



August 30th 2020

**Greetings in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
In this time of uncertainty,
we declare: Jesus is Lord!**

A Part of God's Story....

It's been quite a week for St. Peter's as we've said farewell to Paul, Janet, Jasmine and Luke after 11 and a half years as part of our family here at St. Peter's! Thank you to you all for joining in a wonderful service of thanksgiving and celebration with them last Sunday. Of course, there were tears shed too – grief and loss are part of love, and we will miss them very much as they start their new life in Guildford. By the time you read this the removal van will be packed up and they will be on their way! Please do pray for them, especially in the coming weeks as they settle into their new home, new schools for Jasmine and Luke, new job for Janet, and new season of life for Paul.

It's a new season of life for us too at St. Peter's, and in the months to come we will be looking towards the future and the process of appointing a new Vicar for St. Peter's and Principal Chaplain for Derby City Centre Chaplaincy and Workplace Chaplaincy Derbyshire. More on that to come in due course, but please be praying intentionally for one another at this time of change and transition. Change can invoke a mixture of feelings within us – anxiety, uncertainty, excitement, possibility – we may well experience all of those at times, as individuals and as a community.

This morning I was praying Morning Prayer, and one of the readings for the day was Acts 7, where Stephen speaks to the Jewish Council, the Sanhedrin:

Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Are these charges true?"² To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran.³ 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.'⁴ "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living.⁵ He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child.

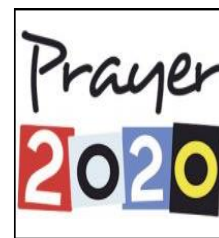
As I read those words, I was reminded again of a simple truth – that just as Abraham was a part of God's story, so we are part of God's story, whether in Derby or in Guildford. Just as Abraham couldn't see the future, but trusted God all the same, so we can't see the future – but we trust, and we know that God has plans for us all, wherever we are. We are a part of God's story. Praise God for that!

With my prayers and love,

Anita

Praying together in 2020

HOPE Together are calling Christians of all denominations to pray on the 20th of each month at 20.20 for 20 minutes, so this Thursday! They say: "Through Prayer 2020 we are asking God to work through all that happens this year – personal witness; church outreach in villages, towns and cities; mission events and evangelism in all its many forms. Already this is catching the imagination of Christians around the world.



Prayer ...

In this very testing time for us all, do not hesitate to ask for prayer for any concern you have. We all face difficulties and challenges, but prayer makes a difference. In an emergency, call Bren (07967 183601), and those on the prayer chain will pray for you.

Sunday 10.15am: simple service of Holy Communion

Please book in by 12 noon on Friday. If you have internet access, booking is via the Eventbrite website, using this link: <https://stpetersderby.eventbrite.co.uk>. For those without internet access, booking is by calling the Church Office (01332 360790). Please leave a message and we will book you in.

Please tell us if you are coming with others from your household. We need to collect name, address and phone details and keep them for 21 days in case we have to provide a list of attendees for track and trace purposes. The church building is now equipped with automatic hand sanitisers – just hold your hands underneath them!

Zoom details...

On a Computer, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet:

The easiest way is to click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/450891605?pwd=czNCTTJuaUJpQ3VIOVlnUm1zS0tKQT09>

Alternatively:

1. Open Zoom and select 'Join' or 'Join a Meeting'
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **450 891 605**
3. Select 'Join'
4. When prompted for the Meeting Password, enter **73837**
5. Select 'Continue' or 'Join Meeting' and you will be connected

By Phone – these are the numbers you must now use:

1. Pick any one of the numbers below (doesn't matter which), if one doesn't work, pick another: 0203 481 5240 ; 0131 460 1196 ; 0203 051 2874 ; 0203 481 5237
2. Dial the number and when prompted for the Meeting ID press: **450 891 605#**
3. You will then be prompted for a Participant ID, just press **#**
4. Finally, you will be prompted for the Meeting Password, press: **73837#**
5. You will be connected and able to hear everything that is happening

If you have any problems with accessing the service on Sunday, please call Anita.

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

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: Revd. Anita Matthews

IN THE WEEK

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emails to office@stpetersderby.org.uk will be monitored**