

GROUPS MEETING AT SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

<u>Group</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>
Asian Men - Over 60's Group Meet Monday to Friday in the Front Bay/Coffee Bar from 1.00 ~ 5.00 pm	Mr Pabla	☎07845 891442
Cubs (Nelson Pack) Meet Tuesday in the Back Bay from 6.30 ~ 8.00 pm	Janet Smith	☎772321
Footlights Stage School	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. See the bottom of page 15 for further details.

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 and Scouts 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 8.00 - 12.00 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
This group are no longer using the Church to provide lunch.

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

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

February 2017

(Published on the 5th)

10.00 am Taking our **Morning Communion** today is **Rev'd Susan McIvor** who is the Minister at this Church. We are also pleased to receive Glen and Wendy Roe as embers of our Church.

Readings are: Isaiah 58 v 1 - 9a and Matthew 5 v 13 - 20.



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 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.***

Normally, there are no Evening Services at SMC.

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

Minister*	Rev'd Susan McIvor 765933	
Secretary*	Julie Froggatt	761388
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
SMC Safeguarding		
Officer	The Stewards	
Room Bookings	Melanie Sant	721927
Webmaster	Vincent Martin	728295
Newsletter	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 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 FEBRUARY

Monday	13	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday	25	9.30 am	Monthly Coffee Morning (See page 7)

February, like January, seems very quiet! Is it the time of year?

OUR SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY ARE:

5 th	10.00 am	Morning Communion	Rev'd Susan McIvor
12 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Raymond Lunt
19 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Susan McIvor
26 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Canon Simon Taylor

Normal Weekly Meetings:

Monday	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 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)
	8.00 - 12.00 am	Slimming World
Thursday	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 - 8.00 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 - 2.00 pm	Footlights Stage School (various classes)

For details of contacts, see the back page.

**Sinfin Moor Church Prayers
February 2017**

"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 at this time following the death of her mother..

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

Derby Churches Nightshelter: Pray for the Churches who host and the people that provide the services for the Derby homeless.

Short term needs:

Our Church Annual General Meeting—that people will be inspired to serve the Church in one of many roles that are elected or appointed.

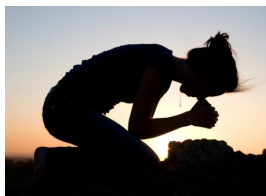
Long term needs:

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.

Janet Smith (Cub Scout Leader) Slowly recovering from her serious illness.



The Monthly Message from Nathan Sant

Firstly, (and I know it is a bit late) Happy New Year!

We hope you are all well and have started the new year well.

My year has started very well as I have just been made the youth pastor for our church. This year as a youth group we have started looking at the topic of holiness.

Now I know as soon as the word holiness is mentioned, you may have felt a little uneasy and uncomfortable, as do many Christians when this subject is brought up. It's ok though, because it's nothing to be afraid of! In fact, it is quite beautiful, liberating and fulfilling when it is understood properly.

1 Peter 1 verses 15 & 16 say:

But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

The original Greek word for **holy** is 'hagios' which means acceptable to God. Now just sit and think about that for just one moment! It's a very big statement! Do you feel acceptable to God?

I guess by now you could be feeling quite condemned and guilty as most of us do when we see or hear the word *holy*. But please don't worry there is really good news in this message.

You see holiness comes in two parts, the first part is our position in Christ or who we are because of Jesus' death. You see if you are a Christian (as in you believe that Jesus died for you, and that He endured the entire wrath of God, for you and all the wrong things you have done, and you believe that on the third day God raised Jesus up from the dead, thus paying the price of sin, which is death, for you) then **you are already holy**.

Yep you are already holy!

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On top of that bombshell, comes this: before God even made the world, before He uttered the words "let there be" you were already in His mind and set aside to be holy!

Confused? Let's look at Ephesians 1 v 4

"Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love."

So don't feel condemned! If you are a Christian then you are already holy, you are already acceptable to God! Yep you can say it; WOW!!!!!!

That's what Jesus did on the cross, His death made us Holy! There is nothing that we, ourselves could have done, we needed Jesus! That is the beauty and power of grace its fullest sense.

But (and there is always a but!), out of that comes our second part to holiness. Which is our behaviour as a result of this position in Jesus.

This is where it gets tricky because when you have a true encounter with Jesus, you cannot help but come away being changed. We can see this throughout the gospels. Anyone who met Jesus left that encounter changed.

Just as a little aside here: one of the biggest excuses that I have heard people say to me when confronted with this message of Jesus is, "Jesus could never love me, you don't know what I have done! I've done too much!". The way I respond to this is to look at Paul! Before he became a follower of Jesus (and wrote most of the New Testament) he was a Christian killer! He deliberately hunted down Christians to kill them all in the name of the Law! But then on the road to Damascus he had an encounter with Jesus and left forever changed! His behaviour changed too! If Jesus can love Paul, then he can love you!

In this very same way our behaviour changes completely when we meet Jesus, the old is gone and has given way to the new. We live by a new standard which means that we are no longer angry or we don't use foul language anymore, we no longer have sex outside of marriage or we no

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Gift Day

We are getting towards the end of this appeal and it is pleasing to report that it is gradually growing as more gift come in. To date it stands at almost **£500** and thanks to those of you who have already given.

The appeal closes at the end of March.

If you cannot find your Gift Day envelope, there are some on the table in the Back Bay.

Church Offering (repeated from January in case you missed it)

There are two main times in the year when folk tend to review what they give to the Church as part of their offering. One is now, at the start of the new year and the other is the beginning of April when we begin the new tax year and also when pensions etc. rise.

We have focussed on the Building Works Fund for the past few years because this has been our major need. This has meant that we have neglected our normal Sunday giving so please, ask yourself when you last increased your giving and then consider doing so. Thank you.

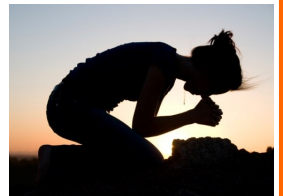
Church Prayer Diary

This is on the next page, please use it to pray for those mentioned.

We do not have a dedicated person to prepare this each month and it has now prepared by the editor.

Whilst this is not a difficult or onerous task, it does require a few minutes each month to know where we should be focussing our prayers and who, in particular needs them.

If you think that this is something you could do, please speak to Ian Sant who will advise on what is required.



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ent, they could stay with their parents and friends for the service and the oldest member of the congregation who was 80+ said that she really enjoyed it as it gave her a chance to make something and be creative which she didn't normally get to do during the week.

How is it funded? A donation is made for your breakfast; I didn't get to find out if this covers craft materials as well or if that is funded by the church resources.

Could it work at Sinfin? Would we draw in more families with a more relaxed approach? Would it turn some of our regular members away? These were all the questions that we had on the car journey home.

I can only say that from my perspective, - yes I think it would work at Sinfin occasionally, provided the congregation were given plenty of warning of the service and what it would entail, and what would be expected of them.

I would like to think that we could draw in more families; it is definitely something that members of our own congregation could bring their grandchildren to. It may also attract people on their own who are perhaps lonely and would like company and someone to talk to over breakfast.

Initially it would take a little bit of work to set up but could see it being used as a really useful outreach tool.

Would it turn away some of our regular members? I would hope not, our congregation are fair and friendly, they all get on well together and I would hope that they would give it a go, and give feedback on anything that they thought could be useful or indeed anything that they didn't like.

So what do you all think? I had a really lovely day, I got to go out with friends, eat food, meet new people, do craft, sing and learn more of Jesus, what more can you ask of a day?

Melanie Sant

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longer go out and get drunk with our friends, we do business the right way instead of looking to make the biggest profit no matter the cost and we no longer harbour unforgiveness in our hearts. Our behaviour on the outside becomes a reflection of what has happened in our hearts!

The thing with holiness is, we will never ever be completely pure and perfectly holy as God intended on this earth, we live in a fallen world and a fallen body. But we can pursue holiness with all our heart! That is what is required when we follow Jesus.

We live in a world where wrong is being seen as right and right as wrong. Holiness is no longer a priority in many people's lives. Soon it is going to get harder and harder to talk about Jesus publicly. Therefore, our actions are going to need to speak louder than our words. That is what Jesus meant when He said in Matthew 5 v 13-16 that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. By pursuing holiness, we are displaying to the world the very love of Jesus.

So I ask you this: have you had a true encounter with Jesus? If the answer is no then ask him to show himself to you, He is faithful. If the answer is yes, then the question has to be do you display that through your behaviour?

Be encouraged that God loves you enough that even before the foundations of the world were set in place, He knew that he would have to give everything He had to make you holy. Yet He still did it!

Have a blessed February.

Nathan

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 Gossling, Mary Davis or Verity Dockray who will be happy to pray with you.



Coffee Morning - Saturday 28th January 2017

Many thanks to all the team and to everyone who came along to support us. A total of £262 has been passed into the Church Building Works Fund. Amounts raised were:

Bric a Brac (Jacqui, Chris, John) £87.30.

Cakes (Violet, Jacqui, Mandy, Mary, Eve) £46.70.

Raffle (Gill, Margaret) £48.00

Tea, Coffee, hot sausage/bacon cobs (Nina, Amanda, Katriona) £80.00.

For setting-up the Coffee Morning my thanks to Melvin, David, Jacqui.

Next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 25th February 9.30 am - 12.00 noon.

Colin Attenborough

Church Rear Windows

Last week we told you about the boarded-up rear windows on the Church, well, tomorrow (6th), the boarding comes down and the windows will be re-glazed though not with glass. We shall be installing polycarbonate instead because it is more resistant to damage.

This will then improve the appearance at the rear and make it look cared for again.

Church Council

An early reminder that there is a Church Council meeting planned for a week tomorrow (Monday 13th) starting at 7.30 pm at the Church.

There is much to discuss and decisions to be made, so it is important that enough come along to make it quorate.

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.

Café Church - Three play away!

7.00 am on a very wet Sunday 15th January Susan picked up Julie and myself and we set out to visit South Cerney United Church, this is a Church that some of Susan's friends attend and is a Methodist/Congregational Church. Why did we go? We went to take part and see what goes on at their Café Church.

We arrived at around 9.40 am and were made very welcome and invited to join in with breakfast, the breakfast had everything that you could possibly want and more besides, so much so that we were unable to eat anything further until 3.30 pm - just ask Julie about the warm bread rolls! Over breakfast people continued to arrive and join in, newspapers were available for those that wanted them, colouring sheets kept the children busy after they had finished eating, and friends had time to chat and catch up with what had gone on during their week, everyone sitting around tables and sharing, it was all very relaxed non-threatening and informal, some folk came along but just for the service and didn't have breakfast.

The worship started at around 10.30 am, we stayed seated around the tables and the service was led by a couple from the Church, the theme for the day being 'Lamb of God'. We had a hymn, prayers and a short introduction to the service followed by the Bible reading taken from John 1 v 29-30, 35-42, we then had an activity - we were given a list of Bible readings to look up together as a table and had to decide which Bible reading was the odd one out, doing it as a table meant that the children could take part with their parents and others and made all feel included. We then had another hymn before activity two which was to make individual sheep pictures with of cotton wool, crayons etc. Again ask Julie hers was not just a sheep picture more a rural scene! The service finished with more prayer and a final hymn, after which everyone tidied up together, leaving the Church at around 12.00 noon.

We talked to several of the members whilst we were there and asked what they liked or disliked about Café Church, the children said that they liked it because they didn't have to go out and do something differ-

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Christian Aid Week 2017 - (60th Anniversary)

Christian Aid was actually founded in 1945, to support hundreds of thousands of refugees who lost their homes and possessions in the Second World War. This work was ongoing ... and in 1957, Christian Aid launched their first ever "Christian Aid Week", appealing to the public to help fund the churches' relief efforts. Christian Aid says, ". Sixty years ago, Christians refused to stand by while people suffered in refugee camps. Our generation is rising to that challenge again. We won't turn our backs on the plight of today's refugees"

Although it may seem quite a way off yet, I just want to let you know that "Christian Aid Week", this year, will officially run from Sunday, 14th to Saturday, 20th of May. Our main event this year will be a Coffee Morning and Mini-Market, which is planned for Saturday, 13th of May... from 10.00 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. There will be various stalls, including cakes and other edible goodies, a craft stall, bric-a-brac and a 50p. "Prize-every-Time" stall, as well as refreshments. So..... if you are "crafty" and could produce an item or two for our craft stall, that would be great. Also...donations of gifts for the "Prize-every-Time" stall would be most welcome and, nearer the time, bric-a-brac and home-made "eatables". Our overall theme will be " All things bright and beautiful All creatures great and small" ... so, anything attractive and saleable will be most appreciated, though it would be nice to include some items depicting animals/birds etc. We shall continue to collect small change (copper and silver), as this has been so worthwhile in the past.....so keep on saving! There will be a prize Quiz on sale again this year and of course you will be able to donate to Christian Aid directly via the Gift Envelopes, which will be available in Church on Sunday, 14th of May. So... please note down the dates in your diaries and look out for more details in future newsletters. Your generosity in the past, both in terms of donating money and gifts, and helping out at events, has been amazing... so let's see if, once again, we can raise a great amount for the wonderful work of Christian Aid in this, their 60th Anniversary year.

Many Thanks.

Doreen Hickman



Building Works Fund

Our BWF continues to grow again following the payments made for the completed works. We still need to dip in to it to pay for the serving counter and furnishings in the new foyer. Plans are now in hand for the counter but we still working on the furnishings.

It was incredibly good news to be told of the grant from the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church and once we receive it, we will be able halve the debt we have for the money borrowed.

Meanwhile, grateful thanks to those who continue to give to this fund on a regular basis and thanks also to those of you who continue to give as part of the pledges you made in 2016.

All of this is helping us to proceed with our plans.



Monthly Coffee Morning



to be held at the Church on
Saturday 25th February 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

Sunday Morning Refreshments

We welcome all contributions of tea, coffee and biscuits which we use to serve refreshments after our Morning Service. So, whenever you are feeling generous and would like to donate any of these items, we would be most grateful.

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, it is important that you fill in the form (on the table in Back Bay) and pay the deposit. We paid our deposit at the Willersley Castle Hotel which is set in a lovely rural setting in Cromford.

For more information, please speak to Julie Froggatt.

Food Bank Appeal

To those of you who continue to give regularly to this appeal we offer our thanks for the kindness that you show. We are sure that the people who receive these gifts are very grateful to you.

A big thankyou to those of you who responded to our recent appeal for hats, scarves and gloves. You will be pleased to know that they were well received and kept

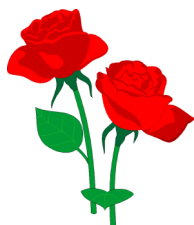


Last Sunday, our floral display was sponsored by
John and Rita Archer

And we thank them for doing this.

This week the display is not sponsored.

All donations in lieu of flowers goes to help our
Building Works Fund



Closing Date for the next newsletter
Thursday 9th February please.

Annual General Meeting, Rotas and Electoral Roll

- This important event takes place on Sunday 19th March after the Morning Service. Please put the date in your diary and do try to be there. Now is the time to prepare for the meeting by prayerfully considering the role you want to play in our Church. We elect a number of positions and appoint others, you need to consider whether you are being called in to one of them. The list showing the positions will be on the notice board towards the end of the month.
- If you are responsible for a group and normally do a report, why not get it done to help our Church Secretary.
- As we move towards the end of another quarterly rota, we need more help with, among others, welcoming and serving refreshments. **Is it something you can do?**
- The notice for the Electoral Roll will be on the notice board this month. If you are not on it and want to be, please complete one of the forms which will be available. More details later this in our Weekly Newsletters throughout the month.

Church Envelope Schemes - Many of you give to the Church regularly either by direct giving into the Church bank account or by using the envelope scheme. We are very grateful for these regular gifts because it helps us with our budget & to know how much is likely to come in. If you would like to give in one of these ways, please let us know. We have spare envelopes doing nothing if you prefer to use them (instead of your own for example) again, please let us know. See Margaret Platt or Ian Sant if you are interested.

Date for your diary - The dedication Service for our new Foyer and Roof is earmarked for Sunday 5th March at 3.00 pm. More details to follow due course but please put it in your diary or on your calendar.