

GROUPS MEETING AT SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

Group	Contact	Telephone No.
Asian Men - Over 60's Group Monday to Friday from 1.00 ~ 5.00 pm.	Mr Pabla	☎07845 891442
Footlights Stage School	Faye Elliott Anne George	☎07779 665181 ☎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 Wednesday afternoon in the Middle Bay from 1.45 ~ 4.00 pm	Stacey Hyndman	☎01332 676103
Brownies Wednesday in the Back Bay from 6.00 ~ 7.30 pm	Helen Chesshire	☎07763 852278
Guides Meet on Wednesday in the Middle Bay from 7.00 ~ 8.30 pm	Amanda Jenkins	☎754770
Parent and Toddler Group Thursday in the Back and Middle Bays from 1.15 ~ 2.45 pm	Karen Bailey	☎762585
Scouts Matt Baker Thursday in the Back Bay from 7.15 ~ 8.45 pm	E-mail Scouts119Derby@outlook.com	
Cubs (Nelson Pack) Sam Reynolds Tuesday in the Back Bay from 6.30 ~ 8.00 pm	E-mail Cubs119Derby@outlook.com	
Beavers Thursday in the Back Bay from 5.30 ~ 6.45 pm	Lesley Holmes	☎768581
Sinfin Moor Church Music Group Thursday in the Front Bay from 6.45 ~ 7.45 pm	Melanie Sant	☎721927
Slimming World Thursday in the Back Bay 8.00 am to 11.45 am.	Melanie Lamb	☎07502 396934

Please advise the Editor if there are any changes.

Sinfin Moor Church

A Local Ecumenical Partnership serving Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields
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Happy New Year!

10.00 am Taking our **Morning Service and Communion** today is **Rev'd Eileen Bangay** who a member of this congregation and a retired Anglican Minister.

Readings are: Acts 10 v 34 - 38a and John 1 v 29 - 34.

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 Welcome Area.

There are no Evening Services at SMC during the winter months.

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*	Vacancy	
Secretary*	Julie Froggatt	722222
Stewards*	Julie Froggatt	Amanda Jenkins
	Margaret Platt	Ian Sant
	Melanie Sant	Melvin Worton
Church Council	John Archer	Colin Attenborough
	Eve Dudden	Vincent Martin
	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 (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 1st and 5th Sunday)
Evening Services are held on the 1st Sunday of the month from May until September.

SMC DIARY DATES - JANUARY

Monday	7 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Monday	14 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
		7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting in the Welcome Area
Monday	21 st	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Saturday	26 th	9.30 am	Coffee Morning (see page 11)
Monday	28 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments

Services at SMC in January

6 th	Morning Communion	Rev'd Eileen Bangay
13 th	Morning Worship	Dave Green
20 th	Morning Worship	Roy Milward
27 th	Morning Worship	Rev'd Raymond Lunt

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 - 11.45 am	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 — December 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:

- **The SMC Inter-regnum (vacancy)**, pray that the advertisement this month attracts right candidate to be the new Minister here at SMC.

Short term needs:

- **The Stewards** as they continue the new responsibilities now that we are in-vacancy and for the **Church Council** as they continue looking after the business matters of the Church.
- **David Smith** who is still undergoing treatment.
- **Sarah Reast** (Granddaughter of Eileen Bangay) who has health problems.

Ongoing and Long term needs:

- **Vincent Martin** as he recuperates and his wife **Linda** and the family as they support him.
- **Philip Brown** (Great Nephew of Ellen Treece) and the long-term he needs to improve.
- **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 ministry.

General needs for:

- those unable to come to Church on a Sunday due to illness or ill health.
 - those undergoing treatment at this time or recovering from treatment, operations etc.
 - the groups who use our building.,
 - the Monday Morning Prayers, Fellowship and coffee initiative.
 - the formation and success for the new Youth Council.
- ⇒ *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 Nathan Sant

Happy new year from Zimbabwe!

I hope that you all had a great Christmas and a happy new year.

I have a question for you: How has your 2018 year been?

Was it good and full of personal triumphs? Or was it not so good, with a lot of disasters?

The end of a year is for some is a sad time, where we look back at what has happened, those who have left us, relationships that have been lost, health issues etc etc.

But for others the end of the year is a joyous time. Where they look back on all the victories they have had as well as new relationships, successes and fun.

Whatever your answer though, one thing is common for all **YOU MADE IT! YOU ARE STILL ALIVE!** You may be frazzled, burnt a bit around the edges or even dragging yourself over that line, but God still has you here. God still wants you alive, He hasn't called you home yet! So, if that is the case you can definitely take heart; there is still purpose to your life.

We can be thankful this alone but, sometimes it's hard to be thankful as the bad times block the good times.

For us as a family, death and sickness seem to be all we fought this year. We lost a good family friend in February and then in May Michelle's uncle died. Ella has also been sick and in and out of hospital for almost 9 months of the last year, and then there was my quick hop over to the UK for my hip to be looked at.

But in the midst of all of this we also had massive victories; we have been on family holidays to South Africa and Mozambique, the children have done well in their schooling, new relationships have been formed and existing bonds have been strengthened.

However, in throughout everything a massive truth for all of us is that even in the depths of our failure and our darkest most difficult times, we are still loved, cherished and adored by God.

In this New Year's message, I just want to talk briefly about altars. In the bible they have mostly two purposes. 1. They were set up for sacrifice and 2. they were set up as a commemoration of something special that happened, mostly a meeting between God and man. Noah, Abraham, Jacob and Moses all built Altars to commemorate a special event or meeting between them and God.

One good example is in Exodus 17 v 8 - 16. After Moses and Aaron defeated the Amalekites, they built an altar and called it Jehovah Nissi - The Lord is my banner.

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But why Altars? Well like all good preachers, I have three reasons:

1. Altars are permanent reminders of our encounters with God and His faithfulness to us. They stand the test of time and they are there as a testament of God's grace towards us. They testify of something that you have been delivered from a trial in which there was no way out of. But God intervened and out of it came a blessing. Altars also testify of the blessings that given to you on a daily basis.

I have Altars in my life, they vary from times of trial to times of blessing, the day I became a Christian, my degree, my marriage, the birth of my children, thankfulness for God healing Ella, and most recently me not needing surgery upon my hip.

Altars like these are there as beacons in our life, when times are tough, and darkness closes in, they shine out and remind us that God has been faithful to us and that He is there and interested in us. That He will never leave us or forsake us.

2. Altars are definitive markers in your life.

They are lines in the sand that you draw saying "I have come from there, through that, and I have survived". But you can't stay there, you have to move forward, keep going whether they were good or bad situations in the past, the line is drawn, they are in the past. You learn from it apply the lessons to your life and move forward. From that very moment you cannot linger.

How many of you linger or are lingering in the past? Past achievements or past failures, past relationships and past situations?

If we are not careful these things can become idols that imprison us. We can bind ourselves to them and stay holding onto them through pride or through fear of failure,

or even through the fear of further failure. We end up weighing ourselves down with these idols and they stop us from moving on, they stop us from having greater successes and moving on in all the things that God has for us in the future.

MOVE ON! MOVE FORWARD!

Break free from these altars and move forward in your life. God never meant for you to stay there. He has bigger and better things for you, Greater successes and even greater testimonies of how He has moved in your life.

If Moses stayed next to the altar he set up, then there would never have been a promised land! The Israelites would still be lingering there today.

3. Altars are thankfulness so all can see!

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Church Flowers

The new flower list is on the notice board in the Welcome Area so if you want to sponsor the Church lower display on a given Sunday, please add your name to the list.

Christmas Offerings

Over Christmas we collected money at our Carol Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services and these amounted to £175.33.

The money will be donated to the Winchester Club who are a voluntary organisation in Sinfin that accepts anyone as a member whatever their ability or disability, aged 16 years and over, providing they can get themselves to and from the centre. Meetings are usually on Wednesdays from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm (term time only) at the Scills Community Centre. They provide weekly activities as chosen by members, sometimes socialising out of centre. They have daytrips and an annual holiday dependent on our annual fundraising events.

If you were not in Church over Christmas and wish to be associated with this donation, it is not too late, please give your money to our Church Treasurer today or tell him your intention.

Visits and Communion for housebound

Rev'd Eileen Bangay who worships with us at Sinfin Moor Church is will to do pastoral visits if asked to do so and provide Communion to the housebound on a monthly basis.

Please see her or one of the Church Stewards to arrange this.

Giving to good causes

In 2018 we, as a Church were able to donate money to a number of good causes and as a result of those made towards the very end of last year, we have some letters of acknowledgement and below you will find an abridged version of their thanks:

- **Lifewords** - Thank you for your kind donation of £150.00 from Sinfin Moor Church towards the work of Lifewords. Please pass our thanks onto our friends this gift is helping many people round the world experience the Bible as good news, where they may otherwise not hear about Jesus.
- **Derby Churches Nightshelter** - Thank you very much for the donation for the Derby Churches Nightshelter. We really appreciate your support, both financial and especially in prayer. It costs about £24 per person per night to run the Nightshelter, so this will help a lot.
- **St Martins Methodist Church** - On behalf of all of us at St Martin's thank you so much for your generous donation. Although you refer to it as small compared to the amount of monies that have been involved in our project, to us it represents so much encouragement and support which we really appreciate.
- **Sand Sun and Special Needs** (who provide holidays for terminally ill and disabled children and their families.)
- **Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre** - The children who holiday at the Centre and the DCHC team will also thank you for your support. You have helped to ensure that less fortunate children from Derbyshire have an opportunity to enjoy happy and memorable holiday experiences in a safe and secure situation.

These are not all the causes we have supported, just those who received our gifts in the few weeks of the year.

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They are public declarations, testimonies that God was encountered here! I was delivered from pain, from sadness, from fear, from rejection, from terror, from darkness. I was surrounded on all sides, I was on the edge close to defeat; BUT God came in and rescued me! The enemy was defeated! God came through!

The greatest altar in history is the cross! It is a place of sacrifice and testimony, a permanent reminder, a definitive marker, a line in the sand that God stepped in! We had no hope, but God stepped in, rescued us from ourselves! The cross is a public declaration of God's love and a permanent reminder for our devotion and thankfulness

What are the altars in your life? Do you have any? Have you ever thought of being thankful in this way?

Obviously, I am not talking about setting up stone altars in your garden. But we can have altars today. Here are just a few ideas for 21st Century altars:

A Journal

I know this may sound like something that a 16-year-old would do, but this really works. Grab a notebook or diary and when you have 5 minutes journal your prayers, hopes and fears. I have one that I write in on a regular basis. It's awesome because in the busyness of life you can often overlook or easily forget how God moves in your life. Whenever you get discouraged you can look back and see what God has done.

A Blessings jar

This is very similar to the first one, but whenever you get a victory or a blessing, write it down on a piece of paper and put it in the jar. Then when you are discouraged or battle weary from life you can open the jar and be encouraged.

Chalk/White board

This is more of a public declaration in your home. Where you can write the victories for all to see. It's right there in front of you all the time.

These are just small examples, you may be able to come up with a better idea, but if we ever needed beacons, reminders and testimonies of God's grace & faithfulness, It's now. Life is hectic and incredibly busy all the time. It's so easy to get swallowed up in the rat race.

Maybe it's time to build some altars to the Lord so that when we are discouraged and down, we can lift up our eyes and know that God is for us and not against us, that He is true to His word and will never leave us or forsake us.

May you have a great New year full of Altars to God's grace.

Nathan

Church Youth Council

I am sure that many of you know that I have now started my 3rd year studying Youth work and have this year embarked on my dissertation. This is an independent study which we are expected to choose ourselves having reflected upon our previous academic studies.

During the last few years a number of themes seem to have repeatedly come through in my reading, all of which seem to have also been very influential in my own Spiritual journey thus far. The idea that we all have something to offer in service, and that the Kingdom is made strong when all of us work, not just with God, but with each other, bringing our own individual gifts and contributing to the larger picture has been a particular theme running through all of my previous assignments. This has led me to focus on Corinthians 12 v 27 - 31 for my dissertation. This is the text that uses the metaphor of a body for how the Kingdom should work, each part completing their own role so that the whole body works efficiently as one rather than competing causing disunity and jealousy.

As I am studying Youth work, I am planning to look at how the church is living this text out and putting their 'faith into action'. As such I am establishing a Youth Council at the church to work alongside the church and to organise some events over this year. I have recruited a few members from our uniformed groups to get started. If you know any young person who attends one of our groups at Sinfin Moor Church, please do encourage them to apply as there are room for more and it would be great if we could get a couple of children or young people from each group.

I am also looking for people within the church who wouldn't mind being interviewed, once in the next couple of months and then again in November or December. This would be a few questions around your own experiences of leadership in church and how the church encourages people to join in. Please do come and speak with me if you think you might like discuss your views and experiences and contribute to my research.

Katriona Jenkins

Coffee Morning 15th December 2018

A total of £191.00 has been passed into Church Funds.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along to support us last year.

A great big thanks to all our hard working team that has made the Coffee Mornings so successful.

Here's wishing everyone and their family's all the very best for the year ahead.

Next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 26th January 9.30 am - 12.00 noon. More details are shown below.

Colin Attenborough

ED: More help is required on a Saturday to help serve during the Coffee Morning and help to put away from 12.00 noon onwards would also be gratefully received. If you can help please do come forward to assist this group who are doing the work every month.

Monthly Coffee Morning



to be held at the Church on
Saturday 26th January 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

Gift Day 2018

This is ongoing and you can give until the end of March 2019. By the end of 2018 you had given £892.50 for which we again say 'thank you'.

The money will go towards replacing the swing doors into Church which are cosy just over £6,000 and there is important information about this project on page 8 (if you have not already read it) of this Newsletter.

This is a most important project for our Church as it will dramatically reduce the risk that the present doors represent.

Our picture below shows the tableaux created at our Evening Carol Service on 23rd December. Our thanks to them all for being prepared to dress-up and take part. We had a really good attendance of over 50 at both our Services on this day, so thank you all for coming along and supporting the Stewards who planned and led the worship.



Church Weekend 2019.

Leaflets for this are on the Welcome Area trolley, we would love you to join us and this year the price has been reduced.

Julie Froggatt



Our Church Flowers today are not sponsored today.

Flower Sponsorship

Thank you to those of you who have sponsored the Church flowers in 2018.

The flower rota for 2019 is now on the notice board in the Welcome Area. If you want to sponsor the flowers on a particular date this year, now is the time to put your name down.

Thank you 1

Our grateful thanks to the Rev'd Eileen Bangay and the Stewards for leading our Services over the Christmas period. It is a busy time for worship made more difficult by us being 'in-vacancy'. So our appreciation to all.

Thank you 2

A very big thank you to all our 'stars' who helped at our Services and events leading up to Christmas including the Church party on the 21st December, the Nativity and the Carol Service on 23rd December. You all did a marvellous job! The good news is that I have put away the costumes and so you are safe until Easter at least!

Once again many thanks

Melanie Sant

Apple I-pad Required

Our new sound system is controlled using an Apple I-Pad and so we need to obtain one because at the moment we are using a personal one and we need one that can be left at the Church. Do you have an old one or know of someone who wants to dispose of one? Speak to Ian Sant if you can help in any way with this. We expect to pay a reasonable price if one becomes available.

Building Works Fund (BWF)

Our fund now stands at £6,913 so we thank the loyal band of folk who give on a weekly basis and invite you to join us in support it.

Envelopes are available to help you with this, see Ian Sant or Margaret Platt if you want to help.



Multimedia, Audio and Doors

Here we are then, 2019 has arrived so another update.

The new **multimedia** has been well received and TV monitor on the wall over the door to the office/vestry is proving useful to those facing the congregation. It proved particularly useful over the Christmas period during the Nativity and Carol Service when we had assembled our Nativity.

The **sound system** has also been upgraded and the loop system for the hard of hearing is now compliant with the latest British Standards. Please see our appeal for an I-Pad on page 7.

Tomorrow (7th January), the four pairs of **swinging doors** into the three bays will be removed to enable accurate measurement of the apertures to be made. By the end of January, the new glass doors will be installed. This means that for the next few weeks we will be without doors. We will compensate for the loss of the doors by putting the heating on earlier so that heat does not escape from the bays so readily. The new glass doors will improve the appearance, and more importantly, they will be safer and not swing so quickly as the old ones.

When its done, please let any member of the Church Council know what you think.

Closing Date for the next newsletter
Thursday 13th January please.

Concerns, worries etc. about our Church

As we are in a Ministerial vacancy, here is another reminder that you can approach any of the 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. The Stewards are working very hard during the vacancy to ensure that things run smoothly and that our Church continues to progress. They are always interested in you views to continue this process.

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

Another New Year.....

..... and it is time for a reminder about our offerings and your giving. There are a number of especially opportune times in a year when we can review our giving based on our circumstances.

The beginning of a New Year is one such time so please, give a little thought to your offering to our Church and consider when was the last time you increased what you give?

If you are a tax payer and do not already 'gift aid' your offering, please consider doing so, see Margaret Platt or Ian Sant if you want to know more or are unsure.

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.



Electronic Copies of the Newsletter.....

..... are available, please let Ian Sant know your e-mail address and you can be added to the distribution list.

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You need never miss another copy of the Newsletter even when you are unable to come on a Sunday.