



October 4th 2020

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

Harvest: Food, Faith and Fragility

On Sunday we will be celebrating Harvest, both at the 10.15 Communion in church and during the 11am Zoom service (which this week will also be a communion). As with so many things, we can't hold our usual harvest celebration where we bring tins and packets of food to be distributed to those in need through the food bank at Derby City Mission. Yet the level of need is even greater this year than ever as many people are facing job losses and financial insecurity. Please do support the food bank if you possibly can, either by dropping food into the Derby City Mission warehouse, or by making a financial donation (see the next page for more details).

This year our celebration of harvest coincides with the Jewish Harvest Festival of Tabernacles (Sukkot), which starts on Friday evening (2nd October) and lasts for a week. It has a double focus – marking, as we do, the ingathering of the harvest, but also remembering God's provision in the fragility of exodus. The tabernacle (sukkah) is a small fragile structure often made from branches and leaves, that evokes both the temporary dwellings built by farmers in the fields during harvest, and the tents in which the people lived on their forty year journey through the desert to the promised land. During the festival many Jews build a tabernacle in their garden, and spend time in it (sometimes sleeping there) to reflect on the importance of these connected themes - remembering that in fragility, both of journey and growth, we are called to deeper dependence on God.

Harvest is a time of year when we give thanks for what we have, and when we give to those less fortunate than us. For many of us, however, we give from a place of relative security, with a place to call home, a roof over our heads, insurance policies in case of crisis, and food on the table. That's a very different place to the one that the people of Israel found themselves in as they travelled in the desert, pitching a tent each night, utterly dependent on God for the provision of manna to feed them day by day, conscious of their fragility and need.

Perhaps this year, as we celebrate harvest and the food we enjoy, we might be inspired by the festival of Tabernacles to reflect more deeply on our own dependence on God, so often masked by abundance of possessions, but increasingly exposed by the insecurity of Covid19 – and to trust that the God who provided the Israelites with all they needed in the wilderness in the God who continues to feed and sustain us now.

With my prayers and love,

Anita

**Derby City Mission**

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**It's Harvest Time!**

Each year, we are so incredibly blessed by the number of donations we receive from people. These donations ensure that our food bank are able to feed a huge number of people in real need throughout the winter. Due to the effects of COVID-19 on our city, we have seen a rise in the number of people in poverty and needing to access the food bank. Sadly, we anticipate that this will continue to rise.

We realise that many churches and organisations aren't able to meet in the usual way at the moment. Schools and churches can't have their usual Harvest services but you may wish to make a donation still.

Our warehouse is ready to accept donations at the DCM Hub, 10 Normanton Rd, Derby, DE1 2GW from 10-midday Monday, Wednesday or Thursdays or in our trolley at Asda, Spondon. Alternatively, if your church/organisation is not meeting, you can also make a financial donation towards the food bank via cheque to Derby City Mission (with foodbank written on the rear) or through our website.

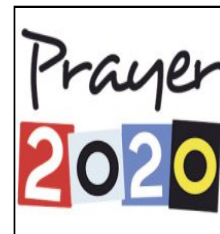
<https://www.derbycitymission.org.uk/Appeal/food-bank-donations>

With these donations, we will be able to continue to reach out so that no-one goes hungry in our city this winter.



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. 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 Janet (07828 280455), and she will ask those on the prayer chain to 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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We are a community of faith, hope and love in the heart of the city

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IN THE WEEK

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but telephone calls to the Office on 01332 360790 and
emails to office@stpetersderby.org.uk will be monitored**