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

31st May 2026
WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY WORSHIPPING WITH US

St Patrick's Breastplate

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. It is a powerful reminder of the constant protection of the Trinity– Father Son and Holy Spirit, as we journey through life.

The full prayer is quite long! Here is an excerpt on this Trinity Sunday:

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the. invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

I arise today, through the strength of heaven,
The light of the sun, the radiance of the moon,
The splendour of fire, the speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind, the depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth, the firmness of rock.

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

With my prayers and love, Anita

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd June 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 3rd June: Spiritually Curious

'Spiritually Curious' is a gathering for people wanting to explore faith in a crazy world. It meets at St. Peter's on Wednesdays from 10 – 11.30am. All welcome!

Wednesday 10th June: 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 May 2026 (from A Rocha UK)

Swifts start to arrive in the UK in May. Swift numbers are declining fast - in the last 25 years they have dropped by up to a half. We can all play a part in protecting swifts: putting up nest boxes, not using insecticides and reporting sightings to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Keep your eyes and ears open to spot them flying high in the sky in "screaming parties". Find out more here: derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/save-our-swifts and here: rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/swift

Confirmation

Are you interested in being confirmed? Please speak to Anita.

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Iraq

All Christian churches, both historical and evangelical, face threats of violence, intolerance and discrimination. These largely come from Islamist extremist groups, but also from government agencies.

Those who convert from Islam experience pressure from family and community, risking their rights and safety. "When I woke up in the morning, I found another threatening letter outside: 'Stop what you're doing, or we will kill you,'" shares Yasin*, a convert from Islam.

There have been several reports of Christians having their property seized by influential political, economic and social groups – an issue which the Iraqi government has struggled to resolve for more than two decades.

Blasphemy laws are sometimes misused to target believers sharing the gospel. While the death penalty is seldom carried out, even an accusation of blasphemy can lead to great danger from mob violence. The dangers extremist groups pose foster an ever-increasing desire to flee Iraq which impacts individual families and also weakens local churches by depleting potential leadership.

Whole villages have been attacked in Iraqi Kurdistan by Turkish and Iranian military operations, causing many believers to flee the increasingly unstable and unsafe

environment. Christians who speak out against the government or religious extremists could be targeted, especially in central and southern Iraq. Christian men could lose their jobs or face exploitation in the workplace. As men are usually the key providers for their family, this can make entire households highly vulnerable.

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.

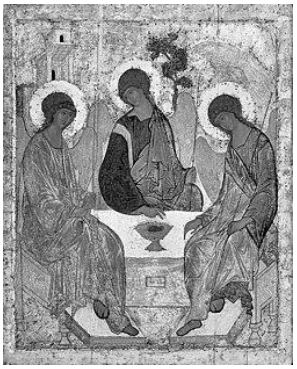
Giving at St. Peter's

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.

Laughing with the Trinity

Do you want to know what goes on in the core of the Trinity?
I will tell you.
In the core of the Trinity
the Father laughs
and gives birth to the Son.
The Son laughs back at the Father
and gives birth to the Spirit.
The whole Trinity laughs
and gives birth to us.

~ Meister Eckhart, German theologian, philosopher and mystic (1260-1327)



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

Vicar: Revd. Anita Matthews anita@stpetersderby.org.uk

Curate: Revd. Sue Leather sue@stpetersderby.org.uk

Placement student: Raju Abraham

Vicar's PA and Church Administrator:

Hilary Streek office@stpetersderby.org.uk

Church Wardens: Tim Benson, Liz Runcorn

We are a community of faith, hope and love in the heart of the city

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