

GROUPS MEETING AT SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Contact</u> | <u>Telephone No.</u> |
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| Asian Men - Over 60's Group Meet Monday to Friday 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 Chesshire ☎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
Note that the Parent and Toddler Group only meet during school term time.

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 am - 12.00 noon.

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

It would be good if you could 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

March 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.

Readings are: Not known at time of printing.

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.***

3.00 pm **Thanksgiving and Dedication Service.**

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

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| Minister* | Rev'd Susan McIvor | 765933 |
| Secretary* | Julie Froggatt | 77777? |
| 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 | Julie Froggatt | 77777? |
| 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 MARCH

| | | | |
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| Monday | 6 | 7.30 pm | Christian Basics Bootcamp (Seepage 11) |
| Monday | 13 | 7.30 pm | Christian Basics Bootcamp (Seepage 11) |
| Sunday | 19 | 11.30 am | Annual General Meeting (See page 6) |
| Monday | 20 | 7.30 pm | Christian Basics Bootcamp (Seepage 11) |
| Saturday | 25 | 9.30 am | Monthly Coffee Morning (See page 7) |
| Monday | 27 | 7.30 pm | Christian Basics Bootcamp (Seepage 11) |

Don't forget we do have a couple of Bible Study Groups who meet on a regular basis. If you would like to know more about them speak to Julie Froggatt, our Church Secretary.

OUR SERVICES FOR MARCH ARE:

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| 5 th | 10.00 am | Morning Communion | Rev'd Susan McIvor |
| 12 th | 10.00 am | Morning Worship | Rev'd Nigel Elliott |
| 19 th | 10.00 am | Morning Worship | Rev'd Susan McIvor |
| 26 th | 10.00 am | Morning Worship | Peter Blount |

Normal Weekly Meetings:

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| Monday | 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) |
| Thursday | 8.00 - 12.00 am | Slimming World |
| | 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) |
| Friday | 6.45 - 7.45 pm | Church Music Group Practice |
| | 1.00 - 5.00 pm | Asian Men Meeting |
| | 7.00 - 8.00 pm | Footlights Stage School - Ballet |
| | 9.00 - 2.00 pm | Footlights Stage School (various classes) |
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For details of contacts, see the back page.

**Sinfin Moor Church Prayers
March 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 as she leads the Church forward.

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.

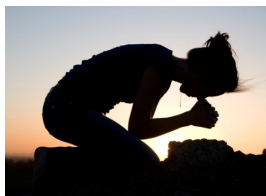
Reg and Olwyn Lancaster (Melanie Sant's parents), both diabetic, with Reg having dementia.

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

General needs for:

All our Church family who are unable to come to Church on a Sunday due to illness or ill health.

All the groups who use our building, may they show respect to the premises and grow to provide an excellent service to those who use them.



The Monthly Message from Rev'd Raymond Lunt

"INSIDE OUT CHRISTIANS"

(A brief summary of the sermon preached by Rev. Raymond Lunt at church on Sunday 12th February 2017 arising from Matthew 5 v 21 - 37)

A friend of mine used to say to his mates, "If everyone could live by the Sermon on the Mount the world would be a much better place."

In Matthew chapters 5 - 7 (the Sermon on the Mount) we find the ideals of the Kingdom of God; what the scholar A.M. Hunter described as "A Design for Life". Others have referred to it as the unattainable ethic.

It has been said that "ideals are like stars; we never reach them, but we chart our course by them."

The Old Testament foundation for faith and ethics was rooted in the Law, particularly the Ten Commandments and the two great love commands - love for God and love for neighbour. Over the years many precepts had been added. Jesus didn't want to do away with the Law, but he gave it a new dimension - to look beyond the doing to the motive - to the inner disposition and character. He called people to a higher righteousness culminating in the verse "Be ye perfect" (ch.5 v.48)

In our passage he gives a series of examples prefaced with the words "You have heard it said.....but I say to you...."

a) MURDER /ANGER (6th commandment - ch.5 vs.21-26)

"You have heard it said 'Do not commit murder' (basic teaching) , but I say to you "Do not get angry". Murder is to do with the outward action. Anger is to do with the inner disposition. A new heart in tune with Jesus Christ will not be an angry heart intent on doing harm or wishing harm on somebody else. A new heart will not thrive on aggression, but on love.

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b) ADULTERY / LUST (7th commandment - Ch. 5 v.27-30)

Jesus said: "You have heard it said 'Do not commit adultery', but I say to you, 'Do not lust'". We need a clean heart and a clean mind; a heart purified by the grace of Christ, perfected by the love of God and kept holy by His Spirit.

c) INTEGRITY (ch.5 vs. 33-37)

Here Jesus calls for integrity - absolute sincerity. "Let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No" be "No". Say what you mean and mean what you say. Real integrity is to do what is right irrespective of whether anyone sees you or not. Integrity means no betrayals in relationships; no deceit, dishonesty or corruption; no compromising of oneself or others.

If there was real integrity in the workplace there would be no shoddy work; no short cuts for the sake of profit; no misleading information; no manipulation of structures of management or workforce.

If there was real integrity in politics there would be straight answers to straight questions and the aim of humble service above the pursuit of power.

If there was real integrity in the home, families would be open and honest with each other and relationships honoured and respected.

If there was real integrity in the church there would be less focus on denominations and more desire to see God's Kingdom come.

We are called to aim for the unattainable - the goal of perfection. For inside out Christianity we need the help of the Holy Spirit. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus sets out some first order principles to help shape our character and help us shape the society we live in by the values of the Kingdom of God. Mahatma Ghandi once said: "You must be change you want to see in the world."

ED: Thank you to Raymond for taking the time to convert his sermon in to this condensed version.

Christian Aid, 2017



Just to let you know, we shall be launching our Quiz for Christian Aid in a couple of weeks' time. There will be copies of the Quiz, "All Creatures Great and Small", available to buy at £1 per copy, from Sunday, 19th March. These should be returned to me by Sunday, 9th April (Palm Sunday), at the latest. Hope you will all get "brushing up" on your wildlife knowledge and enjoy thinking "fur and feathers" both actual and fictional!

Also...A reminder that our main event for Christian Aid will be a Coffee Morning and Mini-Market, on Saturday, 13th May, from 10.a.m. until 12.30.p.m. Donations for the stalls will be very much appreciated (i.e. Craft items...Bric-a-Brac...and items for the Prize-every-Time stall), and also, please keep on saving your small change for our coin collection.

Many Thanks

Doreen Hickman

Church Prayer Diary

This is on page 14, please use it to pray for those mentioned.

We do NOT have a dedicated person to prepare this each month and it is 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

A dedicated person would be able to give it proper attention rather than the editor who has a whole newsletter to prepare.

It is also about sharing the responsibility.

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



The Anglican Common Fund

We know this as our 'assessment' and it is the money we are obliged to pay the Derby Diocese of the Anglican Church. At the moment we have to give them just under £7000 a year and this is part of the total money we give to all 3 of our denominations. The following short article appeared in the latest edition of the Parish Finance Newsletter and we have been asked to share it with the congregation, hence why it appears below. If you read our Newsletter regularly, you will know that we encourage you to review your giving regularly but we thought it would do no harm to share this independent article with you as was requested.

'Over 9,000 individuals in churches in our Diocese are members of planned giving schemes, giving regularly through envelope schemes or by bank standing orders to support mission and ministry across our Diocese. Their generosity amounts annually to nearly £5 million. However, we all know the effects of inflation. Prices go up, and the 'buying power' of the money in our pocket goes down: £10 at the beginning of 2010 was worth less than £9 by the end of 2014.

Unfortunately, inflation also affects our churches. Although the amount of money given regularly by members of planned giving schemes has increased over the past five years, it has not kept pace with inflation.

To help us beat inflation, would you consider increasing the amount you give each week to your parish? If every member of the planned giving schemes in our churches could give an extra 10p for every £1 they currently give, it would help us beat inflation! It would increase the total amount given to our churches by nearly £½ million! Imagine what that extra money could mean for mission and ministry across our Diocese, as together we discern and bear witness to Christ's presence in every community.'



Starting from Lent **this** year, Derby City Mission are driving an initiative to **MAKE PRAYER A PRIORITY** for churches in Derby.

WHAT IS IT? A gathering of believers, including those from City Vision churches, who come together to pray. Each session will include worship, whole group prayer and break out prayer groups which will pray for specific needs in our city.

The first one will be on **SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2017, 6.30pm AT BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH**, with a total of 4 sessions running from Spring 2017 to Spring 2018 . Please come and pray with us – **the invitation is open to all.**

**"For where two or three gather in my name,
there I am with them" Matthew 18:20 (NIV)**



Coffee Morning - Saturday 25th February 2017

Many thanks to all the team and to everyone who came along to support us. A total of £275 has been passed into the Church Building Works Fund. Bric-a-Brac (Jacqui, Chris and John) £120.65. Cakes (Violet, Mandy, Mary and Eve) £42.30. Tea, Coffee, hot sausage and bacon cobs (Nina, Amanda and Katriona) £66.55. Raffle (Gill, Margaret and Fiona) £45.50. My thanks for setting the Coffee Morning up to Melvin, David and Jacqui). Next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 25th March between 9.30 am - 12.00 noon.

Colin Attenborough

Rota for March to May

The next plan for March - May 2017 is now on the back table, however there are some spaces on the Coffee rota and Welcoming. Please see Julie Froggatt if you would like to help on any of the dates. Thank you.

Annual General Meeting - Sunday 19th March

The nomination forms are now on the notice board for your consideration and the annual reports are also available. Please be prayerful at this time and remember that this takes place after the Morning Service and will start at about 11.30 am.

Giving to Good Causes

Each year, we as a Church give money to good causes. The Church Council would like to invite you, the congregation, to let us know any good causes you think we should support in 2017. Whilst the Council cannot promise to give to all the causes suggested, we would certainly like to know your thoughts on the matter.

Please advise the Church Secretary or any member of Church Council and it can be considered.

If you are not sure who the current members of the Church Council, they are listed on page 2 of this Monthly but do bear in mind that there may be changes following the AGM on the 19th March.

Please do let us know your thoughts on the matter.

Sinfin Moor Church presents

CHRISTIAN BASICS BOOTCAMP

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH TOGETHER

**Spaces limited - Sign the list in the foyer
or email sinfinmoorminister@gmail.com**

Mondays @ 7.30pm

6th March until 3rd April



Greetings from Zimbabwe

We have just had 2 weeks in Zimbabwe and we have been asked to bring to you the love and best wishes from Nathan, Michelle, Lily and Ella. Life is well with them as they settle in to their new Church and Nathan is now their Youth Pastor. Michelle continues to do voluntary work at the Sandra Jones Children's Home. Meanwhile Lily, who is now 5 has settled in nicely at her new school. Ella who is almost 20 months old has started at Nursery. Life in Zimbabwe starts much earlier for children than it does in the UK with both girls having to be at their respective schools before 7.30 am.

It is their rainy season at the moment but until this year the rain has been quite sparse and they have suffered drought conditions and water shortages for the past couple of years. The day after we arrived, the edge of a cyclone passed by depositing 157 mm of rain in 24 hours. They have so far had almost 1000 mm of rain since the season began at the beginning of December giving them enough water to last them at least 5 years. Rain continues to fall and the dams have filled, some to capacity but others have a little way to go.

A regular place for them to go fishing at the weekend is a dam called Inyankune. It was as low as 8% full in December, it had reached 60% full by last weekend. To give you some idea of the excitement it has caused., last Saturday we travelled the 1½ hours to just go and see it. They took the boat and launched it from a much higher place than normal. The following day we were sent a photograph of the exact same spot and it had risen 8 feet overnight giving everyone much joy and praising the Lord. It was a joy to see how something as simple as rain gave them so much excitement and pleasure. Something we take for granted but at least from our point of view, it was warm rain!

Life seems to be getting a little harder again following the introduction of the Zimbabwe Bond and this has replaced the American dollar for low value notes. Taking money out of the Country is being very much restricted and importing goods and food is becoming increasingly difficult.

That said, life seems to be good and they feel they are achieving some of what they been called out there to do. **Ian & Melanie Sant**

Building Works Fund

We are beginning to build this up again as recover from our spending spree on the building. The debt of £40,000 has to be paid off and we still have expenses to pay out for the serving counter and furnishings for the new Foyer so that it is finished; so it is important that we continue to generate funds. This need is exacerbated by the ongoing need to keep sufficient funds in our current account to meet all of our normal expenses, gas, electricity, water, assessments etc. so it is important that we continue to do all we can.



Newsletter

You are asked to note that will NOT be a Newsletter published on the 26th March or 2nd April. We NOT be able to use the multimedia projector on the same dates plus the 19th March.

Monthly Coffee Morning

to be held at the Church on
Saturday 25th March 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.

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.

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.



Church Weekly Giving Envelopes

The new envelopes from 9th April will be available during this Month. As usual, they will be laid out on a table in the back bay after morning worship from the middle of the month. Please do take the one with your name on it.

If you would like an additional set of envelopes for some reason or maybe want to start giving in this way, please see Margaret Platt or Ian Sant who will be happy to give you a set, we do have plenty!

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

Annual General Meeting and Electoral Roll

- This important event takes place on Sunday 19th March after the Morning Service. 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.
- **Today** is the last day when you can have your name added to the Electoral Roll. If you are not on it and want to be, please complete one of the forms and give it to Ian Sant.

Gift Day

The appeal closes at the end of March so if you still intend to give, you have until 26th March to do this. At the end of February you have given just over **£500** and thanks to those of you who have already given.

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

Last Sunday, our floral display was sponsored by
John and Rita Archer
for all our friends at SMC.

This week the display is sponsored by
Ellen Treece
in loving memory of her husband.

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

