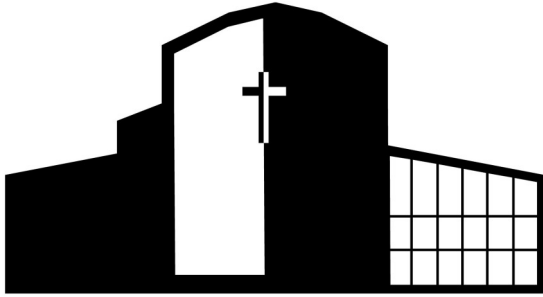


# Sinfin Moor Church

*A Local Ecumenical Partnership serving Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields*

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SINFIN MOOR CHURCH

## July Newsletter

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## Breaking News: See page 3

**Welcome** - After all the excitement of last month's announcement of the appointment of Paul Desborough as our new Minister, we are in that period between the announcement and his induction. That said, there is a great deal going on 'behind the scenes' so to speak. Much work is being done on the Vicarage to get it ready though it looks like Paul and Jean will not be able to move until in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. Paul has been active having now met with all the Stewards to find out more about life here in Sinfin Moor Church. He has also met with our Church Treasurer and there should be a little more about later in the Newsletter telling us the financial implications to us as a Church once Paul is inducted.

The lifting of the main restrictions planned for 21<sup>st</sup> June was deferred to 19<sup>th</sup> July and even now we do not yet know what that will mean to us about what we will be able to do, and of course, what we will not. Some questions will need to be answered like, 'will we be able to sing during our Morning Service?'. Can we have refreshments after our Morning Service? Will the final groups like the Friendship Club and Asian Men's Group be able to restart? These are questions we cannot yet answer but our hope has to be that the beginning of September we will be back to more-or-less the normal life of the Church. Only time will tell, we coped with all the changes Covid has brought, I am sure we can last a little longer.

This morning's Communion Service should have been led by Rev'd Eileen Bangay however, she is now isolating ahead of her cataract operation next week, our thoughts and prayers go with her. Three years ago when Rev'd Susan Mcivor left, the then Stewards sought a contingency just in case we could not acquire the services of a Minister to do communion. The United Reformed Church granted permission for both Ian and Melanie Sant to officiate. Here we are, just a few weeks before the induction of our new Minister, this forward thinking has come to fruition..

Leading our **Communion Service** today, are some of the Stewards, and the Communion led by **Ian Sant** Assisting with the Communion will be **Amanda Jenkins**, one of the Church Stewards.

The Old Testament reading is read by **Anne George** and is **Ezekiel 2 v 1 - 5 v 1**

The New Testament reading **Mark 6 v 1 - 13** will be on the screen along with a Comment and Prayer.

The Communion will be brought to your seats to comply with the Covid regulations. Please place the Communion cups by your chair after you have consumed the wine, they will be collected after the Service has finished. If you do not want to receive Communion, Please decline when approached.

## The Message by Rev'd Eileen Bangay

George Bernard Shaw said "A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." As someone who remembers all too clearly their mistakes, I find that very consoling - how about you?

And someone said "the person who rows the boat generally doesn't have time to rock it." Far enough, but there are times when everyone needs to do something about bad things, even if it is only speaking up, rather than just let them be.

They say actions speak louder than words, but some of us only have words left - we cannot "take the knee", not without someone there to help us up again, or go on a demonstration against great wrongs. Then our voice, our votes and our prayers are all we can use and God can cope with hearing what troubles us, you only have to read the Psalms to know that.

And when it comes to prayers, on a Monday morning, when someone who has never been in our building before, bravely steps in through the door, it would be so good if we had several more members of the regular congregation sitting there to make them feel more comfortable.

I should not be amazed that as soon as we re-opened people came back to see us, God is good like that, but church family support, by just drinking coffee or tea with us would make things even better.

It may be that you don't know how Monday mornings operate - well the staff, Hosts and Hostesses and Prayer Group members meet at 9:30am for prayer and then we open up at 10am. Those who come have the option of just having our company, of going into Church to pray by themselves, or going in with members of our Prayer Team who will either pray with them or for them - whatever is needed. And it is members of the Prayer Team that we are short of. We are perfectly happy to have people coming in to help on rota, after interview and training, and whilst you may not think yourself prayerful enough, God will tell you if this is something to talk to me about, without any commitment.

And whilst we are talking prayerful action, Bishop Libby, Bishop of Derby, asked everyone who had received their jabs to make a thank offering to Christian Aid to help those overseas in the developing world struggling under the weight of the pandemic. She set a target of £5,000 and that has not only been reached, but is now being passed daily. How's that for Christian love in action?

Know the blessing of God that you are.

*Eileen*

### **Sunday Club**

We are hoping to be able to start Sunday Club in September. So that we are prepared and not rushing or thinking of what we can do, we would like to have a meeting and have invited those who have been Leaders and helpers in the past. We would also like to invite anyone who thinks they would be interested in leading/helping. We have been looking at new material which has now arrived, and discussion has taken place holding Sunday Club in the welcome area, and getting new stationery etc etc. More to be discussed at the meeting to be held in the Welcome area on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm, Please let me or Amanda know if you are planning to attend or speak to them to find out more information..

We are now starting to look ahead to the future.

Thank you.

**Julie Froggatt and Amanda Jenkins**

### **Church Council Meeting**

There is a meeting of the Church Council planned for a week tomorrow, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the front bay starting at 7.30 pm.

The agenda and associated papers are now available on the table in the back bay for **Church Council Members**. Please pick your copy up as you leave

**Ian Sant**

### **Induction Date Confirmed - IMPORTANT**

We have been advised that Rev'd Paul Desborough will be inducted as Minister of this Church on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00 pm**. The Service will be conducted by Bishop Malcolm (who is the Bishop of Repton). Also attending will be Rev'd Geoffrey Clarke the Moderator of the United Reformed Church East Midlands Synod. Representing the Methodist Church will be Rev'd Colin Emerson, the Superintendent Minister of the Derby Methodist Circuit. There will be a small number of other invited guests and dignitaries and since in these COVID times, we are limited in number.

**We want to give you, our congregation priority to attend, so we will have to control numbers. If you plan to you attend, please add your name to the list on the Middle Bay notice board as soon as possible. If you are not able to do that please let Ian Sant know as he is keeping the list.**

We do hope to see as many of there as possible, so please, if are coming, put you name down today.

### **Monday Morning Prayer Group**

This group have now resumed their meetings every Monday from 10.00 am until noon. Wendy and her 'team' extend you a warm welcome at anytime between those hours.

They are looking for people to join the Prayer Team, it will be on a rota basis. There will be an interview and training will be given. Please speak to Rev'd Eileen Bangay to find out more.



As you know, because of the Covid restrictions, we were not able to have any fund raising for Christian Aid this year. We asked that, anyone who wanted to, could pop their money in an envelope marked 'Christian Aid' and place it in the offering basket. It is good to report that a number of you did just that raising a total of **£105**. Thank you to those of you who gave, the money has been sent to Christian Aid on your behalf.

You may recall that we were to send money earlier this year to Christian Aid as part of the Bishop of Derby appeal for donations to give thanks for the Covid vaccinations that most of us have had. That time we were able to send **£215**.

To save you working it out, the total amount has been **£320**. How good is that?

### **Building Works Fund (BWF)**

The amount in this account now stands at just under £14,000 having now paid the deposit on the new windows and doors to be fitted to the north and east sides of building. We are still hopeful that this work will be done in August when the building is not used so much. It appears that the industry that produces them is still not back up to speed following the disruption caused by the COVID pandemic

Please be aware those of you who use the BWF envelopes that the current supply is finished in August. You will be advised before then what is happening.

### **Donations Box**

Our donations box is out on the Welcome Area counter on most Sunday mornings for you to make a donation to Church funds. For example, you may want to contribute towards the cost of the Church Newsletter, flower display sponsorship or just give a little extra. Your gifts are always gratefully received and we are able to claim the tax back using the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (referred to as GASDS).

### **A reminder of some dates for your diary**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July Church Council meeting in the Front Bay at 7.30 pm (See page 3)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July Induction of Rev'd Paul Desborough at 4.00 pm (See page 3)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July Sunday Club Meeting at 7.30 pm (See page 3)

Every Monday Morning between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon the Prayer Group meet in the back bay. There are refreshments and an opportunity for prayer. They are looking for prayer leaders/ (See above).

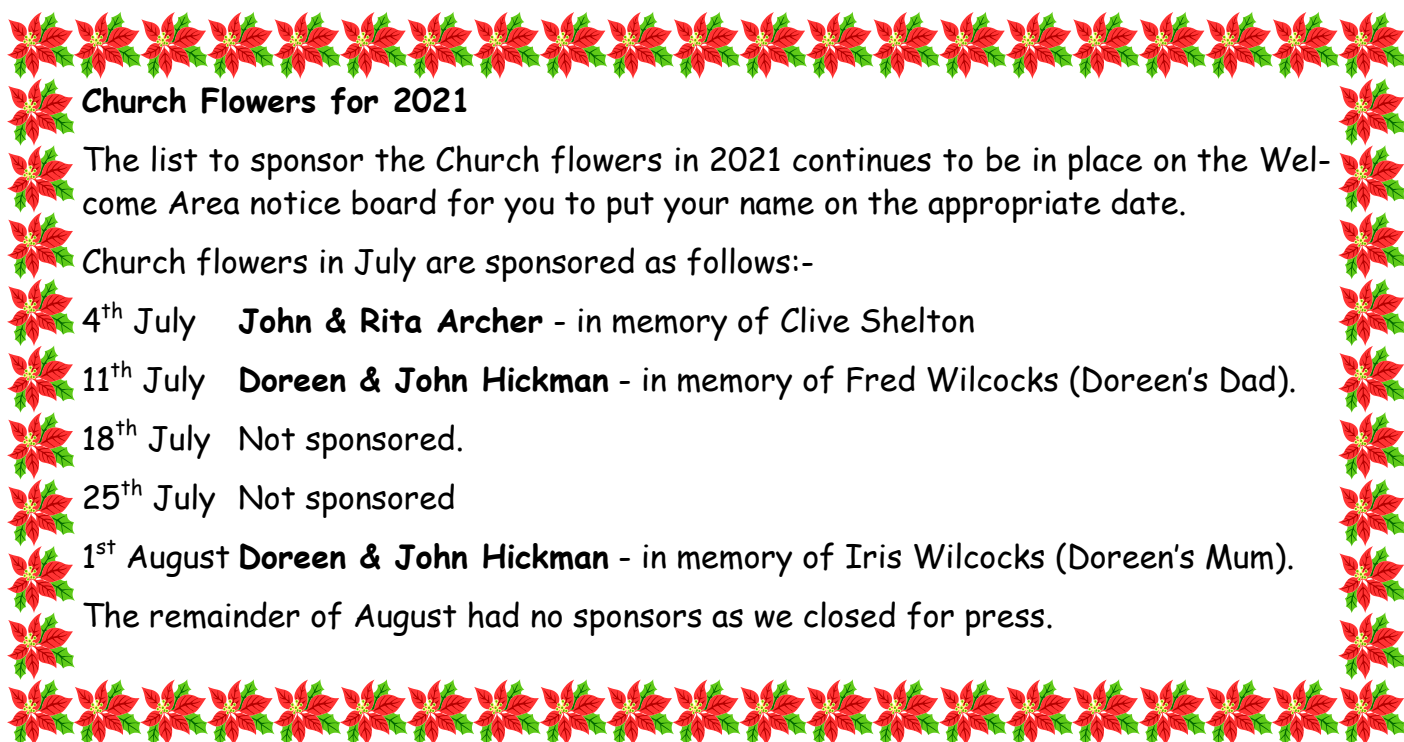
### Our Treasurer Writes:

We are half way through the year and our financial situation is satisfactory. However, that is about to become a lot more challenging as we will, from August have to pay the full assessment (or Common Fund as the Anglicans call it) to the Diocese. This will mean we will have to pay an extra £1,308 per month to the Diocese. Additionally, we will have to pay expenses to the Minister covering such things as telephone, internet, postage, mileages, training etc.

The past 18 months have been difficult to predict financially due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, so it is a challenge to try and work out exactly where we are financially as a Church because we do not have any certainty about our income or expenditure. All I can do as Treasurer is monitor it month by month. It is good that our Sunday offerings have now stabilised though our one big problem is that there has been very little income from our room lettings. Additionally there has been no fund raising held.

All is not gloom and doom, we can look forward to Rev'd Paul Desborough being inducted on the 18<sup>th</sup> July and we look forward to his Ministry and that of his wife Jean.

The Church Council at their next meeting will be reviewing our financial situation including belatedly agreeing our budget for this year as well as looking at what has happened in the year so far.



### Church Flowers for 2021

The list to sponsor the Church flowers in 2021 continues to be in place on the Welcome Area notice board for you to put your name on the appropriate date.

Church flowers in July are sponsored as follows:-

- 4<sup>th</sup> July **John & Rita Archer** - in memory of Clive Shelton
- 11<sup>th</sup> July **Doreen & John Hickman** - in memory of Fred Wilcocks (Doreen's Dad).
- 18<sup>th</sup> July Not sponsored.
- 25<sup>th</sup> July Not sponsored
- 1<sup>st</sup> August **Doreen & John Hickman** - in memory of Iris Wilcocks (Doreen's Mum).

The remainder of August had no sponsors as we closed for press.

### Newsletter

It is our normal practice not to produce a Newsletter during the month of August and this year is no exception. Our next edition will be for September and the publication date 5<sup>th</sup> September with a closing date for items of 2<sup>nd</sup> September. In the meantime, please listen to announcements on a Sunday morning.





## Sinfin Moor Church Prayers

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ( 1 John 5 v 14)*

*Please pray for (in no particular order of importance):*

- **Rev'd Paul Desborough** as he and his wife **Jean** prepare move in to the Vicarage during the month, as Paul prepares for his induction and on the (18<sup>th</sup> July) as they join our Sinfin Moor Church family.
- the Church congregation keeping safe, especially those not well, those we know who have upcoming operations and appointments and those awaiting test results.
- **Brian and Wendy Shaw**, for Wendy following her spell in hospital and Brian after his operation.
- **Rev'd Eileen Bangay** who is isolating as she prepares for her cataract operation. Pray for a successful outcome.
- **Lauren Froggatt** with her ongoing health problems.
- Sunday Club as they look at how and when this can resume.
- ways to keep our relationship with Jesus alive and functional during these unprecedented times.
- the church as a whole that it will find new ways to reach out to those who don't yet know Jesus.
- for the health and well-being of all those living on their own.
- new ideas to bring unity between our churches.
- all the groups and organisations as they gradually resume their meetings.
- the Monday Morning Prayer Group's appeal for helpers and prayer leaders is met.
- the SMC Youth Council when it is able to resume.
- all the churches that have felt unable to reopen or find themselves with financial problems during this time.
- **Vincent Martin** - who is still undergoing treatment, and Linda as she supports him.
- **Dominic, Sequoia, Abigail, Emma and Isaac Sant** as they continue to prepare to move to Papua New Guinea in January 2022 where Dominic will work for the Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

**Continue to pray for:**

- **Mark Winstanley** (Linda Martin's brother).
- **Philip Brown** (Great Nephew of Ellen Treece).
- **Richard Dockray** (David & Verity's son) who continues at Bible College.
- **Nathan, Michelle, Lily and Ella Sant** as they continue in their work in Zimbabwe.

**Please remember to let Ian Sant know of any updates to these prayer requests.**

**Normal Weekly Meetings (Contact details below):**

Monday	10.00 am - 12.30 pm	Prayer, Fellowship and Refreshments
	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	Sinfin Moor Church Friendship Club
	6.00 - 7.30 pm	Brownies (Term Time)
	7.00 - 9.00 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 - 4.30 pm	Footlights Stage School (various classes)

**Contact Details**

**Asian Men** Mr Pabla ( 07845 891442)  
**Over 60's Group** Monday to Friday from 1.00 ~ 5.00 pm.

**Footlights Stage School** Faye Elliott ( 07779 665181)  
 Anne George( 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** Eirlys Smith (TBA)  
 Wednesday afternoon in the Middle Bay from 2.00 ~ 4.00 pm

**Brownies** Fran Dolby ([39<sup>th</sup>derby@gmail.com](mailto:39thderby@gmail.com) )  
 Wednesday in the Back Bay from 6.00 ~ 7.30 pm

**Guides** Amanda Jenkins ( 01332 754770)  
 Meet on Wednesday in the Middle Bay from 7.00 ~ 9.00 pm

**Parent & Toddler Group** Sarah Liddle( 07468 423807)  
 Thursday in the Back and Middle Bays from 1.15 ~ 2.45 pm

**Scouts Matt Baker** E-mail [Scouts119Derby@outlook.com](mailto:Scouts119Derby@outlook.com)  
 Thursday in the Back Bay from 7.15 ~ 8.45 pm

**Cubs (Nelson Pack)** Sam Reynolds E-mail [Cubs119Derby@outlook.com](mailto:Cubs119Derby@outlook.com)  
 Tuesday in the Back Bay from 6.30 ~ 8.00 pm

**Beavers** TBA  
 Thursday in the Back Bay from 5.30 ~ 6.45 pm

**Livewell** Kellie Townes (01332 641254 or [livewell@derby.gov.uk](mailto: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 who are registered with a Derby City GP practice.

**Please advise the Editor if there are any changes.**

## CHURCH MINISTER AND CONTACT DETAILS 2021/22

<b>Minister*</b>	Vacancy	
<b>Secretary*</b>	Julie Froggatt	722222
<b>Stewards*</b>	Julie Froggatt	Amanda Jenkins
	Margaret Platt	Wendy Roe
	Ian Sant	Melvin Worton
<b>Church Council</b>	John Archer	Colin Attenborough
	Ken Bates-Wagstaff	Vincent Martin
	Ivan Vickerstaff	
<b>Safeguarding</b>	Julie Froggatt	722222
<b>Room Bookings</b>	Melanie Sant	721927
<b>Webmaster</b>	Vincent Martin	728295
<b>Welcome Centre Manager</b>	Wendy Roe	762664
<b>Acting Prayer Co-Ordinator</b>	Rev'd Eileen Bangay	
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Ian Sant	721927
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- denotes members of the Church Council along with the Treasurer.

### Seen in a Church magazine

If any readers have either a single bed or a man's bicycle to enable the vicar to get around his scattered parish, Mr Jones would be pleased

### The rector announced:

"After the blessing the bishop will leave and we shall sing 'Now thank we all our God' ",

The donkey failed to arrive for the Palm Sunday procession at St Peter's Church, Chippenham. The procession was led by the Vicar, the Rev'd Jeremy Bray.

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### A Blessing

What did the priest say to his ancient car?  
May you rust in peace.

Overheard in a Vestry: "The congregation's a bit thin this morning" said the Vicar. "Did you tell them I was preaching?" "No, Vicar I didn't" replied the Churchwarden. "But you know how things get out".

There was a queue of men standing at the Pearly Gates waiting to enter. A sign overhead read "FOR MEN WHO HAVE BEEN DOMINATED BY THEIR WIVES". The queue extended as far as the eye could see. Close by was another sign which said "FOR MEN WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN DOMINATED BY THEIR WIVES". Just one man was standing underneath it. St. Peter came over to him and asked, "why are you standing here?". I don't really know" he replied, "except my wife told me to".

Notice on a train window  
**RESERVED FOR BARE METHODISTS**  
(it appears that Methodists from Bare were spending a day at the seaside long before topless bathing was permitted.