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

1st November 2026
WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY WORSHIPPING WITH US

All Saints

Today the Church around the world celebrates All Saints – not just the famous saints who have statues in churches around the world, but the quiet saints, the unlikely saints, those who faithfully love and serve God and others day by day.

Here is a Litany for All Saints, written by John Birch:

Saints of days long gone
standing on seashore and mountain top
considered the might of the elements
that you had created
the roar of the wind and waves
the constancy of the tides and seasons.
To them, Lord it was evidence enough
that your creative Spirit was still empowering
this fragile world, encircling their lives
as the very wind and mist
that swirled around them.
We have so little time
to contemplate this world
and complain when wind and rain
conspire to spoil our day
Yet in doing so we often fail
to gain the comfort
and reassurance
that your saints felt in their isolation.
We forget that it was your creative breath
that set this universe in motion
and still moves across the world
Not always predictably
but there to be seen and felt
there to offer the comfort and reassurance
of a God who is constant and eternal.
Thank you, Creator God
for the constancy and ample evidence
of your love for this world

With my prayers and love, Anita

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 2nd 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!

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!

Wednesday 4th November: Spiritually Curious

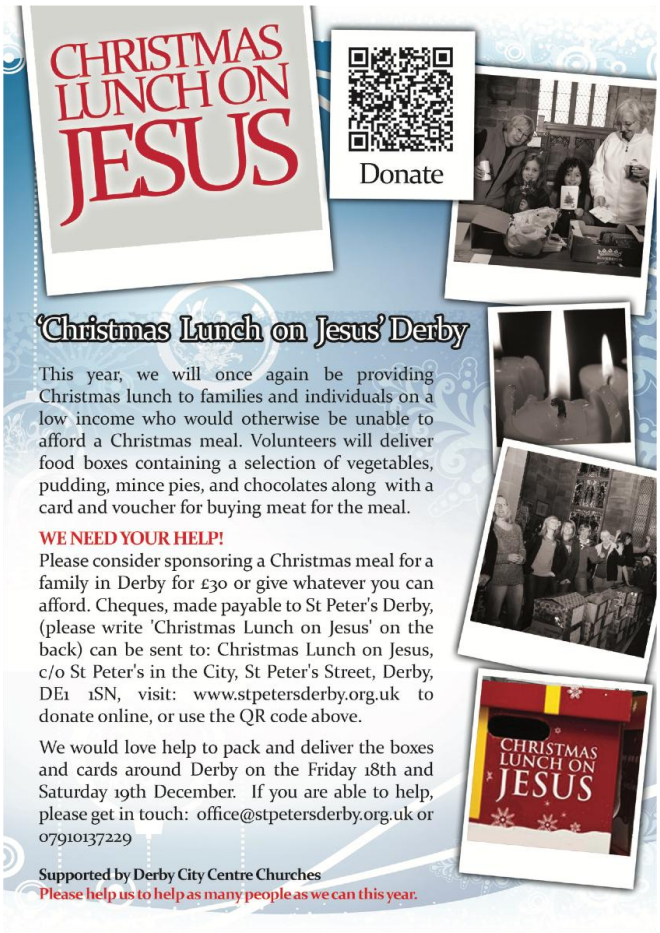
'Spiritually Curious' is a gathering for people wanting to explore faith in a crazy world. It meets at St. Peter's on Wednesdays from 10 – 11.30am. All welcome!

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.



Praying for the Persecuted Church: Ethiopia

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church (EOC) does not recognise Protestant groups as true Christianity. Its factions often depict Evangelical Christians as enemies of the country, leading to increased pressure and stigmatisation of believers. Threats also arise from Muslim-majority communities who often discriminate against converts from Islam. Such treatment can range from social rejection to physical violence, and Ethiopia has seen many mob attacks and church burnings in 2025. “

The EOC has a long-standing influence on national identity and so likely shapes the perspectives of many citizens on Protestant and evangelical Christians.The country has an already-fragile security situation, increasing the risk of attack on Christians and lessening the repercussions for those who carry out violence and discrimination. Those living in areas dominated by the EOC may face discrimination and social exclusion if they leave the Orthodox Church. Similarly, areas where Islam is most prevalent can increase the hardships of believers with a Muslim background. Christian communities in such regions may be targeted by extremists. Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Ethiopia.

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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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