

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 2018/19

Minister*	Rev'd Susan McIvor	765933
Secretary*	Julie Froggatt	722222
Stewards*	Julie Froggatt	Amanda Jenkins
	Margaret Platt	Ian Sant
	Melanie Sant	Melvin Worton
Church Council	John Archer	Colin Attenborough
	David Dockray	Eve Dudden
	Wendy Roe	Ivan Vickerstaff
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.

CHURCH DIARY DATES JUNE

Monday	4 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Monday	10 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Monday	17 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Monday	24 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Saturday	30 th	9.30 am	Monthly Coffee Morning (see page 6)

OUR SERVICES FOR JUNE ARE:

3 rd	10.00 am	Morning Communion	Rev'd Keith Burchell
	5.00 pm	Evening Service	Katriona Jenkins
10 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Yan Yan Case
17 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Susan McIvor
24 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	SMC Church Stewards

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	Sinfín 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 June 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.
- **The Inter-regnum (vacancy)**, pray for those working on this, that they will be guided by God in their thinking, that the plans will come to fruition, the right person and arrangements can be found.

Short term needs:

- **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** continuing 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.

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

⇒ *If you have asked for prayers to be added, please ensure you keep either Ken or the Newsletter Editor updated otherwise they can become unnecessary.*

The Monthly Message by Dominic Sant

Hello All!

It seems like an age since I left Sinfin. Let me start then by echoing Nathan's thanks from last month's message. The impact that Sinfin has had on our lives is profound. Like the man who built his house on the rock, if you don't have stable foundations, then you will not get very far!

As many of you know, since Sinfin Moor Church I have attended Stenson Fields Christian fellowship and then Christ Church Central Derby and now we are up in Leeds with a new church plant. We meet in a public building every week, and so far it has been tremendously blessed.

It has been a real test of faith for Quoa and I over the last year, the biggest test was finding schools for the children, Abigail didn't have a school place until the day before school started. As difficult as it has been, it has also been amazing to see how God's timing is perfect. We didn't need to worry about anything as God had all of the finances, school places and social networks ready and waiting for us!

It was great to come and worship with you a couple of months ago. We sang Shine Jesus Shine, and this reminded me of one of my most painful, but also most beautiful memory of Sinfin Moor Church, Hazel Attenborough's funeral. It was painful for obvious reasons, but a beautiful and fitting tribute to Hazel's zest for life. When I look back at many of the beautiful people that we have lost over the years, I thank God that they are now living with him in Glory!

I have been reading Ecclesiastes just recently, it is a difficult book to get your head around, but once you spend the time, it is

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really worth it. The teacher starts by saying

"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."

Ecclesiastes 1:2 NIV

Now that isn't very encouraging start, but our translation is not as helpful as it could be. The original Hebrew 'hebel' is also translated as 'breath' or 'breeze'. The point of the book is this; we are only on this earth for a short time before, as believers, we go to glory.

Ecclesiastes goes on to point out that there is a monotonous pattern to the world and that there is nothing new to be done in the world that has not already been done previously. If we view this in the wrong light then this can seem discouraging, but it isn't meant to. It is meant to make us stop, think, and enjoy the here and now. I have heard so many times sayings such as 'make the most of this time you'll not get it back' and I think this is a message we can all take. We shouldn't be so busy in life that we aren't able to enjoy the amazing gifts that God has given us. Can I encourage you to take a step back and think about all of the amazing blessings you have received from God and remember to thank him for them!

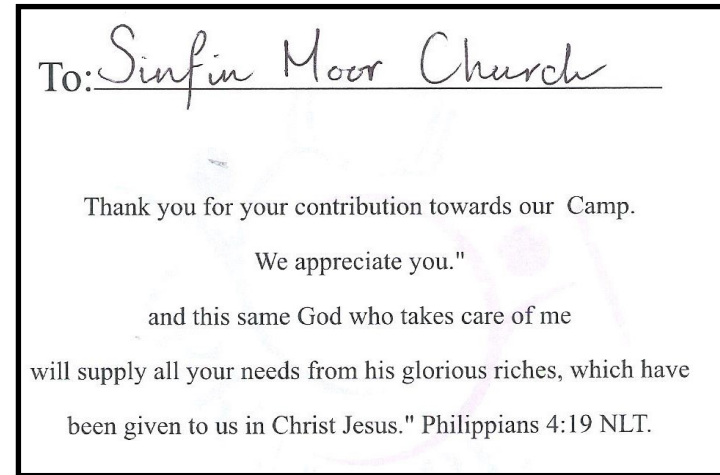
Every blessing

Dominic

ED: Thanks to Dominic for taking the time to write the 'message' for us whilst at this time, moving house. As we approach the August, we know that we will not have a Minister for a while. If anyone else in the Church would like to write the message for us, please do let me know and help to spread the workload.

Ark of Hope Donation

As part of our giving to good causes at the end of 2017, we were able to give £325 to the Ark of Hope in Zimbabwe for their camp. This is one of Nathan Sant's projects there and you will have read the report about how successful and well received their camp was by those who went along. We have now received the photograph show below and their acknowledgment of the gift. We thought you might like to see it and how happy the group were.



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 Ken Bates-Wagstaff who will be happy to pray with you. We welcome Ken, as our Church Prayer Co-ordinator to this role.



We would like to say thank you to Verity Dockray for being available on a Sunday after our Service for anyone who needs prayer. There has been a change in circumstances and she no feels able to continue. Thank you Verity for making yourself available in this role for so long.

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.

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

The flowers in the Church this week are not sponsored.

Closing Date for the next newsletter
Thursday 7th June please.

Christian Aid Week

Firstly, I want to say a big, big "Thank You" to everyone who has donated in any way, over the last few weeks, to our 2018 Christian Aid effort . As I have not been able to organise a "big event" this year ... I have obviously not expected us to make as much as we have done over the last few years....so I am very pleased to report that we have raised an excellent £656.65 ... and this is how we did it : The gift envelopes contained £276. ; The Church coin collection made £38.15p.; £35.00 came from the sale of the Quiz Sheets and £40 from sundry donations. The donations given, for the "bricks" we used to build up our "Home of Hope" , raised £114.50. (Many thanks to our 1st. Sinfin Guide Company for taking part in this venture.) On the Wednesday of Christian Aid Week, our "Live-at-Home" group enjoyed an afternoon's entertainment with the theme of "Home, Sweet Home", during which they weighed down our "builders' bucket" with their donations of coins, totalling £153.00. (Many thanks to them for saving up their coins and adding such a wonderful sum to our total.) So....once again....thank you all so much for your generosity. The money we have raised will certainly be put to very good use by Christian Aid.

Many thanks

Doreen Hickman.

Circuit Farewell Service

To be held on Sunday 29th July at Littleover Methodist Church starting at 6.00 pm. This is when the Circuit bid farewell to those Ministers who are leaving the Circuit during August and this will include our own Minister Rev'd Susan McIvor,

Building Works Fund (BWF) etc.

All our invoices are now paid for the work done on the building and all the loans are paid back so effectively we, as a Church are debt free.



The Church Council agreed at their last meeting on 21st May that we should proceed with the installation of a CCTV system on the building using the money given for the 2017 Gift Day Appeal and this will be supplemented by money from our Reserve Fund.

The Church Council also decided that we should, over the summer months, replace the existing radiators with new ones so as to improve the warmth in the Church in the cold winter months. We will pay for these using money from our Reserve Fund.

Once this work is done, we will restore the Reserve Fund to the amount we keep there for future use.

For your information, the BWF stands at £6,408.55 so thank you all for continuing to give to this fund.

We will continue to keep you advised.

Monthly Coffee Morning

to be held at the Church on
Saturday 30th June between
9.30 am until 12.00 noon



Come and enjoy the usual relaxed
friendly atmosphere.



Tea Coffee Books Raffle and maybe
Breakfast Baps Homemade Produce
The volunteer helpers would love to see you there.

Money raised is for Church Funds

'Just Listen' Course

Jean Johnson, member at Littleover M C, has kindly agreed to lead representatives from Churches in the Derby Circuit through the Acorn 'Just Listen' course. The course consists of two 2-hour sessions and makes use of a DVD and a personal workbook to achieve the aim of helping us to listen well. The Acorn website publicity says "Many of us today have discovered for ourselves the difference it makes when someone really listens to us. Being well listened to can be a life-changing experience, and yet sadly also one which is comparatively rare in our busy world." The course is ideal for welcome teams, pastoral visitors, prayer teams, small group leaders, in fact absolutely anyone who might benefit from understanding how to listen well. The course costs £5 to cover the cost of the workbook and there are 20 places on offer. We have settled on two Thursdays in 5th and 19th July but have not yet fixed the time of day until we know how much interest there is. If you are interested, please let Julie Froggatt or one of the Stewards know ASAP.

Welcome Area Prayers

Our Monday morning initiative to provide an opportunity for prayer and fellowship is going well and has a regular group of attendees. You are warmly invited to come along and join us between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.

There is a need for more people to help on these mornings and in particular with the prayers. So please, include that in your own prayers and ask that God puts in to hearts a need to serve in this way.

For more information and guidance about what is required, please speak Wendy Roe the Church Welcome Manager or Ken Bates-Wagstaff the Prayer Coordinator.

Please consider yourself for this important Ministry.

ED: the word 'or' is underlined because in last week's Weekly it was typed as 'of' and it should not have been since Ken does not work for Wendy. A slip of the fingers I'm afraid, sorry.