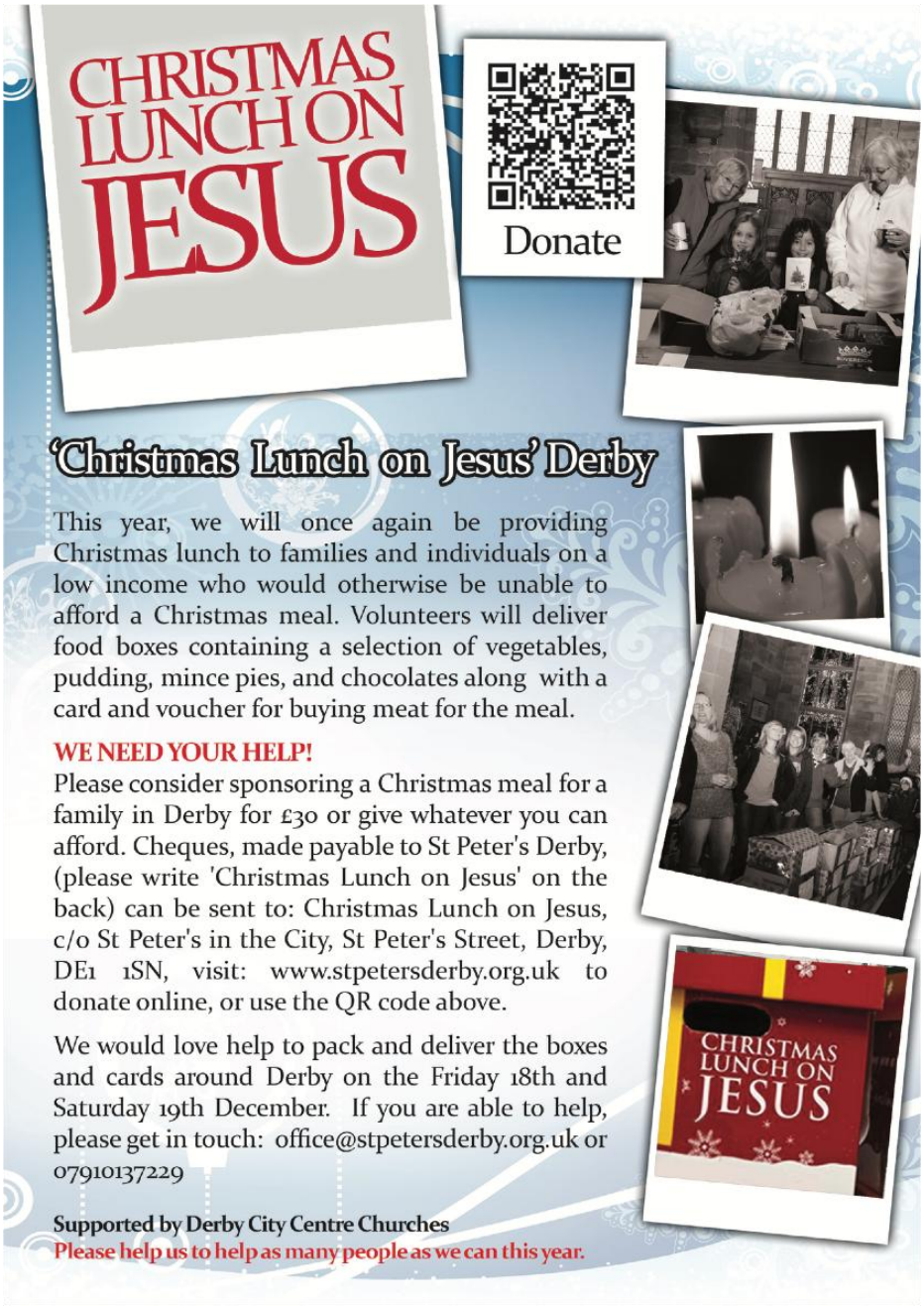
ST. PETER'S
IN THE CITY, DERBY
life in all its fullness

18th October 2026
WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY WORSHIPPING WITH US

Christmas Lunch on Jesus

Advance notice of our Christmas Lunch on Jesus Project, coming up quickly! Please save the dates and get involved if you can. And please pray for the project.
Thank you!



With my prayers and love,

Anita

Dates for your Diary:

TODAY Sunday 18th October: 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!

Monday 19th October: 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 21st 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!

Thursday 22nd October: Funeral of Caroline Davenport

Caroline's funeral will take place at 10.30am on 22nd October at Trent Valley Crematorium, Aston-on-Trent. Please join us as we give thanks for her life.

Tuesday 3rd 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!

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.

🌍 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: Bhutan

Most people in Bhutan are Buddhists, and those who decide to become Christians are treated with suspicion at best. No churches are officially recognised by the state, so Christians must meet secretly in their homes. These small gatherings are 'illegal', leaving the Christians vulnerable to criminal penalties. No Christian groups are allowed to worship publicly, own property, raise funds, conduct outreach activities or import Christian literature. Evangelistic activities are banned and can lead to imprisonments of up to three years.

In Bhutan, village authorities have the power to administer a a 'non-objection certificate' to confirm that the individual in question is a good citizen. This certificate is needed for things like loan and job applications. Christians may be denied this, which can add to the discrimination and isolation they experience.

Although they face many challenges, Christians in Bhutan are bravely continuing to follow Jesus. One young believer, Suman*, shares, "Despite [persecution], I have joy in my heart. I have experienced God's blessings and His presence in my life." Despite being a secular state, Bhutan is synonymous with Buddhism. All citizens are expected to follow the Buddhist faith, and converts to other faiths face the most discrimination and persecution. Especially in rural areas, Buddhist monks can be vocal in their opposition of Christians, and the authorities – not wanting to upset the status-quo – can leave believers further exposed.

Those who have left Buddhism to follow Jesus face the most severe persecution. One new believer, Choden*, says, "After embracing Christianity, persecution came into my life." Church leaders can face particular pressure, with reports of detentions in the past year.

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