



May 9th 2021

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

Joseph: “God meant it for Good”

This Sunday at the 11am Zoom service we will complete our sermon series on the story of Joseph – and what a series it’s been! (complete with dramatic readings from the MacIntyres each week – thank you all). Reflecting on the story, I’m reminded of the words I shared back in January from Steve Silvester, introducing the series:

Joseph’s flaws and virtues, private struggles, complex emotional life and challenging family relationships are all explored. At the same time, his life intersects with momentous public events of international significance. The story is full of domestic tension, ups and down, failures and successes. No wonder it has inspired musicals, plays and films.

In these chapters Joseph travels from Canaan to Egypt, from prison to high office. But he also travels a bigger personal journey from naivety to maturity, from self-centredness to wisdom, from betrayal to reconciliation. But this is no straightforward biography. It is also the story of a nation. Like Joseph, Israel was often seen by the larger neighbouring powers as a pretentious upstart with ideas above its station. The challenge for Israel was to learn to live widely in the context of an alien culture so that it could fulfil its unique divine destiny.

This life story gives us hope. Our lives, too, can be journeys into personal growth and usefulness in the service of Good and society. We may not always be able to see God’s hand outworking his purposes in us and around us, but these chapters offer wisdom for us to implement in our own lives. If we do so, we will be more at the disposal of God as he writes his big story.

Reading those words again, I wonder what the story of Joseph has taught us, as individuals and as a community? What wisdom do we take forward from it and implement in our lives? How does it inspire us as a church to live in our context of a secular culture where Christianity is increasingly marginalized – and to do so in a way which fulfils our vocation and calling?

All vital questions! And as we move on to focus on Ascension and Pentecost in the coming weeks, and beyond that into a new sermon series (watch this space!) let’s continue to reflect on what we’ve learned and how we might put it into practice as we look to the next stage in the life of St. Peter’s.

With my prayers and love,

Anita

Support for India

Updates from our brothers and sisters in India continue to highlight the desperate situation there. Please continue to pray for all affected, and for the churches trying to offer practical support and hope at this time. We hope to send some money in addition to the Lent Project to support the work of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service in responding to the crisis. 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.

Report on the Deanery Synod meeting 28-04-2021

Bill Poole and Liz Runcorn represent St. Peter's on the Deanery Synod, and have produced a report for the PCC. The highlights are below:

Lay Training

Ellie Ballard shared a video on the development of on-line training and invited ideas on subjects to be added. Already under development are sessions on:

- Being a Churchwarden
- What is a Pioneer?
- Signposting mental health issues
- Risk assessments

The sessions are on-line, free, last about ½ hour and include some humour. Face-to-face training sessions will continue and a joint Zoom event with Ecclesiastical insurance on fire safety risk assessment will take place on Tuesday July 6th at 11am.

Archidiaconal restructuring

The meeting was reminded by Simon Cartwright of the vision and mission statements and the 3 core values. Actions to be taken include:

- Equipping people for mission (eg Lay training as above)
- Shaping structures for mission (forming a 3rd Archdeaconry)
- Addressing capacity issues
- Improving efficiency in changing patterns of life
- Contextual mission

Breakout groups were used to discuss the formation of the 3rd Archdeaconry and provide feedback that would be passed to Bishop Libby. The general consensus was supportive of the proposed changes. Although the Bishop has the authority introduce the changes, she decided to use a consultation process and feedback from parishes is welcomed until 23rd May.

Diocesan Synod Elections

Nominations for candidates to be on the synod are open.

Thy Kingdom Come

The event is taking place between Ascension Day and Pentecost (13th to 23rd May) and an App is available (derbyprayerwalk). Activities include:

- Walking the streets and praying for them,
- Picking litter up during the walks,
- An on-line Beacon Event (small group on Zoom)
- Prayer stations in the Cathedral

Safeguarding

Training about domestic abuse will be available on zoom.

Finance

A budget was set and includes £10 per representative to be paid by the Parishes.

Bearing Fruit

A film “Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance” showed how Derby food banks were cooperating during the pandemic. There is a steering group (Simon Cartwright chairs the alliance) and the activities are ecumenical. Consideration is given to:

- Understanding the causes that bring people to food banks,
- Providing emergency response
- Community initiatives
- Assistance
- Introducing community shops
- Central storage has to deal with about ¼ million articles

Funding has been secured for the next 3 years and the activity is bearing fruit for the Deanery.

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 final sermon in our series on Joseph!

Joining Details

On a Computer, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet: 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: 0330 088 5830; 0131 460 1196; 0203 481 5237; 0203 481 5240; 0203 901 7895; 0208 080 6591; 0208 080 6592
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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Follow us on Twitter: @stpetersderby; www.stpetersderby.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Link: Janet MacIntyre, 07828 280455. Please note that copies of the Safeguarding Policy are available in the Church Office or at www.derby.anglican.org/safeguarding

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 will be monitored