

When I am among the trees



This week I was fortunate to drive up to the Hayes Centre in Swanwick for our annual Clergy Conference. The autumn colours in the grounds of the centre were incredible, and a powerful reminder to stop, to feast on the difference shades, and simply to see. I love this poem by Mary Oliver, 'When I am among the trees.'

*When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.*

*I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.*

*Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.*

*And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."*

With my prayers and love,

Anita

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 20th 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!

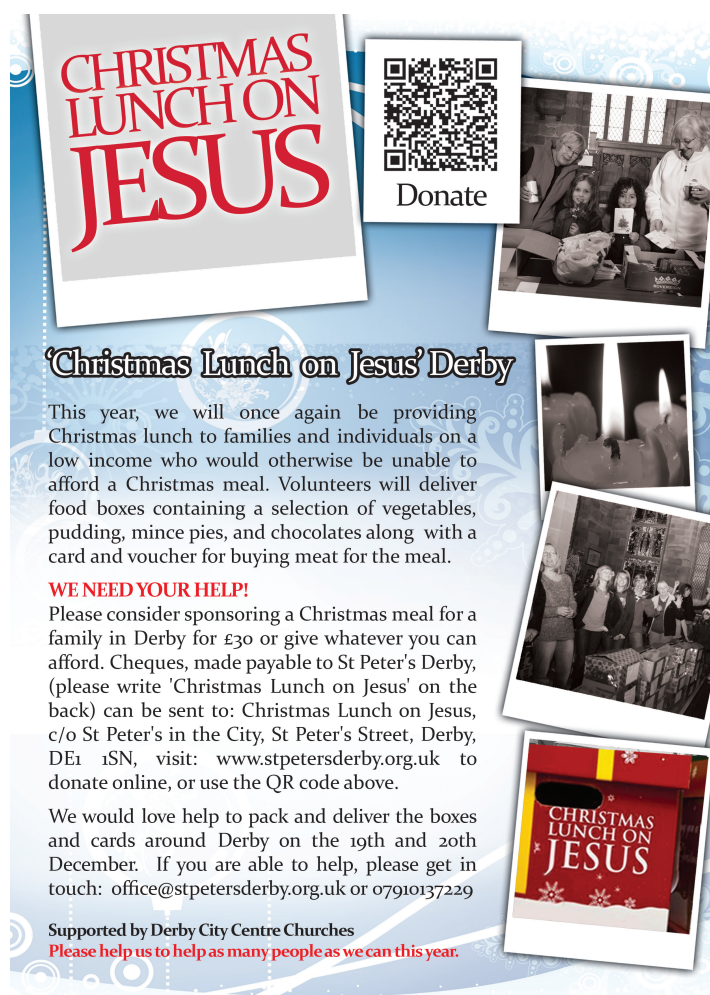
Tuesday 4th November: Afternoon Tea

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!

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th December: CLOJ



The poster for 'Christmas Lunch on Jesus' Derby features a blue background with white snowflake patterns. At the top left is a large red text graphic that reads 'CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON JESUS'. To its right is a QR code with the word 'Donate' underneath it. Below the QR code is a photo of three people sitting at a table. Further down is a photo of a lit candle. To the right of the candle is a photo of a group of people standing together. At the bottom right is a photo of a red box with the text 'CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON JESUS' on it. The main text of the poster is as follows:

'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

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

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.

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Mexico

Young people, including Christians, are often targeted by criminal gangs – boys are at risk of indoctrination and forced recruitment (and refusal can carry huge consequences), whilst girls can be abducted and forced into sexual slavery. Church leaders often face serious threats from armed criminal groups. Christians who come from indigenous backgrounds can face ostracism, fines, incarceration and forced displacement, as well as property damage, restriction of access to schools for their children, and threats. Given that indigenous leaders are those who administer justice in such areas, believers have no one they can rely on to investigate wrongdoing and protect their religious freedom.

Although most of Mexico's population is Christian, many believers live in growing danger of persecution from criminal gangs, drug cartels and indigenous groups – because Christians speak out against their activities. Particularly at risk are those involved in community work or evangelism, especially with young people, drug addicts and migrants. Mexico is a strictly secular state, and hostility toward Christian faith and values has increased, while public expressions of Christianity face strong scrutiny.

There are believed to be around 150 active criminal groups throughout Mexico, with at least one operating in each state. Persecution is a real risk for any Christian living in these areas who is deemed a threat to cartel activity. Mexico elected its first female and Jewish president in June, but increasing levels of criminality made the run-up to the elections the most violent in its democratic history.

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 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#**

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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