Trainer at St Andrew the Great in Cambridge. He is also one of the main speakers at this year's Keswick Convention.

Publicity flyers are available on the table in the back bay or in the welcome area.