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**21st September 2025**

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

**WITH US**

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**Harvest: Fairtrade Fortnight**

Today we celebrate Harvest, the goodness and abundance of God. We bring gifts of food to offer in support of those who are struggling to feed themselves and their families, distributed through the work of Derby City Mission.

Tomorrow is also the beginning of Fairtrade fortnight, recognising the importance of paying a fair wage for products to support those producing food around the world. If you can afford to pay a little more, buying Fairtrade products is life-changing for many. The reflection below sums up the possibility and the challenge…

#### **Just a moment**

It starts with a change  
So outwardly insignificant  
That no one would notice  
Except the person  
Behind you in the aisle.

Just a moment  
When instead of seeing rows of labels on a supermarket shelf  
You imagine the people behind them,  
Tilling the earth, sowing the seed, gathering the crops.

And you pause,  
Wondering, what their names are,  
Where they live, what difference it will make  
If your hand picks up this box instead of that,

Wondering:

how do Iove these neighbours?  
Can I help change this child’s long journey for water,  
Her mother’s lack of healthcare, the prospect her father faces  
Of another year unable to feed his family well?

Just a moment.  
And the person behind you, her impatient baby  
Squirming in the trolley, may never realise  
That in that brief hesitation, a life hung in the balance.

With my prayers and love,

Anita

**Dates for your Diary:**

**TODAY Sunday 21st September: Harvest Celebration**

We will be celebrating Harvest at our service today. 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

**TODAY 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.

**Monday 22nd 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!

**Tuesday 7th October: Afternoon Tea**

Sandwiches and cakes will be served in the church at 2.15pm, followed by a short service of Evening Prayer. All are very welcome – please call Margaret on 01332 239134 if you’re planning to come for catering purposes. Hope to see you there!

**Wednesday 8th October: Ruth Lisgo Concert**

All are invited to a free concert in church by Ruth Lisgo from 12 – 1.30pm. Highly recommended by those who have attended in the past!

 **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: Central African Republic (CAR)**

Christians in Central African Republic (CAR) can face numerous risks, including ostracism, separation from children, house arrest abduction and even death. The many years of violence and instability has left Christian women and girls vulnerable to various forms of religious persecution, including rape, abduction, trafficking and forced marriage. Pastors are especially targeted, to try to prevent them from converting members of the community. They have even been attacked during church services.

A civil war engulfing much of the country began in 2013, with violence along both ethnic and religious lines – and Christians are often caught in the middle. They can be targeted for speaking out against atrocities or attacked simply because of their faith.

Rights violations against Christians are most severe in the country’s northern and eastern parts, which are dominated by extremists, and where armed militant groups operate. Please pray for our sisters and brothers in CAR.

**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 Holy Communion:**

**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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**Curate:** **Revd. Sue Leather**

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

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**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***