

September 22nd 2019

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

Profound Moment

An unforeseen event occurred on Sunday, September 1st that I saw on YouTube. It was a recording of the third round of the U.S. Open women's tennis tournament. Why so interesting, you might ask? Well, once upon a time I not only loved playing tennis (okay, okay, decades ago, but that qualifies indeed as once upon a time), but I've always enjoyed watching various matches and tournaments down the years. This one involved the 15 year old American phenomenon Coco Gauff and the 21 year old Japanese number one player Naomi Osaka.

As matches go, it was pretty clear cut: Osaka won in two sets. Gauff put up a good fight, but she was outpowered and out-maneuvered by her opponent.

But that's not what I want to talk about; it was what came at the end of the match that was amazing. Gauff, only a teenager after all, was teary-eyed and weepy when the match ended. She stood at the net to congratulate her opponent, and Osaka approached, hugged her and obviously was saying something of import to her.



The media interviews the winner of a match like this quickly after their victory, wanting to capture the enthusiasm of the audience and the joy of the victor. Sometimes the loser skulks off to the locker room to lick their wounds but Osaka asked Gauff to stay and let the interviewer talk to both of them. She shared her victory with her opponent, praising her and Gauff's parents for raising a great young lady and tennis player.

I read there was not a dry eye in the stadium, and as I watched, it got to me too! Why? Because you rarely see this display of kindness, of generosity of spirit, of good sportsmanship in any sport. It was sincere, it was quiet yet strong, and as one of the commentators stated, in years to come it will not be the match that will be discussed; it will be Naomi Osaka's handling of Coco Gauff's tears and disappointment.

And what that said to me, in a little microcosm of life, is that there are still good things that happen and good people around who know how to behave, and how to be tender, kind and thoughtful. Watch for them, and when you meet them or see them, make sure you let them know that what they have done is appreciated and valued.

So metaphorically, my hat is off to Naomi Osaka. She went on to lose in the next round but in reality she's a champion; she's a winner!!!

Paul

Coming soon

Today, Lunch together after the service

You are invited to join us, and bring the family – all are welcome to come for lunch after the service – and with fun dingbats quiz too! Next dates are November 3rd and December 15th.

Today, Annual Celebration, 6.30pm, Riverside Centre, Pride Park, DE1 2GU

Join us in celebrating our vital partnerships, volunteers and communicating our long standing commitment to eradicating extreme poverty in our city. Featuring guest speaker Roy Crowne, Executive Director of HOPE, and worship led by Lou Fellingham from Soul Survivor. Refreshments will be available from 8pm with continued worship from Lou Fellingham and band, stay with us and celebrate!



Saturday, September 28th, from 8.00 – 10.00am, Prayer Breakfast

This is our monthly prayer breakfast, all welcome.

Tuesday, October 1st, 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. Next date is November 5th.

Sunday, October 6th, Gift Day

The PCC agreed in July that we would raise money to repair the leak and renew the slates and lead work on the Vestry roof. The new roof will be made up of approximately 500 slate tiles. Can you sponsor a tile at £15 – or as many tiles as you can afford? More information in the leaflet on the Publicity Table.

Sunday, October 13th, Harvest Service

Please bring any items on the list on the publicity table to present during the Harvest Service, and these will be given to Derby City Mission to support people in need.

Adrian and Ruth Whitehall



MISSION AND MINISTRY IN ENGLISH FOR EVERYONE

Adrian and Ruth Whitehall are going to Zermatt, Switzerland from September 17th to October 1st to serve as Seasonal Chaplains. Their role will be to reach out to English-speakers with the good news of Jesus and provide pastoral care and encouragement for Christians on holiday. This is a wonderful opportunity as many people who do not usually go to church – or even think about God – will do so on holiday. Please pray for Adrian and Ruth at this time, and you can follow them on Twitter: @EngChZermatt



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, 9.00-4.00: 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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