ST. PETER'S
IN THE CITY, DERBY
life in all its fullness

26th July 2026
WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY WORSHIPPING WITH US

Pausing to rest

Believe it or not, another school year is drawing to a close and summer holidays are upon us. Even though the weather is mixed, the coming weeks offer the opportunity for a difference pace of life and space to rest and refresh. Some people will take the opportunity to go away on holiday, but even if that's not possible, this different season in the year may allow us to take stock and receive the blessings that God wants to give to each one of us.

Psalm 23 is a psalm greatly loved by many people, with its images of green pastures, still waters, and a cup overflowing. Some of you may have come across an alternative version It's called "Psalm 23 for Busy People" from the Japanese poet Toki Miyashina. Whether or not you're in a busy season of life, I encourage you to take time to be still and to know God's presence afresh in the challenges of life.

The Lord is my Pace Setter, I shall not rush,

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,

He provides me with images of stillness,

Which restore my serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency,

through calmness of mind; and his guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,

I will not fret, for his presence is here.

His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity,

by anointing my head with his oils of tranquility,

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours,

For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord,

and dwell in his house for ever.

With my prayers and love, Anita

Dates for your Diary

TODAY Sunday 26th July: 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!

St. Peter's Lending Library

We have a wonderful selection of books in our lending library (including some new ones)! Please do have a look before the service or over coffee and find yourself a good read as we all try to deepen our faith and understanding.

Eco Idea for July 2026 (from A Rocha UK)

It's Plastic Free July and this year we're thinking about laundry, a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon, and acrylic for example) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying. These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres. Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process at plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry/ and more about this year's campaign at plasticfreejuly.org.

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Uzbekistan

Despite being a secular state, Uzbekistan can be an enormously challenging place for its small pocket of Christians to express and share their faith. House arrest of Christian women is particularly common, severely hindering freedom to express their faith and meet with others. Christian women can also face forced marriage, abduction and divorce, as well as sexual violence. Church leaders can face fines, arrest, physical abuse and denial of exit visas.In the workplace, Christians can be denied promotion and even fired. Many believers feel forced to keep their faith secret.

Uzbekistan is also ruled by an authoritarian government that heavily monitors the population, especially religious groups. Churches can be hindered by cumbersome and unattainable restrictions. This includes a recently introduced requirement for churches to have a minimum number of members. For small congregations, the number is impossible to reach. Churches that don't fall in line with government protocols – for example, for having 'unauthorised' materials – are in danger of raids, arrests, threats and heavy fines. New believers are especially exposed to persecution, particularly those living outside the main urban centres. Government hostility is largely reserved for church leaders, due to the impact it has on the wider Christian community.

In March 2025 penalties for possessing 'unauthorised' religious literature increased, with fines now reaching 50 times the minimum monthly wage. For leaders and their families, who face the brunt of these penalties, the impact in paralysing.
The last year has seen a jump in the number of occasions local neighbourhood committees reported Christian activities to the police.

Please keep praying for our brothers and sisters in Uzbekistan. Your prayers make an enormous difference to those following Jesus no matter the cost.

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.

Space to take notes from today's talk:

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