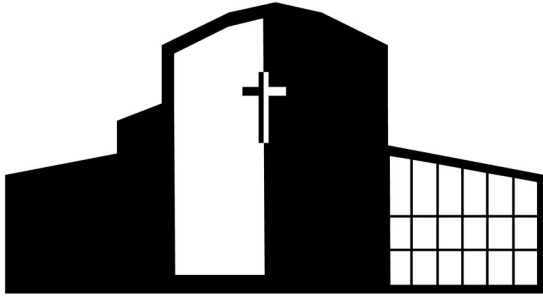


Sinfin Moor Church

A Local Ecumenical Partnership serving Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields

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SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

June Newsletter

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If you were in Church last Sunday, you would have heard the following announcement about the appointment of Rev'd Paul Desborough as the Minister of Sinfin Moor Church:

The Revd Paul Desborough, Assistant Curate of Derby St Alkmund and St Werburgh, Diocese of Derby, has been appointed part-time Priest-in-Charge (to be known as Enabling Minister) of Sinfin Moor LEP and part-time Bishop's Advisor for New Housing, in the same diocese.

Rev'd Paul Desborough writes:

It's official! After a long wait, for the SM Church family without a minister and for us as we finished our training with the Anglicans, it has been announced that myself and Jean will be joining you - we just have to wait a bit longer for the actual start date! Please pray for us as we come to a close at our time at St Peters and St Alkmunds, that we will end well and that they will flourish.

We are very excited to be joining you, me as part time 'Enabling Minister', with another part time role as Bishops Advisor for New Housing. The whole role has been designed for the two focuses to be supportive of one another enabling flourishing and fruitful work. Jean, my wife, has recently been licensed as an Anglican Reader and has interests around Spiritual Accompaniment as part of that calling. So together we look forward to moving and connecting with you and those in the Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields communities.

Our prayer as we come to join with all that's happening with the SMC is for the continuing adventure of our faith together we will enjoy the grace of God and demonstrate His love.

Paul and Jean

Leading our **Communion Service** on today, we welcome again **Rev'd Canon David Kirkwood** who is a 'retired' Anglican Minister and he normally worships at St Stephen's, Sinfin. Assisting with the Communion will be **Julie Froggatt**, one of the Church Stewards.

The readings are read by **Anne George** and these are:

2 Corinthians 4 v 13 - 5 v 1 and Mark 3 v 20 - end.

The Communion will be brought to your seats just as we did last time. Please place the Communion cups by you chair after you have consumed the wine, they will be collected after the Service has finished. If you do not want to receive Communion, Please decline when approached.

The Message by Nathan Sant

Hello from Africa

I am amazed at how AMAZING the human body is!

Did you know that:

- If laid end to end, your blood vessels in your body would encircle the earth four times!
- The human nose can detect 1 trillion smells
- Your tongue is made up of 8 interwoven muscles, similar in structure to an elephants trunk or octopus' tentacle
- Your heart will beat over 3 billion times in your lifetime
- When listening to music your heart will sync with the rhythm
- In one year a healthy heart will pump enough blood to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool
- While awake you brain produces enough electricity to power a lightbulb
- Information moves around your nerves at over 400KPH
- Bones are 4 times stronger than concrete
- There are more bacteria in your mouth right now, than there are people in Zimbabwe
- By the time I have finished this sentence 50,000 cells have died and been replaced in your body
- If the human eye was a camera it would have 576 mega pixels. The most expensive camera has 200!

These are just a few facts about our bodies, there's many many more too, far too many to list. We really are a remarkable species! But why should we think that we are anything less than remarkable? We are, after all intentionally created by a loving God!

Think about it, before God created the world, before that single moment in time where He said "Let there be...", you were already in His mind! He knew you were going to be in this place, in this town, in this country, right here! Right now! For such a time as this!!! That is how intentional you are!!!

On top of this, the God of the universe created YOU with a purpose! He doesn't need to use you, but He WANTS to use you!

"But what is this purpose?" I hear you cry....

Matthew 5 V 13 - 16 MSG

"Here's another way to put it:

You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.

God is not a secret to be kept.

We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.

If I make you light-bearers,

you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you?

I'm putting you on a light stand.

Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine!

Keep open house; be generous with your lives.

By opening up to others,

you'll prompt people to open up with God,

this generous Father in heaven.

"Let me tell you why you are here.

You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth.

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**If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness?
You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage."**

Your purpose on this earth is to SHINE!

Have you noticed that when you are in a queue somewhere, random people will just start talking to you, telling you their life story. Why is that? That is because you are shining your light, the Holy Spirit that is in you. You may not physically be able to see it, but it is definitely there shining away and people are attracted to it. They cannot help themselves!

But how do we shine our brightest? Well as Jesus Himself says, "by keeping open house and being generous without lives"! By using all of our God given gifts, talents and time to the glory of God, that is how you shine. It doesn't matter if you are young or old, you still have a part to play!

What can you do with what you have? Remember you don't need much to do great things, after all, Jesus fed 5000+ people with 5 loaves and 2 fish (Matt 14:13-21). In fact the amazing thing with kingdom economics is; the less you have, the better God can use you. There are a lot of people out there who need someone like you, with all your gifts and talents, in their life, especially after the trauma of the last 18 months of COVID.

Matthew 22 V 36 - 40:

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

We have a divine calling on our lives to go out and make a difference in the world, to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves! By the way, Jesus wasn't just talking about those that live next door to you!

So jump into June and shine bright! As bright as the Son!

Blessings

Nathan

Welcome and Introduction from the Editor

Due to the announcement on the front page, this piece is relegated into the body of the Newsletter.

So, a belated welcome to our June edition as the news of the appointment of our new Minister is announced. We are delighted that Paul and his wife Jean are coming to join us here at Sinfin Moor Church.

The timescale is still fluid at the moment, though we know that Paul will finish his time at St Alkmund and St Werburgh at the end of this month. He will take two weeks leave and then hopefully take the next week to move into the Vicarage on Redwood Road. His induction will follow with Paul taking up his appointment soon after. We will keep you informed as we go along.

We can tell you that the Diocese have started getting the Vicarage ready and much work is planned both inside and out ready for the big move.



10th - 16th May was Christian Aid week and although we did not organise anything specifically this year to raise money for Christian Aid, we did invite those of you who wanted to, to contribute by putting money in an envelope, marking it 'Christian Aid' and putting it in the offering.

A number of you have done this and we thank you for doing so. There is still time for you to donate though next Sunday (13th June) will be the last Sunday when you can do this.

The Church Council will consider giving money to Christian Aid on behalf of the Church but this has to wait until their first scheduled meeting of the newly elected Council.

Sharon Sewell

We know that some of you in the Church will know Sharon with her dealings in Sinfin including such things as the Neighbourhood Board and the Christmas lunch they hold here at SMC.

Sharon Sewell, who has been described by friends as "one of the kindest, most vibrant and sociable people you will ever meet", has undergone four heart operations to deal with major complications and life-threatening internal bleeding since January.

But as a result of the aortic dissection, which is a tear in the aortic wall, and all of the surgery Sharon has been through, she will now live her life paralysed from the waist down.

An appeal was launched to raise £50,000 to purchase equipment, including a specialised wheelchair, make adjustments to her home and to pay for ongoing medical expenses to enhance her recovery.

We, as a Church have donated £250 towards this appeal on your behalf.

Please uphold Sharon in your prayers as she adjusts to this new life and the limitations that it brings.

1st Sinfin Guides update

The Guides now have had the go ahead to return to meeting face-to-face again with the leaders breathing a huge sigh of relief, no more zoom calls after a day on teams meeting. We are started back towards the end of May with two outdoor meetings on Sunday afternoons. we had planned to do a penny hike and Geocaching followed by a picnic tea and some socially distanced games.



We returned to indoor meetings on 2nd June with a varied programme of activities, which has been a challenge to put together taking into account all the restrictions. we will post things on the notice board so that you can see what we are doing. There are already some pictures of what we have done during the last year at home or on zoom.

The Guide Leaders

Donations Box

Our donations box is out on the Welcome Area counter on most Sunday mornings for you to make a donation to Church funds. For example, you may want to contribute towards the Church Newsletter, flower display sponsorship or just give a little extra. Your gifts are always gratefully received and we are able to claim the tax back using the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (referred to as GASDS).

The 2021 Church AGM

Originally planned to take place on Sunday 21st March, it was not until 23rd May that we were able to proceed with our AGM.

It was pleasing to 28 people stayed after our Morning Worship to participate in this most important event in our Church calendar. Our thanks to them for their time and interest.

Melanie Sant has served 'her time' as a Steward and has stepped down. Eve Dudden has come off the Church Council as well. Thanks were offered to both of them for their time over the many years.

We welcome back Melvin Worton onto the Stewardship and Ken Bates-Wagstaff onto Council for the first time.

The full list of the elections is:

Church Secretary Julie Froggatt.

Church Treasurer (for 2022) Ian Sant.

Church Stewards Julie Froggatt. Amanda Jenkins.
Margaret Platt. Julie Froggatt.
Ian Sant. Melvin Worton.

Church Council John Archer. Colin Attenborough.
Kenneth Bates-Wagstaff. Vincent Martin.
Ivan Vickerstaff. VACANCY.

Derby Anglican Deanery Ian Sant.

Methodist Circuit Meeting No nominations - Ian Sant attends as Church Treasurer.

URC Synod - Ian Sant proposed by Margaret Platt, seconded by Wendy Roe.

Churches Together for Derbyshire (CTD) - no nominations although Ian Sant attends as the CTD Treasurer).

South Derbyshire Association of United Reformed Churches - No nominations although Ian Sant attends as the Administrator for the Association.

The minutes of the meeting are complete and will be considered by the Church Council when they next meet, if anybody would like see a copy, please speak to one of the Stewards who will arrange this.

The date of the AGM next year is planned to be on 20th March 2022 after the Morning Service.



Monday Morning Prayer Group

We are delighted to announce that the above group is restarting tomorrow (7th June) at 10.00 am in back bay.

Why not come along and enjoy refreshments, a time of fellowship and an opportunity for prayer up to 12.00 noon.

Wendy and her team of helpers will be delighted to welcome you as we take another step along the road to reintroducing the regular events in the life of our Church.



Our Treasurer Writes:

I was very pleased that the accounts for 2020 were approved at our Annual General Meeting last month. A lot of work goes in to keeping our accounts correct, they have to be updated regularly so that nothing slips the net.

We now have a dozen people giving directly into the bank account, thank you to them. I am sure that when the normal counting of the offering resumes our Church Council members will appreciate how much easier it is. Should you want to make your offering through your bank account, please speak to me and I can give you the details of the Church bank details. There is no problem if you want to continue giving using the weekly envelopes. Should you be one of those who worship with us regularly and put cash in our offering basket, we do have several packs of spare envelopes, see me or Margaret Platt if you would like one.

Our financial situation is going to change over the coming months as we start to pay the full assessment to the Diocese once Paul is resident as our Minister. I will keep you informed.

Ian Sant



Church Flowers for 2021

The list to sponsor the Church flowers in 2021 continues to be in place on the Welcome Area notice board for you to put your name on the appropriate date.

On 2nd May, the flowers were also sponsored by Glenn and Wendy Roe in memory of Phillip who was born on 30th April 1969.

Church flowers in June are sponsored as follows:-

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| 6 th June | Ivan and Barbara Vickerstaff |
| 13 th June | Not sponsored. |
| 20 th June | Not sponsored. |
| 27 th June | Melanie Sant - for several family birthdays. |



Electoral Roll

This was accepted at the AGM and there were no changes from the previous year. That said, it is important that it is correct, please take a moment to look at it and check that if your name should be there, that it is. It will only be displayed for a couple of weeks so please do it sooner rather than later.

Methodist Church Booklets

We have received a few copies of a booklet called 'Take your next steps in evangelism and growth'. It offers opportunities and resources for individuals, church and circuits in 2021/2022. They are on the hymn book trolley in the Welcome Area. Please retain the copy you take if you need to or just return it if you don't.



Sinfin Moor Church Prayers

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. (1 John 5 v 14)

Please pray for (in no particular order of importance):

- the Rev'd Paul Desborough as finishes at St Alkmund and St Werburgh and as he and his wife Jean prepare to come to Sinfin Moor Church.
- Galina Jamo following the death of her mother, Galina has not been able to see her for some years in her own Country due to the travel restrictions. Pray for comfort to Galina, her husband Mayzer and daughter Maryam during this difficult time.
- the Church congregation keeping safe, especially those not well, those we know who have upcoming operations and appointments and those awaiting test results.
- ways to keep our relationship with Jesus alive and functional during these unprecedented times.
- the church as a whole that it will find new ways to reach out to those who don't yet know Jesus.
- for the health and well-being of all those living on their own.
- new ideas to bring unity between our churches.
- all the groups and organisations as they gradually resume their meetings.
- the Monday Morning Prayers, Fellowship and coffee in the Welcome Area , that as it resumes, it will meet the needs of those who attend.
- the SMC Youth Council when it is able to resume.
- all the churches that have felt unable to reopen or find themselves with financial problems during this time.
- Vincent Martin - who is still undergoing treatment, and Linda as she supports him.

Continue to pray for:

- Mark Winstanley (Linda Martin's brother).
- Brian and Wendy Shaw.
- Philip Brown (Great Nephew of Ellen Treece).
- Richard Dockray (David & Verity's son) who continues at Bible College.
- Nathan, Michelle, Lily and Ella Sant as they continue in their work in Zimbabwe.

Please remember to let Ian Sant know of any updates to these prayer requests.

Normal Weekly Meetings (Contact details below):

Monday	10.00 am - 12.30 pm	Prayer, Fellowship and Refreshments
	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
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Sinfin Moor Church Friendship Club
	6.00 - 7.30 pm	Brownies (Term Time)
	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Guides (Term time)
Thursday	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)
Friday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Footlights Stage School - Ballet
Saturday	9.00 am - 4.30 pm	Footlights Stage School (various classes)

Contact Details

Asian Men Mr Pabla (07845 891442)
Over 60's Group Monday to Friday from 1.00 ~ 5.00 pm.

Footlights Stage School Faye Elliott (07779 665181)
 Anne George(01332 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 previous page for further details.

SMC Friendship Club Eirlys Smith (TBA)
 Wednesday afternoon in the Middle Bay from 2.00 ~ 4.00 pm

Brownies Fran Dolby (39thderby@gmail.com)
 Wednesday in the Back Bay from 6.00 ~ 7.30 pm

Guides Amanda Jenkins (01332 754770)
 Meet on Wednesday in the Middle Bay from 7.00 ~ 9.00 pm

Parent & Toddler Group Sarah Liddle(07468 423807)
 Thursday in the Back and Middle Bays from 1.15 ~ 2.45 pm

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 TBA
 Thursday in the Back Bay from 5.30 ~ 6.45 pm

Livewell Kellie Townes (01332 641254 or livewell@derby.gov.uk)
 Monday in the Back Bay from 5.00 ~ 7.00 pm.

Free support with losing weight and healthy lifestyle changes for those who are registered with a Derby City GP practice.

Please advise the Editor if there are any changes.

CHURCH MINISTER AND CONTACT DETAILS 2021/22

Minister*	Vacancy	
Secretary*	Julie Froggatt	722222
Stewards*	Julie Froggatt	Amanda Jenkins
	Margaret Platt	Wendy Roe
	Ian Sant	Melvin Worton
Church Council	John Archer	Colin Attenborough
	Ken Bates-Wagstaff	Vincent Martin
	Ivan Vickerstaff	
Safeguarding	Julie Froggatt	722222
Room Bookings	Melanie Sant	721927
Webmaster	Vincent Martin	728295
Welcome Centre Manager	Wendy Roe	762664
Acting Prayer Co-Ordinator	Rev'd Eileen Bangay	
Newsletter Editor	Ian Sant	721927
	(ian.sant@ntlworld.com)	

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

Smile Smile Smile Smile

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals", he said to himself. As he continued walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes. Turning to look, he saw a 7 foot Bear charging towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. Looking over his shoulder he saw that the bear was closing in on him. His heart was pumping frantically and he tried to run even faster.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear raising his paw to take a swipe at him.

At that instant the atheist cried out, "Oh my God!"

Time stopped.

The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

It was then that a bright light shone upon the man and a voice from heaven asked, "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?" The atheist looked directly into the light. "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps, could you make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well", said the Voice. The light went out, and the sounds of the forest resumed.

And then the bear lowered his paw, bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, bless this food which I am about to receive and for which I am truly thankful, Amen."

Building Works Fund (BWF)

The amount in this account now stands at £17,270 And is now growing steadily again so thank you for continuing to support this Fund.

As it stands, this fund will finance the additional work to replace the final wooden doors and windows on the north and east sides of the building. This work has been delayed by the ongoing pandemic. We can tell you that the contract has now been placed for the work and an indicative date for the work to be done is in August. The Coffee Bar is to get a patio door and the emergency exit door will be able to used to enter and exit the building if required.

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