

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

### Applying the Rule of St. Benedict today

The headline intrigued me: *Software firm pastes Rule of St. Benedict into its Code of Conduct. Its developers are urged to adhere to 'the instruments of good works.'*

An American database management company has adopted a section of the Rule of St. Benedict in its formal code of conduct. SQLite is a free-to-use server-less database engine for commercial or private use. Notable users include Google Chrome, Safari, Adobe Systems, Skype. Its code of conduct, published on its website, requests that developers of the SQLite programme adhere to "the instruments of good works" in Chapter 4 of the Rule.



The Rule was written by St. Benedict in Rome in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. His 72 precepts begin by summarising Jesus' commandments to "Love the Lord God with your whole heart, your whole soul, and your whole strength", and to "Love your neighbour as yourself." Duties include: visit the sick and bury the dead; do not murder, steal or commit adultery; utter only truth from heart and mouth; be not a great eater; know for certain that God sees you everywhere.

The company explains: "This code of conduct has proven its mettle in thousands of diverse communities for over 1500 years, and has served as a baseline for many civil law codes since the time of Charlemagne."

Sister Anne of the Order of St. Benedict in Malling Abbey, a software engineer before joining the community, says, "We are delighted they have turned to the Rule of Benedict for inspiration. SQLite are part of the long-time libertarian, free-sharing spirit that was prevalent in the early days of the internet so it's not such a surprise they are looking for a way to enshrine these values in a time-tested form.'



*19th-century wood engraving of St. Benedict*

SQLite says: "Comments posted on mailing lists or forums are to be courteous and professional, and should be worded as if they were written by someone who is a follower of this rule. So, while participating in our community, speak only the truth in love, honour all, be not angry nor nurse a grudge, do not return evil for evil, be not proud nor a grumbler nor a detractor, hate no one, do not love quarrelling. Violators brought to the attention of the project leader will be reproved, gently at first but with increasing urgency, and may ultimately be banned if the behaviour is not amended."

*Paul*

## **Coming soon .....**

### **Tonight, 6.00pm, Derby Cathedral**

Paul is preaching at Cathedral Evensong – and you are welcome to join him!

### **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10.00am – 5.00pm, Pursuing His Presence**

#### **Riverside Centre, Pride Park**

*'Our passion is to help people and church communities discover how we can all play a unique part in bringing the kingdom message to the world around us.'* This conference will be a day of equipping and encounter, with teams experienced in enabling others to experience the presence of God. This event has been arranged by Jubilee Church, Derby, to book your place, go to [www.pursuinghispresence.org](http://www.pursuinghispresence.org)

### **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lunch together after the service**

You are invited to join us, and bring the family – all are welcome to come to lunch after the 10.45 service – and with a dingbats quiz too! Next date is July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Derby Christian Women's Network meeting, 10.00-2.00**

Meeting at YWAM, Overcame House, Whitaker Road, Littleover, this has replaced the Prayer Breakfast this month.

### **Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8.00 – 10.00am, Prayer Breakfast**

This is our monthly prayer breakfast, all welcome.

## **Nick Parish on a St. Peter's placement**

My name's Nick Parish. I was born in England, but grew up in Seychelles, where I lived until I was 4, and Pakistan, where I lived until I was 14, where my parents were missionaries.

We returned to England so that my older brother could do his A Levels. After finishing school, I did a Theology degree in Durham, and then returned home to Worthing to do teacher training. I then worked at our local High School teaching RE.

In 2003, I married Anna, continued to teach RE, then became Head of Department. After a year, I moved to managing the school's behaviour support provision. Our first son, Joshua, was born in 2006. In 2008, we moved to Repton, where we ran a boarding house for 10 years. During this time, our second son, Luke, was born.

During a visit to our church in Worthing, the vicar said he felt I should consider ordination, which I'd been thinking about for some time, this was the nudge I needed to get the ball rolling. In September, after being recommended for training, I began a three year course at Queen's in Birmingham (where John Ferguson is studying!). It's a place of great variety, and I'm enjoying becoming a part of the community there.

We still live in Repton, and attend the village church. During my summer term placement at St. Peter's, I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know you, and also discovering as much as I can about all that St. Peter's offers the community. I'll try to get involved as much as I can, both on Sundays and during the week.

## **Supporting our midweek ministries**

Here are two projects that provide the St. Peter's in the City community with wonderful opportunities to demonstrate God's love for those in need. They take place from around 10.00-12.30, and if you're interested in being involved or you would like a conversation to find out more, then don't hesitate to have a word with Paul.

### **Tuesday: Jubilee Project**

Our Jubilee Debt Clinic provides expert financial advice about Universal Benefit, housing, debt etc. Can you be available to chat with folk? After all, it isn't the highlight of anyone's week to attend a debt clinic, so the more friendly people we have around the better. We also offer food parcels, so donations of non-perishable foods such as tinned fruit, pasta, rice, cereal, UHT milk, sauces, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits and long-life juice are welcome.

### **Wednesday: Supporting Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

We host the Refugee and Asylum Seekers clinic as we support the experts at the British Red Cross. We need a larger team of volunteers to ensure that everyone receives the best care, welcome and hospitality. We would love to provide a Teaching English as a Foreign Language class again – could you do this? Also, every two weeks or so a group does some cooking and we engage in conversations, with the help of Google Translate! We also want to provide board games and table activities because there can be a lot of waiting before a person can have their meeting with a member of the Red Cross. In what ways might you be able to help?

### **Lent Project**

This year the Lent Project is supporting Brace Bridge in Kolkata, where the Dalit community live by the railway tracks; & Green Pastures, who provide accommodation and much more for the homeless. The Lent Project will close on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Friday Service**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Paul presented gifts to Geoff, David and Miles to express our thanks for their ministry in leading the Friday Service. He also commissioned the Derby City Mission team, who are taking over leadership of the service.

### **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**

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

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