



May 16th 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"

Last Sunday, we ended our series on the story of Joseph, and spent a short time in break out groups reflecting on what we'd learned as individuals and a community from the series. Here are some highlights:

Our group discussed that the story of Joseph was long and complex but ultimately an inspiring story about forgiveness and that family life can be complex.

When we go through hard times, God is with us in the middle of them. Things often happen for a reason and God can use the tough times to bring about good. Even when we don't understand what we are going through, we can trust that God sees the bigger picture. Our responsibility is to trust Him and do what he says even when it takes huge perseverance

Joseph was a larger than life character. Expression of grief over bereavement was very relevant to one of us.

Our discussion talked about the importance of not bearing a grudge, and to forgive. If Joseph hadn't forgiven he could have remained in jail, bitter, angry and he would suffer and not his brothers. We also said it was a well known story which we hadn't heard all the way through before. To be resilient as Joseph was. We also learnt that God is working in the story of our lives as he did in Joseph's.

Theme of forgiveness. God uses all that happens to us. This is difficult at the time of hardship. Long time for promise to come true. We are on a journey. God doesn't answer prayer in our time. Sometimes doesn't seem to answer at all - must have felt that way for Joseph at times. Must have been longing all the time to be back in own country. Alex shared Ukrainian father always wanted to go home. Buried here, Alex went to Ukraine and brought back some soil to scatter on grave. Felt great sense of relief when she did this. 'This world is not my home, I'm just passing through.' What makes home? People, places, feeling. Joseph knew all the way through God was with him.

And finally, a comment from Bill: My comment on the Joseph story is that he must have wondered what was going on when thrown into the pit and would never have imagined that he would become so high up in Egypt. On a much much smaller and far less arduous scale, I never imagined on that first visit to Ethiopia that I would end up going so often and for so long! God is full of surprises....

With my prayers and love, *Anita*

Welcome to our new Curate!



My name's Nick Parish. I know some of you may remember me (and some might even remember aspects of this bio!), as I was at St. Peter's for a placement in the summer of 2019. I was born in England, but moved to Seychelles at 15 months, then to Pakistan when I was 4. My Dad worked with Feba radio - a Christian radio organisation. We lived in Pakistan until I was 14, then returned to England so that my brother, who's two years older, could do his A levels here. After doing my GCSEs and A levels in Worthing, I went to university in Durham, where I studied Theology. I returned to Worthing to complete a PGCE (teacher training) and worked at our local High School, teaching RE and then involved in running the school's behaviour support provision. In 2003, I married Anna, who I'd met at university. Our first son, Joshua, was born in 2006. In 2008 we moved to Repton, when Anna took a job running one of the girls' boarding houses. I became a stay-at-home Dad to look after Joshua, and then Luke, who arrived in 2011. (And our Black Lab, Beans, arrived in 2013!) I also became a Special Constable in this time.

In 2018, we moved out of the boarding house, and Anna is now Pastoral Assistant Head here at Repton. I started ordination training at Queen's in Birmingham in 2018 (training alongside John Ferguson!).

I'm really looking forward to coming back to St Peter's as a curate. I enjoyed my time there on placement, and am keen to be involved in the range of things going on, and to be back in the church community again.

Nick will be ordained in Derby Cathedral (along with John) on 27th June at 12 noon – please pray for them!

Ascension Day

We will be celebrating Ascension together in our worship on Sunday at 10.15am (in church) and at 11am (on zoom). But you may want to join with the Bishops of Repton and Derby in an Ascension Day service on Thurs, 13 May at 9am - [Facebook Live](#).

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

A Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom:

inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

An (Amended) Date for your Diary!

We have previously advertised the Going Going Gone Outdoor Sale at the Convent of the Holy Name (Convent of the Holy Name, Morley Road, Oakwood, Derby DE21 4TB) from 2 – 4pm on Saturday 22nd May 2021. There will be furniture (tables, chairs, garden furniture etc.), gardening equipment, bric-a-brac, and 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.

It will now be preceded by an informal Service of Thanksgiving and Farewell (with Bishop Libby) from 1.30 to 1.55pm. *And it will be a chance to say farewell and thank you to all the Sisters, and especially to our own very dear Sister Barbara! Please come if you possibly can (and pray for good weather!!!)*

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.

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 11am

Please join us for our worship on Zoom at 11am this Sunday. Joining details below!

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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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