

GROUPS MEETING AT SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

Group **Contact** **Telephone No.**
Asian Men - Over 60's Group Mr Pabla ☎07845 891442
 Monday to Friday from 1.00 ~ 5.00 pm.

Footlights Stage School Faye Elliott ☎07779 665181
 Anne George ☎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 Eve Middleton ☎07519 863035
 Wednesday afternoon in the Middle Bay from 1.45 ~ 4.00 pm

Brownies Helen Chesshire ☎07763 852278
 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
 Thursday in the Back and Middle Bays from 1.15 ~ 2.45 pm
 Group only meet during school term time and **will restart in September.**

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 Lesley Holmes ☎768581
 Thursday in the Back Bay from 5.30 ~ 6.45 pm

Slimming World Mark Gadsby ☎07530 987378
 Thursday morning in the Back and Middle Bays 8.00 am - 12.00 noon.

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

Please advise the Editor if there are any changes.

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

January 2018

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Happy New Year!

10.00 am Taking our **Morning Communion and Covenant Service** is **Rev'd Susan McIvor** who is the Minister at this Church. We will also be receiving into Membership, Katriona Jenkins and she will then help Susan with Communion.

Readings are: Jeremiah 31 v 31-34 and John 15 v 1-10.

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 Foyer.***

There are no **Evening Services** planned for 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 2017/18

Minister*	Rev'd Susan McIvor	765933
Secretary*	Julie Froggatt	722222
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
	Wendy Roe	
Safeguarding	Julie Froggatt	722222
Room Bookings	Melanie Sant	721927
Webmaster	Vincent Martin	728295
Welcome Centre Manager	Wendy Roe	
Prayer		
Co-Ordinator	Ken Bates Wagstaff	
Newsletter Editor	Ian Sant	721927

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

The Editors are always happy to receive contributions for the Monthly and Weekly. However, they reserve the right to edit all contributions and this includes, in some cases, not using the material at all. All articles used are representing the writer's own personal view and they do not necessarily represent the views of the Church.

PATTERN OF CHURCH WORSHIP AT SMC

10.00 am Morning Worship (Communion 1st and 5th Sunday)
Evening Services are held on the 1st Sunday of the month from May until September.

Credit: Cover diagram of SMC by Mike Prince.

CHURCH DIARY DATES JANUARY

Monday	8 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
		7.30 pm	Church Council (See page 6)
Saturday	13 th	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at St Stephen's (See page 6)
Monday	15 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Monday	22 nd	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Saturday	27 th	9.30 am	Monthly Coffee Morning (See page 5)
Monday	29 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments

OUR SERVICES FOR JANUARY ARE:

7 th	10.00 am	Morning Communion	Rev'd Susan McIvor
14 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Deborah Baird
21 st	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Susan McIvor
28 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Howard Smedley

Normal Weekly Meetings:

Monday	10.00 am - 12.30 pm	Prayer, Fellowship and Coffee Morning.
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
Tuesday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Cubs
	8.30 - 9.30 pm	Footlights Stage School Adult Fun Tap
Wednesday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	1.45 - 4.00 pm	Sinfín Live at Home Scheme
	6.00 - 7.30 pm	Brownies (Term Time)
	7.00 - 8.30 pm	Guides (Term time)
Thursday	8.00 am - 12.00 noon	Slimming World
	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	1.15 - 2.45 pm	Parent and Toddler Group (Term time)
	5.30 - 6.45 pm	Beavers (Term time)
	7.15 - 8.45 pm	Scouts (Term time)
	6.45 - 7.45 pm	Church Music Group Practice
Friday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Footlights Stage School - Ballet
Saturday	9.00 am - 2.00 pm	Footlights Stage School (various classes)

For details of contacts, see the back page.

Sinfin Moor Church Prayers
January 2018

"So I tell you, no matter what you ask in prayer, believe it is yours already, and it will be yours!" (Mark 11 v 24, 'The Truth')

Please pray for:

- **Revd Susan McIvor** as she continues to minister to the Church.

Short term needs:

- **Philip Brown** (Great Nephew of Ellen Treece) pray for healing after hospital treatment for leukaemia.
- **David Smith** who is undergoing treatment.
- **The Church Council** as they prepare to meet, may they be guided in their decision making.

Long term needs:

- **Marian Bannister** for healing of her eyes.
- **Vincent Martin** as he continues to improve albeit slowly.
- **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 lives in Zimbabwe with things there becoming more challenging again although hope has risen with the appointment of a new President..

General needs for:

All our Church family who:

- are unable to come to Church on a Sunday due to illness or ill health.
- are undergoing treatment at this time or recovering from treatment, operations etc.
- the groups who use our building, may they show respect to the premises.
- the Monday Morning Prayers, Fellowship and coffee initiative.
- the Church AGM in March, that people will be inspired to serve the Church and help make a difference.

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

The Monthly Message by Melanie Sant

Dear Friends,

By the time you are reading this hopefully, the turkey will have gone, the decorations (all but the one bauble that has rolled under the sofa) and the tree is back in the loft eagerly anticipating a repeat performance in December 2018. Christmas cards have been taken down and are sitting in a pile ready to be taken to a recycling point, and will probably sit there until the last date for recycling is past!

As New Year's Eve dawned did you reflect on 2017 and what it had held for you, good and bad? Did you achieve the goals that you set for yourself when you made your new year's resolutions last year or did they fall by the wayside? Have you made any New Year's resolutions for 2018 - get a bit fitter? Eat healthier? Lose weight? Make more time for family and friends? Etc.

So many questions..... as a Church we too will have many questions to answer this year. In March we will hold our Annual General Meeting where we elect our Stewards and Church Council, is this something you could consider? Could you join Church Council and help make the decisions that are required through the year? Or are you already on the Church Council, could you consider becoming a Steward? For the past two years we have had a vacancy on the Stewards team, if you would like further information on either of these roles, please ask any of the stewards.

Before very long we will have people moving into new houses which are being built off Ragley Way, how do we let them know about our Church and what we provide? How do we welcome new people into our Church? We have in the past few months seen new faces in the congregation but we need to build on this if we are to grow as a Church.

We know that in August Rev'd Susan will be leaving us to take up her full time Safeguarding role, but as yet we don't know if we will have another Methodist Minister in place by September or, as in some of the previous years, the Stewards will be managing the inter-regnum (vacancy) until a

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Minister can be found.

We all have a part to play; you may think that you are unable to contribute as you can't get about so easily, or that you already do a lot of things and don't have a lot of time? The one thing that we can all do regardless of illness, frailty or lack of time is to pray that the right Minister will be found to lead us here at Sinfin Moor.

During 2017 we appointed a Welcome Centre Manager (Wendy Roe) and a Prayer Co-ordinator (Ken Bates-Wagstaff) to enable our Church to be open for prayer every Monday morning, they in turn have teams of volunteers who meet every week. I would encourage you if possible, to join with them to pray for the needs of our Church and Community, you will be made most welcome. I haven't been there on a Monday yet when there hasn't been tea and coffee with cake and biscuits on offer, but then that leads us back to the 2018 resolutions.....

Hoping that you all have a happy, healthy and peaceful 2018

Melanie

Christmas Offering

We had almost 30 people for our Christmas Eve Midnight Communion which was held in the Welcome Area. Christmas Day was attended by 21; surprisingly we had no children in attendance meaning it was adults only who unwrapped a present at the Service. As is now our tradition, the offerings are given to a good cause which has yet to be decided. This total given at these two Services was £76 and this will be given to the good cause when the Church Council next meet to decide what it should be. If you want to be associated with this, you can give your donation to the Treasurer.

We will advise you the final amount and where it was sent to when the decision has been made,

Gift Day 2017

Half way through this appeal because it runs until the end of March 2018. As you would expect gifts have slowed down and at the end of 2017 you had given almost £700.

A number of people are still intending to give and there are some who have elected to give monthly, hence why the appeal runs until March 2018.

The appeal is to allow us to improve the security to our building e.g. CCTV.

Please may I ask for your support when you shop at Asda.

They operate a green disc system. When you purchase your items you can ask the till operator for the small green discs.

Opposite the main tills is the unit where you can use your discs. Please see the pictures.

For the next three months the support you can give the discs to are either Shelton Football Club, Derby Sea Cadets and finally who I kindly ask your support for

The Friends of Sinfin Moor Park Local Nature Reserve.



The winner with the most discs are rewarded with £500 and the two runners up get £200 each.

I always use the self-service checkouts for my shopping but I then go along to a manned till and ask for the discs.

Please tell your friends

Many thanks

Colin Attenborough

Closing Date for the next newsletter

Thursday 11th January please.

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We gave money **Ark of Hope** in Zimbabwe. This group is part of Nathan Sant's work and helps in the Christian education of the young people that he is associated with through his Church in Bulawayo. Whilst we have had acknowledgement for the money, we are awaiting a report on the Christian camp that they held.

We have donated to '**All We Can**' via the '**Methodist Church**' who are helping with the Rohingya refugees that have fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh because of the violence. In their letter thanking us they say the money will go to supporting the women, children and families in dire circumstances. It will help improve conditions and prospects for those that are in desperate need. Many of these refugees have suffered brutality and seen atrocities that have left them traumatised.

It is good to know that we that we can help these people just a little with our gifts and their acknowledgement shows their appreciation..

December Services

These proved to be challenging on a couple of Sundays in the month, on the 11th because of snow and the Lay Preacher could not get to us and on the 31st when the Local Preacher's wife was ill. We were very grateful that our Service took place because Melanie Sant with help of the Stewards and member's of the congregation led an act of worship on both occasions. We are grateful to Melanie for stepping in at short notice and those who supported her.

The flowers in Church today (7th) are not sponsored

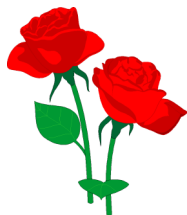
On Christmas Eve they were sponsored by

Carol Bates

in memory of her mother

On New Year's Eve they were not sponsored

The 2018 Flower List is on the noticeboard in the Welcome Area



Building Works Fund (BWF)

We have repaid the money we borrowed and so the Church (that's us, the congregation) are debt free, A truly wonderful achievement in such a short time.



The Church Council (Council members, please see page 6) are due to discuss at their meeting tomorrow where we go from here on the matter of the building and we will advise you of their deliberations in due course.

We still have a final invoice to pay (when we receive it) to the Contractors that did the work for us, this will be about £4,300 and at the end of 2017, the BWF stood at £7,270.55.

As usual, our thanks to those of you who regularly give to this Fund, it really has been the difference.

Monthly Coffee Morning

to be held at the Church on
Saturday 27th 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

The Singing Footlights.....

..... held their 'Singing our way to Christmas' Concert on Friday 15th December and have donated half their proceeds to the Church, This amounted to £107.00 for which we are very grateful. For the record, the other half of the proceeds was towards the Footlights 'Mirror Fund'.

Well done to them for a lovely concerts and also for raising so much money.

Church Council Meeting.....

..... tomorrow (8th) at 7.30 pm in the Welcome Area. Please advise the Church Secretary if you are unable to attend this important meeting. There are important decisions to be made and there must be enough people to enable these decisions to be made.

St Stephen's Church

Sinfin Lane

invite you to their

Coffee Morning

on

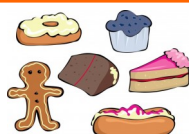
Saturday 13th January

between

10.00 am and 12.00 noon

All the usual stalls including cakes, tea, toast etc.

Come along and join us!



Church Weekend

The 2018 booking forms are on the back table for our weekend away at Willersley Castle, Cromford on:

Friday 10th August to Sunday 12th August

Giving to Good Causes

In our last Newsletter (17th December) we reminded you that it is our practice as a Church to give money to good causes each year either in cash or in kind and 2017 was no different.

Groups that have benefitted 'in kind' in 2017 from our support have been the **Live at Home Scheme** and the **Parent and Toddler Group** who are able to make use of our premises 'free of charge' although we should acknowledge that we do get a donation from the Parent and Toddler group each year as a token of their appreciation and also Live at Home also donated.

A number of the groups that use our premises also benefit from reduced rent by way of giving them our support.

In 2017, using the money we give away, we supported the **Derby Churches Nightshelter Appeal** as they provide overnight accommodation to the homeless of Derby every night throughout the winter months. It is reassuring to know that a warm bed and food is available to the people that sleep rough on our streets if they wish to go along.

Support had been given to **Ebenezer Operation Exodus** and Verity Dockray who is a supporter writes:

"Ebenezer Operation Exodus is a Christian organisation that helps the Jews return to Israel.

This is done by showing them love and care; giving food parcels, helping with documents and passports, assisting by transporting them to Israel. Young, old, families, holocaust survivor and the infirm are all helped in this way.

They have many bases around the world, America, Australia, India, Germany, Russia, UK and even in Israel itself.

It was started by Gustav Scheller in 1991 who helped those Jews in the then USSR to return home, some by boat from Odessa in Ukraine to Haifa in Israel. The organisation has been steeped in prayer and will continue to be so."

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