



May 2nd 2021

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

### **Standing in Prayer**

During our service on Sunday we spent time praying for our sisters and brothers in North India. Of course we continue to pray for people in every nation of the world who are suffering through this pandemic. But we have a particular connection with the Church of North India (CNI), having enjoyed a link between the Derbyshire Churches and CNI for 45 years. Several clergy from Kolkata have spent time at St. Peter's over the years, including Nigel and Candy Pope and their family, James Gomez and Shreeraj Mohanty, as well as a number of teachers and head teachers visiting from India.

During our worship last week I shared some messages and prayer requests from our friends on the ground in Kolkata who are trying to reach out with God's love in the face of heartbreaking suffering. On Monday I received a request from CNI in Delhi, where the situation is even worse:

*We are under lockdown and it is now extended until the 30th of April.  
Things are not good at all. People are dying due to lack of oxygen and hospital beds .  
Corridors of hospitals are full. The poor not even getting an ambulance to take their  
dead to do the last rites. May are just burning them on roadsides.  
Scary and terrible times.*

*Please pray for us. Our hope and trust are in the Lord alone.*

Please do continue to pray during these desperate times, for medics trying to save lives, for oxygen supplies, for politicians to act, for the CNI churches to stand strong, and for Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service (CRS) and those they work with – the poorest of the poor living in slum communities.

A number of people have asked about sending money to support the work of CRS in responding to the Covid crisis. We will be sending money from our Lent Project in due course, to pay for the building at Brace Bridge, but we also hope to send some additional funding to support their efforts. If you'd like to contribute please make a BACS payment to the church account and tag it 'India Covid' or send a cheque payable to St. Peter's Derby (please write 'India Covid') on the back to St. Peter's in the City, St. Peter's Street, Derby DE1 1SN. Thank you for all your generosity.

With my prayers and love,

*Anita*

## **A prayer for those who are ill**

### **Thinking especially of all who are affected by coronavirus in India**

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A prayer for hope**

Lord:  
Help us to see in the groaning of creation  
not death throes but birth pangs.  
Help us to see in suffering a promise for the future, because it is a cry against the  
inhumanity of the present.  
Help us to glimpse in protest the dawn of justice,  
in the Cross the pathway to resurrection  
and in suffering the seeds of joy. Amen.  
(Janet Morley)

## **Curacy Update**

We were delighted to share the news last Sunday about our new curate, Nick Parish, who will be joining us at St. Peter's from July. Some of you may remember Nick being on placement with us in 2019, and we are excited to welcome him to be with us at St. Peter's for the next 3 years. Nick will be self-supporting, and will be based at St. Peter's on a Sunday and 3 days a week (depending on his work commitments). More from Nick to come in a future news sheet!

We also shared the news that John Ferguson will be leaving us on June 20<sup>th</sup> – like Nick, he is being ordained as a self-supporting minister, and he will be undertaking his curacy very close to us in the parish of St. Barnabas, Derby (just off Ashbourne Road). Words can't describe how much we will miss John – but we are excited for him and for this new season in his vocation and ministry. Our loss is St. Barnabas' gain! There will be opportunity for us to thank John and to say farewell – more information to follow soon.

John and Nick will be ordained in Derby Cathedral on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please pray for them as they prepare for that, and as they complete the assignments and tasks outstanding before the big day!

## **Castleward Spencer Academy**

Exciting news – we have a primary school opening in our parish! Anita met with the head teacher this week, and we very are excited about how St. Peter's might connect and contribute to the life of the school from the very start. Please pray for all involved in setting the school up, and please spread the word – they are keen to attract pupils!

## **Thy Kingdom Come**

Between Ascension Day and Pentecost churches around the globe are taking part in 'Thy Kingdom Come', an opportunity to pray intentionally for our communities and for those who we know, that they would be touched with the love of Christ.

In Derby we hope to have Covid secure prayer walks taking place during "Thy Kingdom Come' with the hope that every street in Derby will be prayed for during the 10 days period. More details to follow soon, but please do consider whether you might be able to take part. It's a great way to pray for our community, whether in your local neighbourhood or in the streets of our parish around St. Peter's. If you'd like to know more, please let Anita know and we can make some plans.

## **A Date for your Diary!**

If Lockdown easing continues as planned and further restrictions are lifted on 17th May, the Sisters from CHN invite you to a

### **'GOING, GOING, GONE,' OUTDOOR SALE**

**On Saturday 22nd May 2021  
2-4pm**

**Convent of the Holy Name  
Morley Road, Oakwood  
Derby DE21 4TB**

#### **On offer –**

- Furniture (tables, chairs, garden furniture etc.)
- Gardening equipment
- Bric-a-Brac
- Plants

There will be no charge for anything but any donations would be welcomed.

The sisters ask that visitors continue to maintain social distancing and wear a mask at all times. Please do put the date in your diary and come and support them!

## **Prayer ...**

In this testing time, 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 she will ask those on the prayer chain to pray for you.

## **Sunday Service 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>. Alternatively please call the Church Office (01332 360790) and leave a message - 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.

## **Zoom Service of Holy Communion 11am**

Please join us for our worship on Zoom at 11am this Sunday, when we will have our penultimate sermon in our series on Joseph! We will be sharing in Holy Communion – please have bread/crackers, wine/juice to hand.

### **Joining Details**

**On a Computer, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet:** 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 difficulty connecting please call Anita.

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#### **IN THE WEEK**

**The church office is closed until further notice, but telephone calls to the Office on 01332 360790 and emails to [office@stpetersderby.org.uk](mailto:office@stpetersderby.org.uk) will be monitored**