



November 1st 2020

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

True Freedom

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” – John 8:32

There is much in our media at the moment about freedom. Stories of demonstrations about mask-wearing and lockdown measures sit alongside terrible stories of human rights abuse the world over, And the question is, what does true freedom look like?

In this week's update to clergy, Christopher Cunliffe, the Archdeacon of Derby wrote these words:

Freedom is on the agenda at the moment. Some people in this country are complaining that the continuing lockdown restrictions are unjustifiably impeding their freedom to move around and meet people, to do what they like. Many people in the United States are worried that constitutional structures, the checks and balances that underwrite their freedom, are being dismantled.

But what kind of freedom, exactly? Archbishop William Temple, writing in 1935, distinguished between two types of freedom, one rooted in human selfhood, the other in humans being the children of God. If the former predominates, he says, it expresses itself in almost exclusively negative freedom, the freedom not to be hampered by irritating regulations. It is an idea of freedom which is self-centred. If we believe ourselves to be the children of God, however, ‘we can never allow that any earthly authority has an absolute claim to our allegiance or loyalty.’ This kind of freedom is not self-centred; rather, it ‘will appear chiefly in demands for the emancipation of others – as in the abolition of slavery – rather than in demands for the concession of fuller freedom to those who make the demands.’

It is this second kind of freedom which we are called to embody and live out as Christians. The truth is that no-one is free until everyone is free – that is what building the Kingdom involves.

So as we live in a world where we hear so much about self-centred concepts of freedom and ever-increasing abuse of the poorest by the most powerful, may we remember those words of Jesus, ‘*You will know the truth and the truth will set you free*’ – and be inspired to work tirelessly for the freedom of all,

With my prayers and love,

Anita

APCM

Thanks to all who took part in our APCM during the 11am service on Sunday. It was good to look back at 2019 in the context of worship, and to focus on the hope we have for the future as we trust in God.

During the meeting elections of Churchwardens and elections to the PCC were held. We are very grateful to Tim Benson and Sung-Hee Lee who have been our Churchwardens for the last 18 months. Sung-Hee has moved to Manchester so did not stand for re-election; Tim stood for election again, and Liz Runcorn was also nominated to be Churchwarden. We're delighted that Liz and Tim were elected as wardens. Liz joins the PCC immediately, but only formally takes on the Churchwarden role after the Archdeacon's Visitation on November 18th. In addition, Bill Poole, Neil Harvey and Eddie Chambers were elected to the PCC. Thanks to them and to all our PCC members, particularly to John Ferguson who did not stand for re-election as he is preparing for ordination next summer.

APCM is also an opportunity to say thank you to people, and there are so many people to thank! Reading the reports is a reminder of just how much goes on in 'normal' times – Jubilee, Red Cross, Inside Out, Afternoon Tea etc – and how blessed we are by those people from St. Peter's who help out with those (along with others).

But I shared a few other particular thanks on behalf of the whole congregation:

Thanks to Melvyn and Gillian for all their work making sure the building is in good condition and runs so smoothly.

Thanks to Wayne for his work on the Inside Out Project, and for taking on the role so well after Darren moved on

Thanks to John, Carolyn and members of the Worship Group for the wonderful way they inspire us each week. We know a lot of work goes on behind the scenes, and we are so thankful for all of you! Thanks too for the people who are getting involved in the tech in this new world of Zoom – Rob, Alice, Bill

Thank you to those who preach and lead our worship each week: Geoff, Tim, John, David, Margaret, Adrian. We're really grateful for the inspiring teaching we receive. Thank you to Tim, for continuing as treasurer, I think for the 6th year! Thanks to Neil for his assistance.

And a huge thanks to everyone, particularly in these strange times we live in. It's been so heartening to see how people have supported one another and reached out to one another, And we trust that God will do great things as we look to the future! *Anita*

Crowdfunding for Coffee!

Many of you will remember the smell of coffee brewing in the chancel at St. Peter's when Darren and Jo were with us – the beginnings of Sacred Bean, a new Social Enterprise to transform lives and bring freedom through training and employing socially excluded people to roast coffee. Darren and the team are trying to raise money for a training school and coffee house – check out

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/sacred-bean-coffee-training-school>, help if you can!

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=czNCTTJuaUJpQ3VlOVlnUm1zS0tKQT09>

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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IN THE WEEK

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