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**14th September 2025**

**WELCOME TO ST. PETER’S! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY WORSHIPPING**

**WITH US**

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**The Bread of Life**  
*“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty” John 6:35*

Today in our new series of talks on “Encounters with Jesus” we look at the story of the loaves and fish in the feeding of the 5000. Later in John 6, Jesus speaks of himself as being the true bread which satisfies all our needs and cravings. I love this poem which celebrates the gift of the Bread of Life for us, and for all creation.

‘I am the Bread of Life’ – Malcolm Guite

*Where to get bread?* An ever-pressing question

That trembles on the lips of anxious mothers,

Bread for their families, bread for all these others;

A whole world on the margin of exhaustion.

And where that hunger has been satisfied

*Where to get bread?* The question still returns

In our abundance something starves and yearns

We crave fulfillment, crave and are denied.

And then comes One who speaks into our needs

Who opens out the secret hopes we cherish

Whose presence calls our hidden hearts to flourish

Whose words unfold in us like living seeds

Come to me, broken, hungry, incomplete,

I Am the Bread of Life, break Me and eat.

With my prayers and love, Anita

**Dates for your Diary:**

**TODAY: Church Lunch**

Today we will enjoy lunch together after the service. Please let us know if you have any allergies or dietary requirements. All welcome!

**Monday 15th September: Welcome Space**

Welcome Space meets each Monday from 9.30 – 12.30 in the Function Room. We offer simple hot food each week, tea and coffee, and a space to chat. All welcome!

**Sunday 21st September: Harvest Celebration**

We will be celebrating Harvest at our service on 21st September. As usual we will collect donations to support the food bank at Derby City Mission. Please see below for a list of suggested items. All donations (however small) gratefully received! Thank you.

Tins of meat e.g. stewing steak, meat in sauces

Tins of cooked meat e.g. ham, corned beef

Tins of fish e.g. tuna, sardines

Tins of vegetables e.g. sweetcorn, carrots, peas, potatoes, kidney beans/pulses

Tinned tomatoes

Tins of dessert e.g. fruit, steamed puddings/ creamed rice

Packet flavoured noodles e.g. super noodles

Sauces e.g. Tomato/brown/mayo

Rice (500g)

Tea bags (bags of 40) and coffee (small jars)

Cuppa Soups

Jams/Honey/Peanut butter/Chocolate spread

Biscuits/crackers/crisp breads

Cereals e.g. Wheat biscuits, cornflakes, oats

Toilet Rolls

Washing up Liquid

Bath/shower gel

Shampoo and deodorant

Toothpaste/tooth brushes

Female Sanitary Items

Size 3/4 nappies

**Sunday 21st September, Derby City Mission Annual Celebration**

All are invited to the Derby City Mission Annual Celebration on 21st September at 6pm, New Life Church, Normanton Road, Derby DE23 6UU.

 **Eco Idea for September 2025 (from A Rocha UK)**

Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle your Clothes. September always feels like new beginnings – even when we are long past school-age! This month, take a look in your wardrobe. Are there clothes you don’t wear any more? If they are in good condition, consider taking them to a charity shop. If they need repairing, find a tutorial online to help you fix holes and tears. If they are really past it… some fabrics make great cleaning cloths (t-shirts for instance), others can be turned into patchwork, or Oxfam can take scrap material for recycling. And what to do with the space you’ve created? Look around your local charity shops and find some new-to-you pre-loved outfits.

**Praying for the Persecuted Church: Cuba**

Church leaders and Christian activists who criticise the regime can face interrogation, arrest, physical violence and imprisonment.   The government often refuses to register new churches, forcing many to operate illegally. These churches are vulnerable to fines, property confiscation and even demolition.

Christian women and girls face pressure partly because of gaps in laws about domestic violence. House church leaders (who are often men) report frequent visits from state security agents who threaten their job and their children’s education.

Since 1959, Cuba has been ruled by the Communist Party, which tries to control the church. The government reacts harshly to anyone who opposes it. Incidents of persecution against Christians occur throughout the country. Hotspots are the nation’s capital, Havana, and provinces in the eastern part of the island.

Cuba’s humanitarian crisis grew worse this year, as mass protests against the government’s repressive regime continued. Government action against dissidents increased, with church leaders and Christian activists among those targeted. Please keep praying for your brothers and sisters in Cuba. Your prayers make an enormous difference to those following Jesus no matter the cost.

**Old Phones/Computers**

We have been asked if anyone has any old (working) phones or computers which can be donated to a charity to send to Ghana. Please speak to Anita if so. Thank you!

**Prayer Meeting**

Don’t forget our weekly prayer meeting every Tuesday at 11am via Zoom! Please do come along if you can. For more details, please contact Geoff.

**Prayer….**

Please 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 Lesley (07808 070958), and she will ask those on the prayer chain to pray.

**Giving at St. Peter’s**

You can give to St. Peter’s with cash (please put money in the Alms Box by the door next to the font), via our card machine, or use the QR code below to pay via your smartphone. Hover the camera on your phone over the QR code and tap on the yellow hyperlink to reach St. Peter’s Give a Little Campaign giving page.

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**Zoom Joining Details for the 10.45 Service of Morning Praise:**

**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,
5. press: **73837#**

**The church office is currently open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday between 9.30am and 1.30pm. Tel: 01332 360790**

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**Vicar’s PA and Church Administrator (temporary cover):**

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**Church Wardens: Tim Benson, Liz Runcorn**

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**www.stpetersderby.org.uk**

**Parish Safeguarding Officer: 07828 280455**

***Please note that copies of the Safeguarding Policy are available in the Church Office or at www.derby.anglican.org/safeguarding***