

St Francis of Assisi

St Francis Day falls today 4th of October. This sonnet by Malcolm Guite reflects the way Francis responded dramatically to Christ's call by casting away the rich trappings he had inherited and embracing holy poverty.



Francis, Rebuild My Church

*'Francis rebuild my church which, as you see
Is falling into ruin.' From the cross
Your saviour spoke to you and speaks to us
Again through you. Undoing set you free,
Loosened the traps of trappings, cast away
The trammelling of all that costly cloth
We wind our saviour in. At break of day
He set aside his grave-clothes. Your new birth
Came like a daybreak too, naked and true
To poverty and to the gospel call,
You woke to Christ and Christ awoke in you
And set to work through all your love and skill
To make our ruin good, to bless and heal
To wake the Christ in us and make us whole.*

With my prayers and love,

Anita

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 5th October: Welcome Space

Welcome Space meets today from 9.30 – 12.30 in the Function Room with simple hot food, tea and coffee, and a space to chat. All welcome!

Tuesday 6th 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 7th October: 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!

Sunday 11th October: Harvest Festival

We will celebrate Harvest on 11th October. As usual we will collect donations to support the food bank at Derby City Mission. Please see below for a list of suggested items: 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); 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; Deodorant ;Toothpaste/tooth brushes; Female Sanitary Items; Size 3/4 nappies. All donations (however small) gratefully received as we express our love for others and our gratitude to God for all the blessings we receive.

Saturday 17th October: Holistic Discipleship Course

We are starting a Holistic Discipleship course, sharing insights from Scripture, Medicine, Psychology and more to aid growth, change and understanding. The course will take place from 9.30am until 1pm on 17th October, 28th November, and 9th January. Maximum 13 places – please sign up if you'd like to participate. For more information, please speak to Lee or Anita.

Sunday 18th October: Church Lunch

On 18th October we will enjoy lunch together after the service. Please let us know if you have any allergies or dietary requirements. All welcome!



Eco Idea for October 2026 (from A Rocha UK)

Have the brakes gone on your bike? Or the arm come off a cherished teddy? Or a big hole appeared in your favourite jumper? Derby has a number of Repair Cafes where you can get much-loved items repaired. Keep good stuff out of landfill and celebrate the skills of local people. There's often cake at these Cafes too! Find out more at derby.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/recycling-and-waste/reduce-your-waste/repair-cafes/

Getting Ready for Advent!

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way to share the Christmas story with your children, grandchildren, godchildren and the children of friends. There is a Fairtrade Chocolate and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows in the Calendar. An accompanying book has a page for every day of Advent, expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges. The calendars cost up to £5.00 each, depending on how many we order. See David or Margaret to order your calendar(s) NOW, before the beginning of November. See [Real Advent Calendar 2026 — Meaningful Chocolate](#) for more information.

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Nicaragua

Believers who raise their voice against the government over issues including human rights violations have been met with surveillance, intimidation, imprisonment and even exile. Church leaders can be a particular target for the regime. Legal recognition is essential for any church wishing to operate lawfully in Nicaragua. However, the government has increasingly used the denial or revocation of this status as a tool to control and restrict religious institutions.

Christians in Nicaragua are increasingly being silenced under the dictatorial rule of co-Presidents Daniel Ortega and his wife Rosario Murillo. Churches and other Christian institutions (e.g. schools, charities) have had assets seized, activities disrupted and banned, and buildings vandalised – all because they are deemed a threat to the regime. Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Nicaragua.

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=czNCTTJuaUJpQ3VIOVlnUm1zS0tKQT09>

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**