

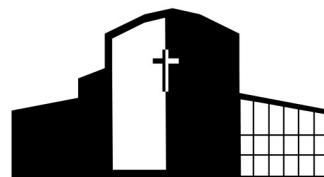
GROUPS MEETING AT SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

<u>Group</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>
Asian Men - Over 60's Group Monday to Friday from 1.00 ~ 5.00 pm.	Mr Pabla	☎ 07845 891442
Footlights Stage School	Faye Elliott Anne George	☎ 07779 665181 ☎ 01332 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 previous page for further details.		
SMC Friendship Club Wednesday afternoon in the Middle Bay from 2.00 ~ 4.00 pm	Eirlys Smith	☎ TBA
Brownies Wednesday in the Back Bay from 6.00 ~ 7.30 pm	Helen Chesshire	☎ 07763 852278
Guides Meet on Wednesday in the Middle Bay from 7.00 ~ 8.30 pm	Amanda Jenkins	☎ 01332 754770
Parent and Toddler Group Thursday in the Back and Middle Bays from 1.15 ~ 2.45 pm	Sarah Liddle	☎ 07468 423807
Scouts Matt Baker Thursday in the Back Bay from 7.15 ~ 8.45 pm	E-mail Scouts119Derby@outlook.com	
Cubs (Nelson Pack) Sam Reynolds Tuesday in the Back Bay from 6.30 ~ 8.00 pm	E-mail Cubs119Derby@outlook.com	
Beavers Thursday in the Back Bay from 5.30 ~ 6.45 pm	Lesley Holmes	☎ 01332 768581
Livewell livewell@derby.gov.uk Monday in the Back Bay from 5.00 ~ 7.00 pm. Free support with losing weight and healthy lifestyle changes for those register with a Derby City GP practice.	Kellie Townes	☎ 01332 641254 or

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



SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

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December 2019 Monthly

(Published on the 1st)



10.00 am Taking our **Morning Service and Communion** on this first Sunday on Advent is led by **Rev'd Ted Ager** who is a 'retired' Methodist Minister in the Derby Circuit.

Readings are: Isaiah 2 v 1 - 5 & Matthew 24 v 36 - 44
(read by **Anne George**).

Bibles are available in the Welcome Area to follow the readings.



The Church is fitted with an inductive loop system. Hearing aid users should switch to the 'T' position if so fitted

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 are worshipping with us for the first time or visiting, here is some information:

- Please sit anywhere in the Church (there are no reserved seats).
- There is a Sunday Club on most Sundays (except all age worship)
- Toilets are located off the corridor (go to the Welcome Area and turn left).
- If you are a tax payer and want to Gift Aid your offering, yellow envelopes are available in the Welcome Area.
- Please join us for complimentary refreshments and a chat in the Back Bay or Coffee Bar at the end of the Service.

There are no Evening Services at this Church.

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

Minister*	Vacancy	
Secretary*	Julie Froggatt	722222
Stewards*	Amanda Jenkins	Margaret Platt
	Ian Sant	Melanie Sant
	Melvin Worton	
Church Council	John Archer	Colin Attenborough
	Eve Dudden	Vincent Martin
	Wendy Roe	Ivan Vickerstaff
Safeguarding	Julie Froggatt	722222
Room Bookings	Melanie Sant	721927
Webmaster	Vincent Martin	728295
Welcome Centre Manager	Wendy Roe	762664
Prayer		
Co-Ordinator	Eileen Bangay (Acting)	
Newsletter Editor	Ian Sant	721927 (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.

SMC DIARY DATES - DECEMBER

Sunday	1 st	7.00 pm	Good Companions sing Christmas (see page 7)
Monday	2 nd	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments (see page 7)
		7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting.
Monday	9 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Saturday	14 th	7.30 pm	The Singing Footlights (Tickets from Anne George)
Monday	16 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments
Saturday	21 st	9.30 am	Coffee Morning (see page 5)
Monday	23 rd	10.00 am	Communion , Prayer, fellowship etc.
Monday	29 th	10.00 am	Prayer, fellowship and refreshments

Services at SMC in DECEMBER

1 st	Morning Communion - Rev'd Ted Ager
8 th	Morning Worship - Roy Milward
15 th	Morning Worship - Rev'd Gill Sharp (AAW)
22 nd	Morning Worship - Rev'd Mair Bradley & the Stewards
24 th	Midnight Communion - 11.30 pm - Rev'd Eileen Bangay
25 th	Christmas Morning - 10.00 am The Stewards
29 th	Morning Communion - Rev'd Keith Burchell

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
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Sinfen Moor Church Friendship Club
	6.00 - 7.30 pm	Brownies (Term Time)
	7.00 - 8.30 pm	Guides (Term time)
Thursday	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)
Friday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Footlights Stage School - Ballet
Saturday	9.00 am - 3.00 pm	Footlights Stage School (various classes)

For details of contacts, see overleaf.

This Month's Sinfin Moor Church Prayers

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
(Ephesians 6 v 18 NIV)*



Please pray for:

- **The SMC Inter-regnum (vacancy)**, please pray for a development for the new Minister here at SMC.

Short term needs:

- **Katriona Jenkins** in her new job in Wales.
- **Mark Winstanley** (Linda Martin's brother) undergoing chemotherapy.

Ongoing and Long term needs:

- **Melvin Worton** awaiting more appointments and treatments and **Jacqueline** as she cares for him.
- **Vincent Martin** - following his recent diagnosis.
- **Mary Moore** - as she continues to recover.
- **Philip Brown** (Great Nephew of Ellen Treece) gives thanks for his progress. Pray that he continues to improve.
- **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:

- those unable to come to Church on a Sunday due to illness or ill health and those undergoing treatment or recovering from treatment.
 - all the groups and organisations who use our building.
 - the Monday Morning Prayers, Fellowship and coffee in the Welcome Area.
 - the SMC Youth Council.
 - the group planning our 50th Anniversary celebrations next year.
- ⇒ *Please put any prayer requests in the box in the Welcome Area and indicate if you want them in the Newsletter.*
- ⇒ ***If you have asked for prayers to be added, please ensure you keep either the Newsletter Editor updated otherwise they can become out-of-date.***

The Monthly Message by Vincent Martin

Christmas is almost here

Here we are already in December, the time of advent and Christmas is racing towards us at breakneck speed. This world works very quickly and we are in an unprecedented age of technology with instant gratification in an "everything now" culture. It's often very hard to keep up. I read an online post recently about how winter was once regarded many years ago and thought I'd share it with you:

"The winter solstice time is no longer celebrated as it once was, with the understanding that this is a period of descent and rest, of going within our homes, within ourselves and taking in all that we have been through, all that has passed in this full year which is coming to a close... like nature and the animal kingdom around us, this time of hibernation is so necessary for our tired limbs, our burdened minds."

It's an interesting thought isn't it? With all the commercialism of Christmas, we can often feel swept along with the glitz and the glamour, the wrappings and trappings, the gold and the silver, the green and the red. Whizzing along to 25th December, there often seems no time for rest or retreat, to hibernate or take stock, just for a second. And yet, amongst it all, at the centre of the Christmas story, is a tiny child, wrapped in a manger in swaddling clothes. Simple, poor, almost forgotten in this day and age and yet so very important. "Unto us a boy is born, king of all creation". We must as Christians never forget that Jesus is the reason for our Christmas celebrations. The message within the nativity references His birth, life and death in one powerful image.

Life is often hard and I've talked a lot about how very often people can struggle and feel alone or isolated at Christmas both on my radio show and in my own social media output. It is as much a time for reflection as the new year is for looking forwards. We must look after each other and show everyone that we care and radiate with the love of Christ. Can't always do it? You can and very often do, in my experiences in church even a kind

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word can make all the difference, a smile or simply a nice gesture can be as important as the bigger things.

I have to tell you dear friends that my cancer journey is not progressing well. We received the news at my consultants appointment on 25th November that the Myeloma had relapsed with a vengeance, with the count leaping up from 7 to 32 very quickly. It is much more serious now and worrying enough for the consultants to start another lot of chemotherapy straight away. We have another big fight on our hands and I fear for the future. But, don't forget, in everything we all have to face, (and each of us has something they are concerned about), God is always there, ever present in our daily lives, I know this is true. We are reminded of the hope and love of Christmas particularly at this time of year and those of you that know me well, know how passionately I believe that holding on to this message and spreading it far and wide is fundamentally part of the person I am. It's a shame the church was not available for a Christmas Fayre this year, 2018's was incredible and we would have liked to have gone bigger and better in 2019 but it wasn't to be. It would have been all the more poignant given the cancer news. But you will be pleased to know that all is not lost and we have used some of the items we bought in January this year to help four other charities, donating the majority of it to them. I've also supported the Unicorn Style Christmas single called "It's Christmas" on my show and they have a justgiving page which is doing well.

Believe me my friends, the Myeloma will never affect my faith, nor will it stop me from always showing love to as many people I can particularly in the time I have left and I want you to know that whatever happens, I love you all so very much. God really did bless me and my family when he brought us to Sinfin Moor Church with all its quirks and we never take it for granted. I thank you all and hope that you will remember the message of Christmas and share it with everyone wherever you can. Don't dwell on the sadness, marvel in the glory of God's wondrous gift to us. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

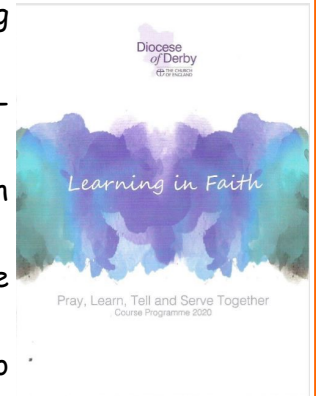
God bless you all

Vince

Learning in Faith

This is the Diocese of Derby programme entitled 'Pray, Learn, Tell and Serve Together' in which education and training is provided. It has different headings namely:

- **Mission, Evangelism & Discipleship** - Living Our Faith & Sharing it with others.
- **Churchwarden & Officer Training** - Resourcing for Church Roles.
- **Spirituality & Prayer**—Connecting with God.
- **Community** - Seeking to Actively Engage with All.
- **Vocations** - Responding to Gods Call to Serve.
- **Communications** - Spreading the Word.
- **Children's & Youth Work** - Engaging with Young People.



The courses are free and generally last for 2 to 3 hours and many are held in and around Derby.

The brochure is on the notice board in the Welcome Area for you to look at and if you are interested in anything and want a photocopy of a particular page or pages, please see one of the Stewards who will be happy to do the copy for you.

It really is worth a look!

Sinfin Moor Church Prayer Diary

As usual this is on page 14 and we would ask you to let us know of any prayers for people you want including and also, importantly, keep us abreast of the existing names so that we can properly reflect their need or change of circumstance.

So, if you asked for a name to be included, please tell us if there has been any change in circumstances.

Christmas Activities at Sinfin Moor Church

Sunday 1st. December - 7.00 pm Good Companions sing Christmas, a concert of festive music, tickets £5.00 including refreshments all proceeds to church funds. Come along and get some early Christmas spirit

Sunday 8th December 10.00 am Toy Service. Toys and gifts for local children and young adults, who may not get presents this year due to difficult circumstances, will be collected during the service for distribution by Derby Social Services

Sunday 22nd December 10.00 am Nativity Service led by Rev'd Mair Bradley.

5.00 pm Lessons and Carols come along and sing some of your favourite carols.

Monday 23rd December 6.00pm Memorial Service - a short Service to remember family and friends who are not with us this Christmas
6.30pm Church Christmas Party, come along and bring your friends and family for a time of food, fellowship, games and quizzes, ending around 9.00pm with favourite carols. We may even get a visit from Santa himself. Tickets £5.00 on sale from Melanie, if you would like to come but need transport please let Melanie know.

Tuesday 24th December 11.30pm Christmas Midnight Communion led by Rev'd Eileen Bangay

Wednesday 25th December 10.00am Christmas Morning Worship led by the Church Stewards.

Walking Group

A walking group meets every Monday at 2.00 pm at Church; it is run by Johnno who is a member of the Movemore team that meet at Church during the week. The walks usually last around an hour and are not strenuous it is an ideal time to have a gentle stroll and chat to people while getting a little fitter at the same time, quite a few of our Church folk already take part why not give it a try.

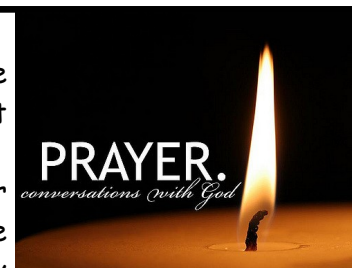


Prayer Box

We all know how important prayer is in the life of the Church, so a reminder to everyone about the prayer box in the Welcome Area.

We would like to encourage you to place your prayer requests in this box for items to be prayed for at our prayer meeting on a Monday morning.

All items will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. We have seen answers to prayer over the time we have been meeting. God is amazing and really wants us to lift our concerns to Him.



Electronic Copies of the Newsletter.....

..... are available, 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.

Monthly Coffee Morning

to be held at the Church on
Saturday 21st 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 along with homemade Produce.
The volunteer helpers would love to see you there.

Money raised is for Church Funds

Building Works Fund (BWF)

The latest figure stands at just over £7,600.

As always, we are very grateful to those who give regularly to this fund. We use specially printed weekly envelopes to enable folk to give every week. Would you like to support us in this way? We have lots of spare envelopes available and we would love you to join our scheme. See Margaret Platt or Ian Sant to know more.

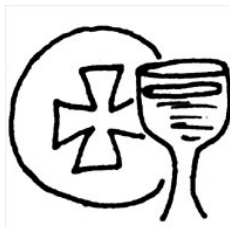


The Singing Footlights Concert

"Christmas Cheer" on Saturday 14th December at the Church starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets from Anne George priced £3 each (concessions £2.50). See the Poster on the notice board in the Welcome Area,

Monday Morning Communion

This takes place on the 4th Monday of the month at 9.30 am and will be our Prayer Team monthly Communion. We would welcome any members of our Church Family who would like to join us for this informal service.



Visits and Communion for housebound

Rev'd Eileen Bangay who worships with us at Sinfin Moor Church will to do pastoral visits if asked to do so and provide Communion to the housebound on a monthly basis. Please see her or one of the Church Stewards to arrange this.

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.



Remembrance Angels

Anne George will again be selling her Remembrance angels from Sunday 1st December, priced £1.00 each. These are angels to remind us of loved ones who are no longer with us, the angels will be hung on the Christmas tree in the welcome area, and then all the names on the angels will be read out at our memorial service on Monday 23rd December.



A brand new song for Christmas

Poppy Millhouse aged 6 along with five of her friends and her Dad Paul have produced a Christmas song called "It's Christmas". Based in Swanwick, they are donating all proceeds from it to the charity "When You Wish Upon A Star. It's a fabulous song and I featured it and an interview with them in my show last Sunday. I wanted to share it with you here to give you the opportunity to have a listen.

You can find the wonderful video for it here

<https://youtu.be/y952LvT1FXE>

Or visit their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UnicornStyleItsChristmasSong/>

Or their justgiving page is here

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/its-christmas-song>

Any help or support we could give would be gratefully received. Tell your friends, share the links etc, it all helps. The full show will be on Derby Sound's Mixcloud page in case you missed it.

www.Mixcloud.com/derby sound

Thanks very much

Vincent Martin

Presenter of The Retro Show
on Derby Sound

www.derbysound.org.uk

Ministerial Vacancy - latest update

We again have no news to tell you on the vacancy, and it would appear that now that Christmas is round the corner that nothing will happen at the earliest until the new year.

It is important that we as a Church continue to be prayerful about this because it is by being persistent with our prayers that God will answer our need. Continue also to include the Stewards and Church Council in your prayers and others who continue to further the work of Sinfin Moor Church.

Back Bay Users

For radiators to work best, they should not be covered. This includes NOT stacking the chairs in front of them. Please stack the chairs either side of the radiator or against the screen.



Shooting Stars

Who are we?

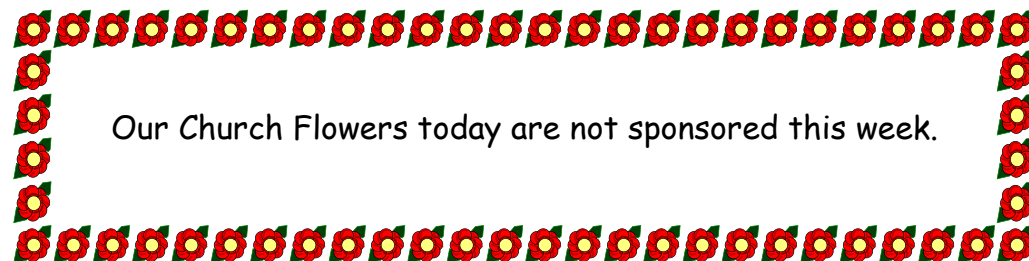
We are a group of young people that meet up once a month at Sinfin Moor Church. We meet up in order to help the Church become a better place. We make decisions and organise community events.

What have we accomplished?

We decided to name our Youth Council group the Shooting Stars, because we want to aim high and achieve our goals. We organised a successful treasure hunt that lots of people attended and had fun at. Also, another activity we organised was a park event. We represented the Church by painting a picture that's hanging in the messy room. Finally, we also suggested a Daniel and the lion's den thing at the Church anniversary.

What do we want to do in the future?

We need more people in the Youth Council out of all the groups that come to church, (mainly from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Rangers), because the more input the better.



Our Church Flowers today are not sponsored this week.

Monday Prayer and Fellowship

Tomorrow (2nd December) we will be pleased to have another visit from the **Singfin Choir** who are coming along to entertain us. Please do come along and join us for this special event and our time of fellowship.

Annual Advent Service

The annual Service to mark the start of Advent organised by the South Derbyshire Association of United Reformed Churches takes place **TONIGHT** start at 7.00 pm at Carlton Road URC.

Closing Date for the next newsletter
Thursday 5th December please.

The Good Companions Society entertain

This evening of Sunday 1st December we are looking forward to welcoming members of the Good Companions society who are coming along to do a concert to get you into the mood for the festive season. Tickets are still available from Melanie Sant priced £5.00 this will include refreshments. If anyone has a prize that they can donate for the raffle please give it to Ian or Melanie. If you would like to come but need transport please let Melanie know. Thanks.

Melanie Sant

Church Flower Rota 2020

The 2020 Flower Rota is now on the notice board in the Welcome Area, if you want to sponsor the Church flowers on a given Sunday. Our thanks to all who have sponsored the flower arrangements over the last twelve months, in memory of loved ones or to commemorate special events, and at the same time, have supported our Building Works Fund.

Doreen Hickman



Ashcroft School Carols

On Friday 13th December we will have the annual visit by Ashcroft School for their Carol Concert. It is lovely occasion as the children do the readings and sing their carols and you can come along too if you want to enjoy the occasion. It last for about 30 minutes and the joy they bring is wonderful. Please be at the Church by 1.30 pm if you want to come along and enjoy a spectacle.

Christmas Radio Fun

As you all know I have my show called The Retro Show, broadcasting on Derby Sound every Sunday 12.00 to 2.00 pm. It's a fun show, and this December I have four special Christmas shows as well, playing Christmas music for an hour, every Sunday 9.00 to 10.00 am from 1st to 22nd December. It includes festive chat and seasonal good cheer. I'd like you to invite you to listen in to either of them and would very much appreciate it.

Have a look at our website www.derbysound.org.uk or tell your Smartspeaker "Play Derby Sound On Tunein" or download our FREE "Derby Sound Radio Player" app from #GooglePlay and we're on the TuneIn app for IOS.

Thanks very much

Vincent Martin

Thank you.....

..... all very much for buying the cards I made. You will be very pleased to know that the £28.50 raised has gone in to the Building Works Fund.

Wendy Stower



Church Christmas Card

Following a suggestion from a couple of members of the congregation we are going try having a Church Christmas Card again this year for everyone to sign to each other.

The thinking is that it is environmentally friendly and will mean we have less uncollected cards to throw away and it can even save a little money for you and a lot of time and writing!. If those who use the card want to make a small donation to Church funds using the donations box on the counter (see below), they can do.

We know this will not suit everyone but its a choice thing and you can do whichever you want to.

We will arrange to put the card on a back bay table each week up the Christmas and put it on a noticeboard in between.



Donations Box

Thank you for you donations that you place in our donations located on the counter where you get the refreshments after the Morning Service. You donations can be towards the cost of the Newsletter, the refreshments or just because you want to. Thank you.