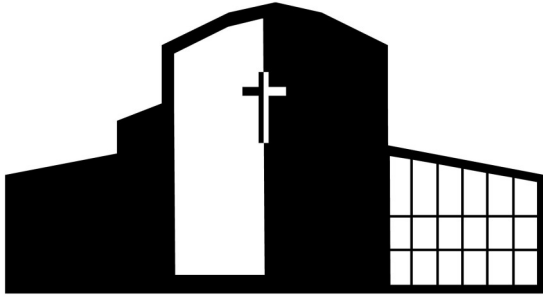


# Sinfin Moor Church

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

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**SINFIN MOOR CHURCH**

## May Newsletter

*(Published on Easter Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021)*

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### Four Important Announcements

1. If you were in Church last Sunday, you will have heard the announcement from the Church Stewards that we have a candidate to become the new Minister at our Church. His name is Rev'd Paul Desborough and he is currently a Curate at St Alkmunds Church here in Derby. We are still early in the appointment process, but we have agreed with the Acting Archdeacon that Paul will come and lead our worship on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May, It is unusual for a prospective Anglican appointment to come and lead worship in this way, but the Stewards were anxious for him to see you, and you to see him so that you are part of the process. Following this, Paul will come for an interview and a decision made. That is as much as we tell you at this time, so please keep this in your prayers.
2. Whilst we are very blessed with a large building, due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will only be able to seat just over 50 people suitably distanced. This should be ample but please be aware that the seats are available on a first come - first served basis so, should they be all filled, no one else will be allowed to admitted in to the building.
3. It appears that contrary to the information we were given, we cannot hold our AGM after the Morning Service on 16<sup>th</sup> May. We were advised this week in the Bishop of Derby's weekly Covid-19 update that these meetings cannot be held until after the 17<sup>th</sup> May. So the plan is for it to be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May after the Morning Service.
4. This year we only have to revise the Electoral Roll. The Revision Notice and current list of names had been published is on the notice board by the door in the middle bay. If you think you should be on it check you are, if you are not, speak to Wendy Roe. Remember, in order to vote at the AGM, you MUST be on the Electoral Roll in line with our constitution.

### Welcome and Introduction from the Editor

Welcome to our May edition as life is slowly coming back to our Church building. The Footlights Stage School, Scouts/Cubs and Brownies have all resumed or about to resume meeting. At present, to allow social distancing the uniformed groups are using the middle and back bays. In May we hope to see Beavers restart along with the Guides and Livewell. Sadly it is too soon for the SMC Friendship Club to restart, and it is the same for the Asian Men. All the signs are good so let's hope and pray that we've seen the last of the lockdowns.

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Leading our **Sunday Communion Service** on today, we welcome again **Rev'd Canon David Kirkwood** who is a 'retired' Anglican Minister and he normally worships at St Stephen's, Sinfin. Assisting with the Communion will be one of the Church Stewards .

The readings are read by **Anne George** and these are:

**Acts 8 v 26 - end and John 15 v 1 - 8.**

The Communion will be brought to your seats just as we did last time. Please place the Communion cups by you 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**

So, it's lighter in the morning and the evenings are staying lighter too. The longed-for Summer is on it's way! My flat had dark red blinds but now has white blinds and so lighter mornings and longer evenings are even more apparent to me - and the sunshine shows dust I never noticed before!

Light lays bare every flaw, every fault, so that talking of God as "light" (1 John 1 verses 5b - 9) can bring to mind the searching beam of a spotlight as much as the gentle ray of sunshine.

The light that is God, exposes us, like the dust from which we were made, and it would be much more comfortable to be left discreetly hidden. But God's light shines on us not to sweep us away, but to cleanse and heal us, as Naomie Starkey writes in the BRF New Daylight books. That light prepares us to walk in the light with Him just as He always intended us to.

Too often we try to hide away, like in the story of Adam and Eve, hiding ashamed of their disobedience. Just as He knew exactly what Adam and Eve had been up to, he needs us to see where we so often go wrong and, in the light turn away from that and show our remorse. He loves us so much that He is more than ready, and always prepared, to welcome us back.

Too often, as we get older, we think of ourselves in the old terms of "neither use nor ornament" and that is to deny ourselves as we really are in God's eyes.

Jesus came to drive away that darkness and give us our time in the light, forgiven and free. Free also to bring the light into the lives of others by our way of relating to them - bringing a smile to their lips and joy to their hearts by our way of living and re-acting to whatever life throws or offers. God bless, lighten and keep you

*Eileen*

## Giving thanks and donations

You will recall that the Diocese of Derby is now supporting an initiative by Christian Aid to give both thanks and a donation once you have received the vaccine.



The donation will be used by Christian Aid to help vulnerable communities around the world access soap, food and vital health information in the face of the pandemic.

We had four donations totalling **£225** and this has been sent to the appointed people prescribed on the Diocesan Website for use by Christian Aid

Thanks go to those who gave,, it is a supreme effort from the small number that gave.

Christian Aid Week is coming up on 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May. We clearly cannot do any fundraising again at this present time, there are envelopes on the table at the rear of the Church if you want to pick one up and place your money in it and put it in the offering basket any Sunday during May.

## Dom and Quioia and Papua New Guinea


Last month Dom and Quioia told us that they and their three children are going to Papua New Guinea in early 2022 where Dom is to work for Missionary Aviation Fellowship for four years.

Those of you who get a paper copy of this Newsletter when you come to Church, you will find attached a prayer postcard that has been produced for them.

We hope you will use the prayer points in you prayers.

For those of you who receive an electronic copy of the Newsletter, here it is to the right.

**MAF** Dom and Sequoia Sant serving in Papua New Guinea



PRAY FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING CHURCH LIFE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES MAF AND PNG

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Sign up to receive regular prayer letters by post or email <a href="mailto:staffsupport@maf-uk.org">staffsupport@maf-uk.org</a>	Send a letter, card, gift or care package PO Box 273, Mount Hagen, WHP 281 PNG	Contact our office to discuss ways in which you can promote their work <a href="mailto:adam.pope@maf-uk.org">adam.pope@maf-uk.org</a>
Give a one-off or regular gift. Use Gift Aid to add 25% extra. <a href="http://www.maf-uk.org/sant">www.maf-uk.org/sant</a>	Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)	Pray using the prayer points on the front of this card. Let them know that you are doing so <a href="mailto:dom.sant@mafint.org">dom.sant@mafint.org</a>

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## Walk all over Cancer

As promised, here is an update from Allison George (daughter of our own Anne George) on her recent 'Walk all over Cancer' fund raising.

Cybil and I completed the challenge and clocked up nearly 300 km during the month of March, averaging about 12,000 steps a day. With the kind support of everyone, we managed to contribute an amazing amount of £570 plus Gift Aid to the National effort which brought in £7,530,240 (and still rising as the fund raising page is still open) for Cancer Research UK.

Such an incredible total which is going to make such a big difference in our fight against this merciless disease.

Thanks go to you at Sinfin Moor Church for the £85 you sponsored me for which is included in the total. All the sponsorship made it all so worthwhile and I am thrilled with what we raised.

**Allison George**



Our picture shows Allison with her gold medal with dog, Cybil.

## 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 Church Newsletter, flower display sponsorship or any reason whatsoever. These are always gratefully received and we are able to claim the tax back using the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (referred to as GASDS).

## Building Works Fund (BWF)

The amount in this account now stands at £16,700. This now growing steadily again and we thank you for continuing to support this Fund.

At the moment, this fund will finance the additional work to replace the final wooden doors and windows on the north and east sides of the building. This work has been delayed by the ongoing pandemic but will be done as soon as possible.

## Church Flowers for 2021

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

We appreciate the small number of you who have already done this.

Church flowers in May are sponsored as follows:-

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Doreen and John Hickman - in memory of Iris Wilcocks (Doreen's Mum).

9<sup>th</sup> May - Not sponsored.

16<sup>th</sup> May - Not sponsored.

23<sup>rd</sup> May - Not sponsored.

29<sup>th</sup> May - Not sponsored.

### **Our Treasurer Writes:**

As we enter another month, I am pleased to tell you that three more people have decided to give directly through their bank account.

Following my reminder last month that this is a good time to review your giving, I have noted that some of you have done just that and increased what you give. Thank you very much for doing so.

Following the announcement by the Stewards on page one about the possible appointment of a new Minister, If this appointment comes to fruition, then the comfortable financial position we have been in will come to an end. Our outgoings will rise substantially as we will be expected to pay the full assessment rather than a portion of it.

With some of the user groups resuming, our financial position is going to improve but put simply, our payments to the Diocese will increase by £15,700 per annum.

We will have to see how this situation evolves and I will keep you informed on the matter but there is no room for complacency on my part as the coming months could well be a lot more challenging for us.

**Ian Sant**

### **Church Prayer Diary**

You will again find this on page 8 in this edition. **Some of the prayers have been there for some time, and I wonder if they are as up-to-date as they ought to be?**

If you don't tell me, I don't know any change in circumstances.

Please take a moment to review them and let me know if they should be updated or even deleted.

Is there anyone who would like to dedicate themselves to keeping this relevant? If so, please come and have a chat to me. Thank you.

There was no response from anybody last month so I will ask again.

**Ian Sant**

### **Church Memorial Book**

Thank you to those of you who have recently had the details of loved ones added to our Memorial Book.

If you have loved one that you wish to be remembered in this way, we need their full name, age and the date they passed away. Please give it Ian Sant who will put the details in the book for the appropriate date.

The pages in the book are turned regularly.

## 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):*

- the Rev'd Paul Desborough as prepares to come and lead our worship on 16<sup>th</sup> May and then meet the Staffing Consultative Committee who are responsible for the interview and appointment process.
- the Church congregation keeping safe, especially those not well, those we know who have upcoming operations and appointments and those awaiting test results.
- 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 wellbeing of all those living on their own.
- new ideas to bring unity between our churches.
- all the groups and organisations gradually resume their meetings.
- the Monday Morning Prayers, Fellowship and coffee in the Welcome Area , that it may resume when restrictions allow..
- 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 - having completed a highly-intensive treatment phase which is consisting of chemotherapy and radiotherapy, and Linda as she supports him.

**Continue to pray for:**

- Pat Hartland (Kath Crawford's sister).
- Mark Winstanley (Linda Martin's brother).
- Emily (one of Amanda Jenkin's older guides).
- Brian and Wendy Shaw.
- 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 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	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 - 3.00 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 and 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 register with a Derby City GP practice.

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

## CHURCH MINISTER AND CONTACT DETAILS 2020/21

<b>Minister*</b>	Vacancy
<b>Secretary*</b>	Julie Froggatt 722222
<b>Stewards*</b>	Julie Froggatt Amanda Jenkins Margaret Platt Wendy Roe Ian Sant Melanie Sant
<b>Church Council</b>	John Archer Colin Attenborough Eve Dudden Vincent Martin Ivan Vickerstaff Melvin Worton
<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 (ian.sant@ntlworld.com)

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

Below are actual quotes that have appeared in Church Newsletters

Smile Smile Smile Smile

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of several others

Hymn: I am Thin, O Lord.

In the Church bulletin during the minister's illness:  
**GOD IS GOOD!** Dr. Hargreaves is better.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell'. Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.

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Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan in preparing for the birth of their first child

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall be live

Glory of God to all and peace to his people on earth.

Next Friday we will be serving hot gods for lunch