

12th October 2025
WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! WE
HOPE YOU ENJOY
WORSHIPPING
WITH US

Christmas Lunch on Jesus

October is here, and planning for Christmas Lunch on Jesus is getting underway! Please consider supporting the project financially and coming to help on 19th 20th December (see below for more details). And please pray in the coming weeks!

**CHRISTMAS
LUNCH ON
JESUS**



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'Christmas Lunch on Jesus' Derby

This year, we will once again be providing Christmas lunch to families and individuals on a low income who would otherwise be unable to afford a Christmas meal. Volunteers will deliver food boxes containing a selection of vegetables, pudding, mince pies, and chocolates along with a card and voucher for buying meat for the meal.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please consider sponsoring a Christmas meal for a family in Derby for £30 or give whatever you can afford. Cheques, made payable to St Peter's Derby, (please write 'Christmas Lunch on Jesus' on the back) can be sent to: Christmas Lunch on Jesus, c/o St Peter's in the City, St Peter's Street, Derby, DE1 1SN, visit: www.stpetersderby.org.uk to donate online, or use the QR code above.

We would love help to pack and deliver the boxes and cards around Derby on the 19th and 20th December. If you are able to help, please get in touch: office@stpetersderby.org.uk or 07910137229

Supported by Derby City Centre Churches

Please help us to help as many people as we can this year.



With my prayers and love, Anita

Dates for your Diary:

TODAY Sunday 12th October

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

Monday 13th October: 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!

Saturday 18th October: 10am – 3pm Vocations Exploration Day

Join us at our Vocations Exploration Day on Saturday 18th October 2025 at St Helen's Church Hall, Darley Dale, Matlock. Vocation is about who God has called you to be and what God has called you to do. The vocation of every Christian is to serve God through faithful discipleship in everyday life. For some, this is related to a specific ministry. Our Vocations Exploration Day is an opportunity to explore leadership in the Church of England either as a lay or ordained minister. We will help you explore your gifts and how you might use them, and look at what the next steps might be for you.

Tuesday 4th November: 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 12th November: 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 October 2025 (from A Rocha UK)

Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year. Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.

Thanks from Derby City Mission

Huge thanks from Derby City Mission for the gifts of harvest produce and £55 in cash from St. Peter's. All gifts will support those in financial need at this difficult time.

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Nicaragua

In retribution against those perceived to have opposed Nicaragua's regime, Christian leaders have been harassed and arrested, Christian properties seized, Christian schools, TV stations and charities closed, and churches monitored and intimidated. In light of these pressures, many Christians – particularly church leaders – have felt forced to flee the country. Many more have been expelled or subjected to immigration restrictions.

Hostility toward Christians in Nicaragua continues to intensify, with those who speak out against President Ortega and his government viewed as destabilising agents.

Changes to the law in recent years mean that church leaders are labelled terrorists and coup-plotters. The situation has deteriorated significantly since 2018, when widespread protests broke out against the country's dictatorial regime. Christians continue to have an influence in Nicaragua, and this is one of the reasons the government targets them – aiming not just to silence the church, but to undermine their credibility and prevent their message from spreading.

Given the government's totalitarian control over Nicaragua, persecution is present throughout the country and at all levels. Those who express opposition to the government's dictatorial measures are likely to face hostility, harassment, censorship, threats, detentions and physical violence. In the last year, political repression and social unrest have escalated, which in turn has affected the freedom of Christians and it made it much harder for churches to reach those most in need.

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.



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#**

St. Peter's in the City Staff

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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

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