**15th November 2026**
**WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY WORSHIPPING WITH US**

## Safeguarding Sunday

Today, along with Christians all over the UK, we are marking Safeguarding Sunday. Safeguarding is a challenging thing to talk about. We recognise that for some people it may trigger difficult memories or distressing experiences. If you find yourself affected, please do speak to someone you trust. You are not alone…

But despite it being a difficult topic, it is vital that we engage fully with it as part of our call to love others. Peter Wright, Head of Strategic Communications at Thirtyone:eight (a leading Christian Safeguarding organisation) writes: *Safeguarding Sunday began in 2018 with a small pilot project involving just a handful of churches. We wanted to see if giving space in a Sunday service to focus on safeguarding would help churches make their communities and places of worship safer. What we saw then, and what we continue to see now, is that it does.*

*Safeguarding Sunday is now a national movement that invites churches across the UK to stand together and show that the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and. adults is not an optional extra to faith, but central to our life and witness as followers of Christ. Each year, thousands of churches and Christian organisations of every tradition, denomination and size come together to take part. As Christians, we believe each person is made in the image of God and therefore worthy of dignity, care and protection. Scripture calls us to speak up for those who are vulnerable and strive to create communities where people can belong without fear (Proverbs 31:8). Safeguarding Sunday offers churches a way to show that these are not just values to be talked about, but practices shaping how we live, worship and care for one another.*

*But when we reflect on some people's experience of church, it's clear we haven't always got things right. Our churches and Christian communities have not always been the safe places they should have been. The voices of victims, survivors and those with lived experience of abuse, from across the spectrum of Christian faith, challenge us to humility, repentance, and a renewed commitment to do better.*
*And that's what Safeguarding Sunday is all about. It's about your church, your congregation and your community. Supported by a national campaign, it provides an opportunity for you to talk openly about the safeguarding culture you are creating where you are, the practical steps you have in place, and the people you have who can be trusted if something isn't right.*

*Being open about safeguarding isn't a sign you have a problem, quite the opposite. It's something to be clear and confident about, so that everyone who connects with your church knows they will be kept safe.*

*With my prayers and love, Anita*

## Dates for your Diary:

## Monday 16th November: Welcome Space

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

## Wednesday 18th November: Spiritually Curious

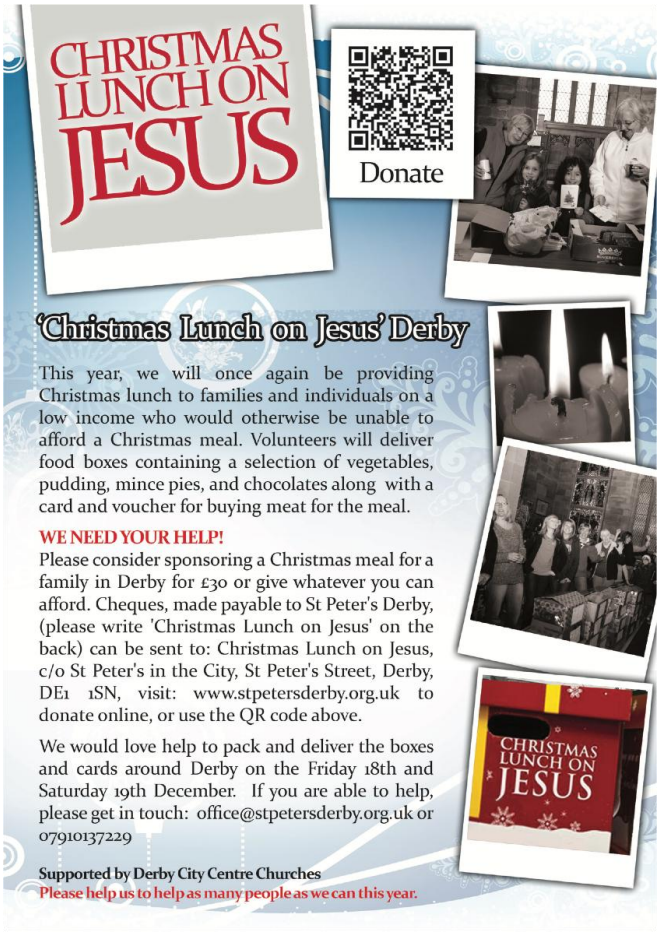
'Spiritually Curious' is a gathering for people wanting to explore faith in a crazy world. It meets at St. Peter's on Wednesdays from 10 – 11.30am. All welcome!

## Sunday 22nd November: Church Lunch

On 22nd November we will enjoy lunch together after the service. Please let us know if you have any allergies or dietary requirements. All welcome!

## Saturday 28th November Holistic Discipleship Course

We are running 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 28th November, and 9th January. For more information, please speak to Lee or Anita.




## Tuesday 1st December: 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!

## Advent Bible Study Groups

Advent begins on 29th November. Are you interested in taking part in an Advent Bible Study Group (daytime or evening)? If so, please sign the list at the back of church. Thank you!

## Praying for the Persecuted Church: Oman

Believers who leave Islam to follow Jesus face the greatest impacts on their lives. Foreign-born Christians can lose their jobs or be deported by the government if they are accused of evangelising, and there have been many cases of believers detained for sharing the gospel. It is often the community in which believers live which determines how difficult it is to live out one's faith. Some Christians bear the brunt of heavy persecution, whilst others can worship Jesus more freely.

Converts from Islam who are native to Oman face the greatest pressures and harassment. Migrants tend to be permitted to follow Christianity if they don't attempt to share the gospel with others. Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Oman.

## Eco Idea for November 2026 (from A Rocha UK)

Make Christmas greener, one day at a time. Fun, practical, biblical and thoughtful, Olivia Warburton, who heads up her church's eco-group, offers 111 easy eco-tips to go greener at Christmas, in her book, Dreaming of a Green Christmas: Sustainability and creation care for busy people. Here's one of its tips: 'Make your own decorations from recyclable materials, such as dried orange slice ornaments, sticks of cinnamon, loo roll fairies or giant paper snowflakes. Turn scrap paper into paper chains. Foraged materials like pine cones and holly can be used for wreaths, which can then be recycled at the kerbside.' Use this eco tip or another one from our blog: arocha.org.uk/make-christmas-greener-one-day-at-atime/

## 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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**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**