

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 2018/19

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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.

CHURCH DIARY DATES DECEMBER

Monday	3 rd	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Tuesday	4 th	2.45 pm	Funeral of Molly Swindells
Monday	10 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
		7.30 pm	Stewards Meeting in the Welcome Area
Saturday	15 th	9.30 am	Coffee Morning (see page 11)
Monday	17 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Monday	24 nd	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments



See pages 5, 11 and 13 for information about our December Services.

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 - 11.45 am	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 — December 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:

- **The SMC Inter-regnum (vacancy)**, pray for those working on this, that they will be guided by God in their thinking, that the plans will come to fruition, the right person and arrangements can be found.

Short term needs:

- **The Stewards** as they continue the new responsibilities now that we are in-vacancy and for the **Church Council** as they continue looking after the business matters of the Church.
- **David Smith** who is still undergoing treatment.
- **Sarah Reast** (Granddaughter of Eileen Bangay) who has health problems.

Ongoing and Long term needs:

- **Vincent Martin** as he continues his recuperation; also his wife **Linda** and the family as they support him.
- **Philip Brown** (Great Nephew of Ellen Treece) as he battles to overcome his illness.
- **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 ministry.

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, as they prepare for summer break..
 - the Monday Morning Prayers, Fellowship and coffee initiative.
 - The Church Christmas Services and events.
- ⇒ *Please do let **Ken Bates-Wagstaff** know of any prayer requests, they can be included in any edition of the Newsletter.*
- ⇒ *If you have asked for prayers to be added, please ensure you keep either Ken or the Newsletter Editor updated otherwise they can become unnecessary.*

The Monthly Message by Vincent Martin

Everyone is Invited In

As we enter the season of Advent, it has already been a busy time for Sinfin Moor Church as our Christmas Fair fundraiser on 24th November showed. However the busyness of Christmas can often detract away from the real meaning and leave us tired and exhausted without even having a minute to think about the Nativity message. An important thing for us all to try and remember is to slow down and refresh yourself in the hope and joy of the coming Christ. After all, it is important to be physically as well as spiritually strong, especially in the hectic days of December.

It is interesting that the term "Advent" is derived from the Latin word meaning "coming" and for Christians we anticipate the impending birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ child. But it strikes me every year that we see less and less of the nativity within the Christmas paraphernalia that adorns our shops and high streets and it is often left to our churches to carry the torch for the virgin birth. Maybe it is a sign of more secular times in our country or perhaps people anticipate the coming of Santa more so than a religious figure. Whatever the reason, it is imperative that as Christians we recognise and maintain the importance of the nativity. I remember being completely amazed by the symbolism of the gifts of the three kings, for encapsulated in this simple scene are powerful messages about Jesus life. In addition to the honour and status implied by the value of the gifts of the magi, scholars think that these three gifts were chosen for their special spiritual symbolism about Jesus himself—gold representing his kingship, frankincense a symbol of his priestly role, and myrrh a prefiguring of his death and embalming—an interpretation made popular in the well-known Christmas carol "We Three Kings." Powerful messages that can often be missed whilst concentrating on the cute little baby lying in a manger.

The other thing about the nativity is the unlikeliness of some of the characters involved. Born in a barn, in a manger, the Christmas story is

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full of unlikely characters: A teenage mother, a fatherless child, shepherds (some of the lowest of society) hearing the call, wise men from afar, a backwater town from nowhere special. Those on the edges are drawn to the heart of the action. Could this be the message to all of us, that everyone is welcome, everyone is invited in? Our Lifewords leaflets available in the foyer explore this in more detail and really do make interesting reading.

We hope you'll join us in finding ways to share that invitation this year - to welcome people in to the good news of the Christmas story, whether you come to one of our Christmas services or simply pray for our church and our ongoing pioneering ministry as we try to reach out more to the people of our surrounding areas and beyond. Indeed prayers for a new minister will never go amiss. "Our church and community centre at the centre of the community" message will tell everyone we are there for them and invite everyone in.

So as Christians we look forward to the birth of Jesus with excitement and hearts filled with love, joy and goodwill, something that was shown in abundance and commented on at our Christmas Fair.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with that very same love, joy and goodwill, from myself and all of my family.

God bless you, everyone.

Vince

Molly Swindells

We have been advised that Molly's funeral is to take place at Sinfin Moor Church this coming Tuesday (4th December) at 2.45 pm. The family have asked for no flowers but will accept donations for Treetops Hospice. If anyone wants to say a few words at the funeral as a tribute to Molly or if you have a story or anecdote, please let Ian Sant know today or certainly by tomorrow evening.

Christmas is just around the corner

..... here are some dates for your diary.

Our **Toy Service** is to be held next (Sunday 9th) at 10.00 am; please bring your unwrapped gifts for children and young adults to be put around the Church Christmas tree. Social Services will then collect them during the week giving them time to be sorted and distributed before Christmas Day.

Anne George will again be selling her angels to be hung on the Christmas tree in Welcome Area. These will be memory of anyone who cannot be with us this Christmas. As in previous years we will hold a short **Memorial Service** to commemorate these on Friday 21st December at 6.00 pm.

The **Church Christmas Party** is to be held on Friday 21st starting at 6.45 pm and all are welcome. Bring along your family and friends, tickets priced £5.00 are now available. The fun will begin with a buffet followed by a quiz and games before ending with carols. If he has time Santa has also promised to visit. If you require transport please let me know when you purchase your ticket.

On Sunday 23rd December at 10.00 am we shall have **Nativity Service** and our **Carol Service** will be held at 5.00 pm. Both of these services are to be led by our Church Stewards. If you have any spare angels or shepherds please bring them along for the Nativity Service, there will be plenty of room and we need as many as we can get!

The Christmas Eve Midnight Communion Service will start at 11.30 pm on Monday 24th December and will be led by Rev'd Eileen Bangay. Our Christmas Morning Worship Service will be on Tuesday 25th December at 10.00 am and will be led by the Stewards. Please bring a Christmas present with you to unwrap in the Service.

Finally, don't forget that there will be a Morning Communion Service on Sunday 30th December at 10.00 am as normal.

Melanie Sant



Giving to good causes

You will have read elsewhere (on page 8) about what we are doing to bring our Church building up-to-date, it is true we have been spending a great deal of money. Please don't think that we have neglected the good causes that we support each year.

We have donated money or facilities to the following people/organisations:

- **Katriona Jenkins** (in support of her theology degree)
- **Ark of Hope** (Zimbabwe)
- **1st Sinfin Guides** (Shoebox Transportation)
- **Lifewords** (who provide Christian Literature free-of-charge)
- **Derby Churches Nightshelter** (providing Derby homeless people with a place to stay overnight in the coldest winter months.)
- **St Martins Methodist Church** (to support their redevelopment work.
- **Sand Sun and Special Needs** (who provide holidays for terminally ill and disabled children and their families.)
- **Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre** (who provide holidays for needy Derbyshire children in their special home in Skegness)
- **Live at Home** (provision of the use of the Church free-of-charge.)
- **Parent and Toddler Group** (provision of the use of the Church free-of-charge.)

We have given away £4,500 which is £1,000 more than last year and that figure does not include the money raised by Doreen Hickman for Christian Aid.

We thought you might like to know. If you want to know more, please speak to the Church Treasurer.



Sinfin Moor Church
Christmas Services

Sunday 9th December - 10am - Toy Service
Friday 21st December - 6pm - Memorial Tree
Sunday 23rd December - 10am - Nativity
5pm - Carol Service
24th December - 11:30pm - Communion
25th December - 10am - Christmas Day
Service

Come and join us for praise, worship & fellowship

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11*

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www.sinfinmoorchurch.org.uk

PosterMyWall.com

Sinfin Moor Church Christmas Fair Fundraiser

Christmas came to Sinfin Moor Church on 24th November as we held our first Christmas Fair fundraiser in a long, long time. Partnered alongside the usual items of bric a brac, books and our breakfast (and lunch this time) cafe, the church was filled with a sea of gold, silver, green and red, the colours of Christmas and stalls full of gifts galore.

We had Christmas gifts, a prize raffle, cakes, jewellery, guess the name of the teddy, guess the weight of the cake and the biggest tombola we had ever seen (600 prizes!) in the foyer with the rest of the fundraiser in the back bay. Our advertising campaign and strategy was developed quite a while back but began in earnest online on 5th September when the poster was launched alongside a planned series of teasers, ramping up to promotion almost every day in the weeks closest to the date.

We prayed a lot for people to come - the Coffee mornings are well attended but for us to hold something like this is very new and we wanted to reach out to the community and bring many more of them into church.

It wasn't all about selling, the first 100 people through the door received a free goodie bag containing amongst other things three different versions of the Christmas story and a St Johns Gospel, fitting in with our policy of continual outreach. These went almost instantly. We also gave away a lot of other things like sweets and prizes to little children who hadn't necessarily been able to win anything, nobody went away empty handed and everyone was included in the fun.

The Mayor of Derby came along and opened the fair at 9:30 am (I don't think he could believe how much was there), Santa made an appearance and Sinfin Community Choir performed a medley of Christmas songs. Our very own Isobel (my daughter) graced us with a selection of Christmas tunes that she sang on her own and I don't think it was just me that didn't have a dry eye.

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am to everyone for their sup-

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A summary of our Christmas Services:

Sunday 9th - 10.00 am - Toy Service

Friday 21st - 6.00 pm - Memorial Service

Sunday 23rd - 10.00 am Nativity
5.00 pm Carol Service

Monday 24th - 11.30 pm Christmas Communion

Tuesday 25th - 10.00 am Christmas Day

Sunday 30th - 10.00 am Morning Communion

See the page 13 for further information.

Monthly Coffee Morning

to be held at the Church on
Saturday 15th December 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

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 Ken Bates-Wagstaff who will be happy to pray with you.



Our Church Flowers today are sponsored by

Violet Clarke

In memory of her husband **Sam and families.**

Dora Snow

We have been advised of the death this week of Dora who has been living in the Landemere Residential Home.

Dora joined us after the Queen's Hall on London Road closed but sadly, her health and mobility have prevented her from joining us for Sunday Worship.

We will let you know the details of her funeral if we find them out.

Gift Day 2018

This is ongoing and you can give until the end of March 2019. You have given £847.50 to date. The money will go towards replacing the swing doors into Church and there is more information about this project on page 8 of this Newsletter.

Church Weekend 2019.

A few of you have now paid your deposit but we still have spaces available. The cost for 2019 has been reduced so please, if you are interested, pick up a leaflet from the Welcome Area table, we would love you to join us.

Julie Froggatt

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port, kindness and generosity and to Colin Attenborough for allowing us to bolt-on to the Coffee Morning in this way. The total raised on the day for the Christmas Fair was a staggering **£1532.00** including one old pound coin which hopefully our treasurer can bank, a tremendous achievement. When you add in the money from the Coffee Morning (a great job by Colin Attenborough and his team) which was £381.00, it makes the combined total of £1913.00 raised on the day. This cumulative total is a testament to all of the volunteers and the way they all ran with it on what was a very very busy day, finishing at 2.00 pm and then there was the putting away and tidying up. Trying to count the number of people through the door was impossible but at one point the estimate was at least 180, although more came later. The area did us proud by turning up in their droves and joining in with the festive fun.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to everyone, from the bottom of my heart, it was a truly wonderful day and as one person commented "the goodwill and fun in the whole day was a pure joy".

It really was.

God bless you all

Vince Martin

ED: What a fantastic total it is. Our thanks to Vince and his brother for organising the Fair and to all his family and helpers who put so much work in to it.

Slimming World

We had this group with us for 29 months until their leader moved on to another area two weeks ago. We are pleased to tell you that they returned this week albeit with a new leader. If you are interested in joining them or want to know more, contact details can be found on the back page of this Newsletter.

Building Works Fund (BWF)

Our fund now stands at almost £5,000 so we thank the loyal band who give on a weekly basis and invite you to join us in support it.

Envelopes are available to help you with this, see Ian Sant or Margaret Platt if you want to help.



Multimedia, Audio and Doors

We do hope you have noticed our new **multimedia projector** as well as the TV monitor over the doors to the office/vestry. This has been installed so the preacher and organist can see what is being displayed without having to turn round. It is also with grateful thanks that we can tell you that this has been paid for by a donation from one of our Church families and we offer them our thanks and appreciation.

We are currently looking to upgrade our **audio system** and this same family have offered a further significant donation towards this.

Our other project is to replace the four pairs of **swinging doors** into the front, middle and rear bays. These doors are original from when the building was erected in 1975. They have done well for us but they are almost life expired and need replacing as the dampers on some of them are not very effective and could injure someone as they swing. You will recall our 2018 Gift Day (see page 10) is to go towards this project though it will not really come anywhere near covering the cost which we think could be anything between £5,000 and £15,000.

Once these projects are done, we will need to take some time out from our spending and just enjoy and the use the facilities we have got.

You may be interested in the article on 12 telling you about the good causes we have support this year.

Closing Date for the next newsletter
Thursday 6th December please.

Concerns, worries etc. about our Church

As we are in a Ministerial vacancy, yet another reminder that you can approach any of the 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 27th October 2018

Many thanks to all the team and to everyone who came along to support us. A total of £381 has been passed into Church Funds.

Bric a Brac (Jacqui, John, Chris) £199.04. Tea, Coffee, hot sausage, bacon cobs and sandwiches (Nina, Mary, Amanda, Katriona) £158.20. For setting up the stalls David. My thanks also to Sylvia and David Kirkwood who kindly brought along home made Christmas decorations £23.76.

Next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 15th December 9.30 am - 12noon.

Bric a Brac and Raffle prizes are always welcome.

Colin Attenborough

ED says: What a marvellous total so well done to Colin and all the helpers not just for this one event but for all the Monthly Coffee Morning's throughout the year. It is a huge commitment to do it so often so our grateful thanks and appreciation to you all.

Electronic Copies of the Newsletter

If you would like to receive a copy of our Church Newsletter electronically, please let Ian Sant know your e-mail address and you can be added to the distribution list.

They come as a PDF which is easily opened.

You need never miss another copy of the Newsletter even when you are unable to come on a Sunday.