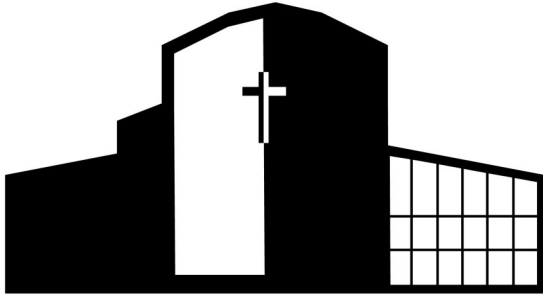


# Sinfin Moor Church

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

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**SINFIN MOOR CHURCH**

## September Newsletter

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### Welcome

It seems ages since we last published a Newsletter and in many ways it is. Much has happened including the induction of our new Minister and nearly all the restrictions we have endured have been lifted.

The Stewards adopted a softly-softly approach to lifting restrictions in the Church during August, over the last few weeks we have seen some of the restrictions go, we are now able to sing, we have resumed serving refreshments in the back bay and we can mingle after our time of worship.

This morning sees our time together become more like we were used to. You will see the chairs laid out in rows again now that we no longer have the 2 metre distancing. The two lecterns have resumed their position on the floor of the Church rather than on the dais. We no longer sign you in or request you to wear your face mask although if you prefer to do so, you are most welcome to keep it on.

We will continue to make hand sanitiser available for the time being.

The Stewards have decided that the offering basket will continue to be available in the Welcome Area when you arrive rather than be collected during the Service. It will continue to be brought forward for a blessing at the appropriate point in the Service.

The Stewards and Church Council would like to thank you all for your cooperation and understanding throughout the pandemic and we hope that we do not have to return to any of these restrictions again.

Leading our **Communion Service** today is led by **Rev'd Paul Desborough** and assisted with the Communion by **Ian Sant**, one of the Church Stewards.

The reading today is read by **Anne George** and is **John 6 v 24 - 35**.

We have an open table for Communion and invite all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ to take the bread and wine with us.

It will be served at the rail this morning, and we ask that to go to the front when asked to do so by the usher. Once you have received the bread and wine, please return to your seat. If you are unable to get to rail, it will be brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know. If you don't want to receive Communion, please decline when asked to go to the front. Should you just want a blessing, go to the rail and indicate to the Minister for a blessing.

## The Message by Rev'd Paul Desborough

Firstly, thank you for the welcome we've received from the church and the support of everyone who came to the licensing service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July and also from those who were unable to attend. It was a wonderful occasion to have so many in attendance. The following week we were able to move into the Vicarage and make a start turning it into our home. Just over a month later now, we're functioning but still unpacking bits and finding new places for our things and finding new things for this place.

House moving they say is one of the most stressful things we can do but I don't think our move is on the level of the turbulent and ever-changing landscape that everyone has had to live with for over 18 months now. As I am writing this and looking out of my study window I am also now having to self-isolate having tested positive a few days ago. Thankfully I have been double vaccinated and been spared the worst effects of Covid, something which we look as if we are going to learn how to live with and adapt to. What has been remarkable in the midst of all the disruption to our lives and something we've been thankful for personally, is the rekindled sense of local community that has emerged in our very individualistic culture.

The Bible passage that I chose, and Bishop Malcolm spoke from at the Licensing Service was 2 Corinthians chapter 6 versus 1 to 13. What really struck out to me in choosing this was the first 6 words in the first verse "as we work together with him". The word 'we' is very encouraging as it means that no-one is on their own. In it's context Paul was identifying himself with the church, the people of God, in Corinth. There were all sorts of differences between Paul and the Church in Corinth he could have highlighted but he chooses to highlight their togetherness. He then makes the key point that their togetherness includes God. Which when you think about it is an even bigger difference than Paul had with the Corinthians. Yet despite all these differences Paul urges that in their 'togetherness' the church at Corinth doesn't receive the grace of God as pointless. Which clearly means God's grace is actively at work in the church.

As we enter into a new phase of Sinfin Moor Church, with the lifting of restrictions, new people joining and new opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with everyone let us be attentive to God's grace, the free gift of love to us, in all the work of serving God. Practically this will mean much prayer, discussion, decision, courage and humility as we look to continue joining in with God's mission in our partnership. In verse 13 we each have a personal encouragement to 'open our hearts wide also' and each of us will face this personal action differently according to our own capacities and experience. What we all can be confident in, from whatever starting point we come from though is this, God is with us together and that there are no restrictions in his affections for us. It is good news and in the knowledge and experience of it let us be blessed to be a blessing as we work together with God.

*Paul*

## Paul Desborough - Induction

Due to us not have a Newsletter in August (as is our custom), the 18<sup>th</sup> July seems along way away now but this is the first opportunity to formally record that Rev'd Paul Desborough has been inducted as our Minister.

At 4.00 pm about 60 people came to our Church for the live (i.e. not on Zoom) induction in the Diocese for over a year. The Stewards had been anxious that we did have it 'live' so that as many of our congregation could attend as wanted to.

Our photograph below show Paul and his wife Jean as they left the dais with Bishop Malcolm. On the dais from left to right: Nadine Waldron (the Registrar), Rev'd Peter Walley (Acting Archdeacon), Rev'd Paul King (Chairman of Churches Together for Derbyshire), just visible behind Paul is Rev'd Geoffrey Clarke (Moderator of the United Reformed Church East Midlands Synod), Rev'd Colin Emerson (Superintendent Minister Derby Methodist Circuit and Rev'd Simon Cartwright (Acting Rural Dean). A truly ecumenical event.

It was a very hot day, and all the dignitaries expressed their thanks to our Stewards for permission not to robe. Sadly because of the Covid restrictions we were not able to provide refreshments after the Service. Most people congregated outside at the end so as to comply with the 'no mingling 'inside' rule.







### Alpha Course with Paul & Jean

This autumn term we will be running an Alpha Course on Sunday afternoons at 4.00 pm starting 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Alpha is a chance for anyone to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

During September along with a number of other churches across Derby we have got together to publicise all the courses running across the city and 18 buses will be driving round with banners advertising the course and a social media campaign. There is also a Derby Alpha website

<https://www.alphaderby.co.uk>

and some joint prayer on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 7:30 to 8:30 pm at City Church. Our own website and Facebook page will have updated information and booking forms.

**You're invited.**

#TryAlpha



Keep an eye out for invite cards in the welcome area, Pray for opportunities to invite some of your friends, family, neighbours or colleagues and maybe try Alpha for yourself as a refresher for your faith or ask some questions you have.

*Who is Jesus? Why should I pray? How does God guide us? Why and How should I read the Bible? Who is the Holy Spirit? Does God heal today?*

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

Those of you who have given to this fund over the past few years will be aware that the Church Council have decided not to raise any more money specifically for this fund after 31<sup>st</sup> August. The observant amongst you will realise that the envelopes (blue) we used have now come to an end.

We have written to the regular givers individually to thank them for their support and asked them to consider transferring the money they give to their normal offering.

Since the money in the BWF is 'restricted', it will be used to fund any work on the building that the Church Council deem to be the correct use for it until it is spent.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

### **51<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary**

This takes place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September as part of our 10.00 am Morning Worship which will be led by Rev'd Paul Desborough.

Those of you expecting now to see our Gift Day Appeal will be disappointed to know that the Church Council have decided not to have one this year. The past 18 months or so have been challenging for us all and so it has been decided that this year we will just enjoy the celebration.

Fortunately, the Church is not in any need of anything special that we need to appeal for funds.

Isn't that good news?



## News from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sinfin Girl Guides and Rangers



Sinfin Guides and Rangers are once again taking part in the Link to Hope shoe box appeal. We would welcome donations of items to put in the boxes or towards the postage. The shoe boxes we pack go to families and elderly couples in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria, and are very much appreciated. Some members of Guiding have been busy buying items and knitting hats and mittens ready for the shoe boxes, see the photo below. If you would like to help us to pack the boxes we will do this from 7.00 pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October at the Church. For more detail speak to Amanda Jenkins.

TAPE DOWN ON SHOEBOX HERE

### CONTENTS LIST

1. We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of new and unused gifts so every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted) <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2022 EU Origin) <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Flannel	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & Toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Candles & Holders* <input type="checkbox"/> Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/Playing Cards)
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\*Holder is for safety and stability

2. Then please ADD 5 or more items (at least one of each item) from the Red Box for a Family Shoebox OR from the Purple Box to make a Unisex Elderly Shoebox.

☐ **FAMILY**

- ☐ Colouring Pads (A5)
- ☐ Crayons/Pencils (with rubber and sharpener)
- ☐ Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)
- ☐ Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)
- ☐ Tape Measure/DIY Tool
- ☐ Head Scarf (lightweight)
- ☐ Shampoo (max 300ml)
- ☐ Solar-Powered Calculator
- ☐ Safety Razors
- ☐ Hairbrush/Comb
- ☐ Other Gifts .....

☐ **ELDERLY (UNISEX)**

- ☐ Reading Glasses/Magnifier
- ☐ Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
- ☐ Sensory Item (eg Lavender Bag)
- ☐ Hot Water Bottle
- ☐ Work Gloves
- ☐ Pen/Paper
- ☐ Socks/Tights (NEW)
- ☐ Wind-Up Radio/Torch
- ☐ Shampoo (max 300ml)
- ☐ Scissors/Nail Clippers
- ☐ Safety Razors
- ☐ Other Gifts .....

OR

PLEASE TRY TO REDUCE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

TAPE DOWN ON SHOEBOX HERE

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Get an average-sized, strong, adult shoebox (around 18 x 10 x 30cm - **NOT BOOT BOXES OR OVERSIZED SHOEBOXES**).
2. Gather the items listed in the **Blue Box** plus **5 or more** items from the **Red Box** for a Family Shoebox or **5 or more** of the items from the **Purple Box** for a Unisex Elderly Shoebox. This means that there should be **lots of different items** in every shoebox.
3. Make sure you **tick the items on the Contents List opposite**, as well as whether it is a Family or Unisex Elderly shoebox.

PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PUT IN ANY FOOD, MEDICINES, BOOKS, TEA/COFFEE OR OUT OF DATE ITEMS, NO SANITARY ITEMS OR UNDERWEAR AS WE HAVE TO FOLLOW STRICT CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

4. **Tape the lid** to the box to keep it secure and then **wrap the box** in colourful paper (not glittery paper as it is not easily recycled).
5. **Tape your completed Contents List** to the shoebox along the 3 sides marked in yellow.
6. Fold over the leaflet, and **if you pay tax** please complete and sign the Gift Aid Form.
7. Finally, please tape along the 2 marked yellow top and bottom strips, and attach £3 (either 3 x £1 coins or a £2 and a £1 coin). **ATTACH TO OUTSIDE OF BOX- NOT INSIDE.**
8. See [www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2021/getting-boxes-to-us](http://www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2021/getting-boxes-to-us) for the ways to get your box(es) to us.

**OR** if you prefer to donate any amount towards the Shoebox Appeal so we can buy items in bulk on your behalf, then please see [www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2021/shoebox-contributions](http://www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2021/shoebox-contributions) - Don't forget the Gift Aid!

## Heath Court

The Heath Court monthly Service resumed last Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in the Resident's Lounge.

The next Service is planned for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30 pm and everyone is welcome to come and join the residents for this time of worship.

## Replacement Windows and Doors

We can finally report that the replacement windows and some of the doors are to be replaced during September. The emergency exit doors may not be available for fitting at that time and this will be done at a later date.

There will be minimal disruption whilst the work is done as the work is on the north and east sides of the building

## Food Bank Appeal

If you can cast your mind back to before the dreadful COVID-19 pandemic decided to affect all our lives, we had an ongoing appeal to collect items of food for the Storehouse that operates out of St Alkmunds Church on Kedleston Road. In fact, this is the very organisation that our Minister, Rev'd Paul Desborough was very much involved in prior to his appointment with us. This distribution centre provided the food that was used when our Church was a food bank during one of the lockdown periods.

We have decided that September is a good time to relaunch the appeal and you will see the familiar grey tub marked 'Storehouse Appeal' near to the Memorial Corner for you to place your items in anytime you are in the Church. When full it will be taken to the centre by Melvin and Jacqueline Worton.

We thank you for your generosity in the past and look forward to receiving your gifts again.

A Storehouse Food Bag usually contains:

ITEM	QUANTITY
SOUP	1nr. x 400gm tin
	or 2nr. Sachets : cup-a-soup etc
MEAL	1nr. x 400gm tin : chicken, hot-dogs, con-carne etc
	or 1nr. x tinned fish
BAKED BEANS	or 1nr. x tinned meat or ham
	1nr. x 400gm tin : chicken, hot-dogs, con-carne etc
TOMATOES	1nr. x 400gm tin
	or 1nr. x peas, corn on the cob etc
POTATOES	1nr. x 300gm tin
	or 1nr. x 400gm tin spaghetti
	or 1nr. packet rice
	or 1nr. packet pasta
	or 1nr. packet spaghetti
DESSERT	1nr. x 400gm tin rice / fruit
	or 1nr. packet biscuits

In addition to the basic bag of the above items we try for a few extras which can be anything from the following list, depending on availability each week, bear in mind it has to be ambient food - we have no fridge/freezer capacity:

**FOOD** -      Tea bags - usually packed in 40's or we pack loose bags of 40  
                    Coffee - not jars or tins but individual cup sticks if possible.  
                    Harvest bar type snacks  
                    Chocolate bar type snacks  
                    Crisps

**LIQUIDS** -    Fruit drinks  
                    Long life milk  
                    Canned drinks

**MISCELLANEOUS** -    Toothpaste  
                                 Shower gel  
                                 Deodorant



### **Our Treasurer Writes:**

As we enter the Autumn period, it is very nice to report that our financial situation is satisfactory despite the increased cost of our Assessment (the money we pay to the three denomination to which we are a part).

Helping with this is the increased number of people coming to worship and also the increased number of people giving directly through the bank account.

Nearly all the groups will resume during the month thus providing the rental income we receive.

For those of you who don't know, we have an envelope scheme for our weekly offering, we have spare boxes of envelopes for anyone who would like one.

Those of you who have been using the Building Works Fund envelopes will have used the last one. To all intents and purposes we are not collecting for this fund as it has almost come to the end of the purpose for which it was intended. We do hope you use the money to support the Church Weekly Envelope Scheme, Thank to you all for your generosity.

As you will have read in the editorial, the Stewards have decided to leave the offering basket in the Welcome Area for you to place your gift as you arrive. This will then be brought forward for a blessing at the appropriate time in the Service.

**Ian Sant**



### **Church Flowers for 2021**

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

Church flowers for September are sponsored as follows:-

5 <sup>th</sup> September	Not sponsored.
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Not sponsored.
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Colin Attenborough and family in loving memory of Hazel.
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Not sponsored

### **Sunday Morning Transport**

We try to offer transport to those in our congregation who cannot walk to Church for our Sunday Service. As it stands, we have just two people who will do this, it means that they are doing it every other week. We need at least two other people who are willing to join this rota otherwise the facility will have to be withdrawn. Please speak to one of the Stewards for more information.. Remember, transport if provided to those who CANNOT walk to Church and the most we can offer the service to is just three.

## Electronic Copies of the Newsletter

Unfortunately, the list for the distribution of electronic copies has been lost due to a problem with the computer where the information was held. We have done our very best to rebuild it, but there are bound to names that have been lost.

So, if you want an electronic copy (in PDF format) and have not received this issue (maybe you have picked up a paper copy), please drop an email to Ian Sant, details are on the back page.

## Sinfin Moor Church



We celebrate our Harvest Festival on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October** with our 10.00 am Service. In common with the past few years, the Church Council have decided that we should again give our 'produce' to the Derby Refugee Centre. We have asked them what items are particularly useful to them, and this is what they have told us:

"The items we use in our food store the most include:

*Tinned goods - Fish, Tomatoes, Red Kidney Beans, Chickpeas, Sweetcorn, Rice Pudding and Fruits.*

*Teabags, Coffee, Sugar, Long Life Milk, Jars of Olives, Mayonnaise, Tomato Sauce, Dried Rice, Pasta, Vegetable Pasta Sauce, Cooking Oil, Biscuits, Breakfast Cereals and Toiletries.*

*We now also give out toilet rolls and washing tablets.."*

We thank you in advance for your generosity and we will repeat this information in the October edition of our Newsletter.

## Church Council Meeting

There is a meeting of the Church Council planned for a week tomorrow, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September in the Welcome Area starting at 7.30 pm.

The agenda and associated papers will be issued electronically this weekend.

**Ian Sant**

## A reminder of some dates for your diary

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September Church Council meeting in the Welcome Area at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September Church Anniversary

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.



## **WARNING - On-line Scam**

We have been advised of an on-line scam involving Ministers, Churchwardens and members of congregations. The following comes from the Diocese of York though we know that the Methodist Church has been targeted which means we are all vulnerable and extra vigilant.

**“It's still doing the rounds: local church office holders such as churchwardens, treasurers etc have received fraudulent messages by email or text impersonating members of the clergy, typically in their own parish but sometimes more widely, asking the recipient to spend money typically on vouchers and gift cards.**

There have been some close calls with one church office holder actually having spent quite a lot of their own money, but fortunately discovered before it was too late.

The sender has taken some trouble both with identifying their chosen pseudo-sender and the intended victim (we guess someone is trawling parish church websites). In many cases the sender has used an un-traceable Gmail address, or texted from an equally un-traceable pay-as-you-go (or 'burner') mobile phone.

It seems this is a national trend at present with similar reports from other Church of England Dioceses, and we have reported one specimen case to North Yorkshire Police who have passed it over to Action Fraud, a national police scheme.

In several cases the first message reads ***"Do you have a moment I have a request I need you to handle discreetly. I am currently busy in a prayer session, no calls so just reply my email."***

A reply then draws the recipient into a dialogue in which they are encouraged to buy vouchers, and ultimately send images of their serial and security numbers to the fraudster.

If you think you have received one of these messages **please report it to the police via their non-emergency line 101.**

**Martin Sheppard** at Diocese of York Communications ([comms@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:comms@yorkdiocese.org)), is monitoring the scams and can provide informal advice if you're unsure whether a message is valid or not..”

Finally on this, Rev'd Paul Desborough says **“I will never ask you by email or text to spend your own money for the church.”** and I think the same message comes from our Treasurer, Stewards and Church Council.



## 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 people of Burma who continue to be oppressed under military rule. Pray that democracy is restored, that the innocent people are released from prison and that they can return to a normal way of life.
- 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.
- Sunday Club as it resumes.
- 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 and (Term time)
Thursday	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Asian Men Meeting
	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>	Rev'd Paul Desborough	
<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
	Joshua Osah	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.

A vicar looked out of his window and saw an old tramp on his knees eating the grass on the front lawn. "My good man" he cried, "Whatever are you doing there?" "Well sir", the tramp replied, "I'm so hungry that I'm eating grass". "Then go into the back garden" said the vicar. "You'll find it longer there".

There will be a procession next Sunday afternoon in the grounds of the monastery. If it should rain in the afternoon the procession will be in the morning.

The Deacons Meeting on Thursday will be gin with prayer.

The new Vicar was doing the rounds to meet his parishioners. At one house a woman's voice from inside asked: "Is that you Angel?"

The Vicar hesitated for a moment and then replied: "No, but I'm from the same department".

The Accrington Observer reports the retirement of Joe Burns, superintendent of the local crematorium. "Joe, 60, was presented with a barbecue set".

### Spotted on a Church Notice Board

When you were born, your mother brought you here,  
When you were married, your partner brought you here,  
When you die your friend will bring you here,  
Why not try coming on your own sometime?

A baptismal service was in progress at the local Baptist Church. During the course of his sermon the minister looked down at the water in the Baptistry and said, "There is nothing magical about this water. It is the same water that we shall use to make the tea and coffee with later".