

**Welcome to St. Peter's, we hope
you enjoy your time with us.
Please stay for some
refreshments afterwards!**

New sermon series

I have been speaking to a number of you in recent months asking what particular question you would like included in our new Sunday morning preaching series.

We all have questions of faith and they are a sign of a healthy faith – but if we do not seek answers, then we can get stuck, and before we know it, we can drift towards an unhealthy faith driven by guilt and uncertainty, unbelief and fear.

So, here are the questions we will be addressing over the next four months:

I believe in God but ...

1. Why should I talk about my faith?
2. Why does God allow suffering?
3. How can I make sense of the Holy Spirit?
4. How can God help me in the struggles of older age?
5. Can I still be in charge of my life?
6. How can I stop worrying so much?
7. Do I really need to go to church?
8. Is it possible to be a forgiving person?
9. Are there ways to stop feeling lonely?
10. How do I give money away without a struggle?
11. In what way is the Bible the word of God?
12. Does caring for the environment matter?
13. Is religion responsible for much conflict?
14. What does following Jesus look like?
15. Could I miss God's perfect will for my life?
16. Is God with me when life hurts?
17. How do I get rid of the guilt when I do wrong?



I cannot promise we will answer these searching questions to your satisfaction, but we will give it a go! We will also include interviews with members of St. Peter's to illustrate the theme, and if you feel that one of these questions has been your question and that the Lord has helped you respond positively to it, then have a word with me, and it may be that you can share your story to benefit others.

Paul

Coming soon

Thursday, May 10th, Ascension Day Holy Communion, 1.00

You are welcome to join us for this brief service of Holy Communion.

Thursday, May 10th, to Sunday, May 20th, Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global movement led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The aim is to encourage Christians to pray for others to respond to the Good News of Jesus, particularly during the period between Ascension Day, on May 10th, and Pentecost Sunday, on May 20th. We will be including this in our prayers. In addition, there are two ways for Christians of all denominations to worship together and pray for evangelism in our city. Firstly, by going to the 24/7 prayer room at St. Alkmund's from May 13 – 19, and secondly, at a Beacon event on Pentecost Sunday at Derby Cathedral at 6pm.



Saturday, May 12th, from 8.00 – 10.00am, Prayer Breakfast

This is our monthly prayer breakfast, all welcome.

Saturday, May 19th, 10.00-5.00, Pursuing His Presence, Riverside Centre, Derby

Join members of churches across the city and further afield for a day of equipping and encounter, with teams experienced in hosting the presence of God and enabling others to encounter His presence for themselves. The sessions will be helpful for anyone who is hungry to deepen their relationship with God and discover how He communicates His heart and purposes to us in so many different ways.

With a number of guest speakers and teams from Jubilee Church, Derby and Kings Church, Horsham, the programme will include main sessions and times of worship, and a number of seminars. The price for the conference is £15.00 per person.

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2.30, Afternoon Tea

With a different theme each month, come and enjoy a tea that has been described as *'just like at The Savoy!'* This is followed by Service of Evening Prayer at 3.45-4.00. The next date is June 12th.

Sunday, June 3rd, 12.30, Lunch together after the service

You are invited to join us, and bring the family – all welcome! The next date is July 22nd when we will have a BBQ in the Vicarage garden.

Tuesday, June 5th, 7.30pm: Faith in Science Lecture, Derby Cathedral Why Science is a Gift not a Threat to Faith, Tom McLeish, Professor of Natural Philosophy, York University, Admission Free

A lively and inspiring speaker, Professor Tom McLeish is the author of 'Faith and Wisdom in Science' and 'Let There Be Science: why God loves science and science needs God.' Physics is his core discipline but he has worked with chemists and biologists, geographers and medieval historians, sociologists and theologians, exploring what it is to be human, to investigate the universe, and to contemplate God.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

At the APCM last month, the following members of St. Peter's were elected:

Churchwardens: Kate Ellis and Sung-Hee Lee

PCC: Bren French

In addition to the clergy, PCC members are: Kate Ellis, Sung Hee-Lee, Tim Benson, Eddie Chambers, John Ferguson, Brenda French, Lesley Kitson, Neil Harvey, Katy Lake, Uche Anyanwagu.

Lent Project

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute towards the two projects we are supporting for our Lent Project. Please see the leaflet for more information. They are:

1. Bible translation into Balti, in Baltistan, Northern Pakistan. £1000 is required to produce 300 SanDisk that can be inserted into phones.
2. Mahamaya Education Centre. The rest of our donations will go towards the construction of an education and multi-purpose centre in Mahamaya, West Bengal.

We will close the 2018 Lent Project on Sunday June 3rd.

New Derby partnership to tackle anti-social behaviour is commended

A new partnership of key agencies had been commended for reducing visible anti-social behaviour and tackling substance misuse in Derby City Centre.

In June last year the Partnership Engagement and Enforcement Programme (PEEP), led by Derby City Council and Derbyshire Police, was formed and sees St. Peter's and Cathedral Quarter Rangers working alongside police officers, treatment providers, outreach workers, homeless charities accommodation providers, the probation service and church staff; and so Darren is on this group.

Regular meetings between all involved help to identify those people causing the problems in the area and refer them to the scheme. This has resulted in 21 people entering into drug and alcohol treatment services and 12 have sustained accommodation for 4 weeks or more and are no longer homeless.

Prayer ...

People wearing a 'Prayer Team' badge would be glad to pray for you. Do not hesitate to ask for prayer, this can be for any concern you have, it needn't be a crisis! We all face difficulties and challenges, and prayer works! Or maybe you would like to thank God for answered prayer. `Whatever your situation, we'd love to pray with you! In an emergency, call Bren (07967 183601), and those on the prayer chain will pray for you.

IN THE WEEK

Monday to Friday, 10.00-3.00: Church is open

Tuesday and Friday, 11.00-12.30: refreshments are served

Friday, 12.30: Lunchtime Service

Sunday, 4.00-6.00: Table Talk

Space to take notes from today's readings, prayers and sermon.

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