

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
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• 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	5 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Monday	12 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Monday	19 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
		7.30 pm	Lent Course (See page 5)
Saturday	24 th	9.30 am	Monthly Coffee Morning (See page 4)
Monday	26 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
		7.30 pm	Lent Course. (See page 5)

OUR SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY ARE:

4 th	10.00 am	Morning Communion	Rev'd Susan McIvor
11 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Yan Yan Case
18 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Rev'd Susan McIvor
25 th	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Katriona Jenkins

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 - 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
February 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 our Church and in her role as Safeguarding Officer for the District.

Short term needs:

- **Philip Brown** (Great Nephew of Ellen Treece) pray for healing after hospital treatment for leukaemia.
- **David Smith** who is still undergoing treatment.

Ongoing and 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 Rev's Susan McIvor

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter on the eve of the District retreat for Methodist Ministers. It's the first time that I've managed to attend the retreat, which is held every two years, since I've been in the District because of other commitments. I'm looking forward to being with colleagues, but I'm also a little nervous. Will there be too much silence for me? Will I have the energy to smile at everyone over breakfast? And what about the content of the retreat, in which I will be expected to empty my mind in order to make room for a stillness that allows God to speak. What will God say to me in that time? A retreat is a time of journeying, traveling with God, allowing God to be at the centre and focus of everything. It can be a challenging and enriching time. Sometimes it can be quite daunting.

In the church's calendar in February our thoughts turn to Lent and the journey that Jesus made in the wilderness, where we are told he was tempted. In the wilderness we see Jesus who was tested greatly at the start of his earthly ministry. The time away from the ordinary tasks of life, a time when earthly comfort was taken for him, became the time when his sole focus was on God and the goodness that God called him to. The time in the wilderness reflects Jesus' own struggles with evil. The time out in the wilderness prepared him for the tasks ahead of him in his earthly ministry, and also his journey to the cross and beyond.

This Lent I would like to encourage you to take 'time out' to focus on God. You might like to do this on your own, maybe choosing a regular time each day, simply to focus and to be in God's presence; not with a long list of prayer requests or flowery petitions, but simply to sit and to be in God's presence, so that in the silence God may speak to you. That would be like you doing a 'retreat at home' or experiencing the wilderness from the comfort of your favourite chair!

During Lent Sinfin Moor Church will be running Lent groups on a Monday evening, giving you opportunity to take 'time out' to focus on God with

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friends on the Christian journey. This year our discussions will be around the film 'Chocolat' and the Lenten themes it raises. How strange you might think to be discussing chocolate during Lent when this is the time you usually give it up! There will no doubt be much to provoke thought and challenge in our discussion. The groups will be on Monday evenings and lead up to Holy Week. During Holy Week there will be opportunity for us to reflect together each evening on Jesus' journey to the cross, before Good Friday and finally our Easter celebration on Sunday 1st April. You are of course very warmly welcome to join in with the Lent groups or worship through these important seasons in the church's calendar.

So wherever and however you choose to take time to be with God through Lent may you know the blessing of the love which darkness shall not overcome.

With best wishes

Susan A. Melner

Monthly Coffee Morning

to be held at the Church on
Saturday 24th February 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 2017

This appeal will close at the end of next month. Once we know the final amount, we can then look for a system to suit our needs. To date you have given £752.00 so thank you for giving to this appeal.

Sinfin Moor Church - Annual General Meeting

A reminder that this takes place on Sunday 18th March after the morning worship. Please be prayerful about this especially encouraging those considering the Stewards and Church Council positions.

A Reminder to support Sinfin Moor Park Nature Reserve

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 8th February please.

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shalom, which is out in the Matopos national park. It's a stunning place full of rocks and unspoilt beauty. Google "Matopos" and you will understand.

Our camp this year was entitled "Dare to be different" and we had a great time. We had two teaching sessions a day and then we had games and Braais (African BBQ), team building challenges, Ziplining and Campfires.

The camp was an amazing time, and God definitely showed up during the teaching sessions. I am pretty sure that there was not one child that didn't come away from that camp changed. It was fantastic to watch these children be ministered to by the Holy Spirit.

In order to put this camp on, we had to raise about \$1400 (yes, US Dollars which is our main currency). We wrote to many different places including the church council of SMC. The church council were very generous and on behalf of the Ark of Hope, I want to thank you for your generosity. Without the donation from SMC we would have not been able to put the camp on. These children were able to have a life changing experience all because of your generosity, and for that they were truly grateful.

Be blessed

Nathan

Electoral Role

Just an advance note that we have to review this during the weeks leading up to our AGM. It is an opportunity to for new names to be added e.g. new Church members. See Wendy Roe for more information.

The flowers in Church today (4th)

are not sponsored

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



Building Works Fund (BWF)

The Church Council have decided that the completion of Phase 2 of our building programme (the extension at the back of the Church) is our 'long-term' goal and so our Building Works Fund will continue to be open for your support.



The planned inspection of the work completed in 2016 was done in January this year and the few minor defects that were found will be corrected and then we will pay our final invoice. That then will complete phase 1 and we shall know exactly where we stand on the BWF.

Your continued generosity is always appreciated and at the end of January we have £8,983.74 in the fund of which some £4,300 is allocated to the final payment on the work completed in 2016.

Lent Courses

Our Lent Course 'Jesus and the Choclaterie' this year will be on the following Monday's:

19th February

26th February

5th March

12th March

19th March

The Church Secretary will put up a list for those intending to come along. The first week, the course will be in 2 or 3 people's homes with the remaining weeks being a united group held in Welcome Area at the Church beginning at 7.30 pm.

There will be an act of worship throughout each evening through Holy Week at 7.30 pm and a Good Friday Reflection at 10.00 am.

Watch out for additional information especially the arrangements for the first week in our Weekly Newsletters over the next couple of weeks.

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.

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.



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.

Coffee Morning - Saturday 27th January 2018

Many thanks to the team and to everyone who came along to support us. A total of £200 has been passed into Church funds.

Bric-a-Brac (Jacqui, Chris, John) £98.00 - Cakes (Mandy, Mary, Eve) £15.70, Tea, Coffee, hot sausage and bacon cobs (Nina, Amanda, Katriona) £61.20 - Raffle (Pat, Sue) £25.10. Setting the Coffee Morning up (David, Jacqui). Next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 24th February - 9.30am - 12 noon.

Colin Attenborough

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

We have been keeping you informed about 'good causes' we supported in 2017. The final one to tell you about is our help given to Nathan Sant's 'Ark of Hope' project in Zimbabwe. Here is his report on the Christian Camp that they took the young people to.

Hello from Zimbabwe

As part of my role here as youth pastor at the Revival Church, I get to work with a really great school that comes under our church. This school however, is not your normal 'run of the mill' school. It is a place of hope, just like its name, **The Ark of Hope**, suggests.

The Ark of Hope was set up as a place for children of high school age to come and do their O levels. I know it sounds like a normal set up, but this is a place of hope because if it wasn't for the Ark, these children would not be in school. It's a place for children whose parents (through no fault of their own) have fallen on hard times (due to our economic situation here in Zimbabwe) and can't pay private school fees. As well as this, it is a last chance school for children who have been expelled from mainstream schools.

As a school we give these children an education that they otherwise wouldn't have access too. But on top of all that we try to help them to become better children. We try to mentor and teach them life skills in order to help them when they leave school. We offer things like counselling and mentorship as well as leadership tutorials and workshops.

What is most remarkable about this place, is that we don't advertise that we are there. We pray and ask God to send us the right children, the ones that He wants there.

At this time we have about 40 children from Form 1 (Year 8) to Form 4 (year 11).

At the end of every school year we take our children away on a camp. It serves as a chance for us to spend some quality time with them and also just have fun. This year we went for a weekend to a place called

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