8th November 2026
WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY WORSHIPPING WITH US

A Season of Hope

Revd Sarah Watson**,** Acting Archdeacon of Derby City and South Derbyshire, writes: *Remember, remember the 5th of November!* Beyond Guy Fawkes, November is a month that invites us to remember. On Remembrance Day, we pause to honour those who gave their lives in war, to pray for peace in our world, for those serving in our armed forces, and for those who continue to suffer the consequences of conflict. Before Remembrance Day, the Church celebrates All Saints' Day (All Hallows) on 1 November, followed by **All Souls' Day on 2 November**. These days can easily be overlooked amidst the pumpkins and costumes of Halloween, itself a shortening of All Hallows' Eve.

When we hear the word "saint", we may think of great figures from Christian history; one of my heroes of faith is St Hild. Yet All Saints' Day celebrates all those who have faithfully followed Christ and now share in the fullness of God's presence. The writer to the Hebrews (12:1) describes the "great cloud of witnesses" surrounding us as we run the race of faith. Some are remembered in history books, but many are ordinary people whose faith shaped our own lives people who prayed for us, encouraged us, taught us about Jesus, and showed us what Christian faith looks like.

All Souls' Day gives us an opportunity to remember those whom we love but see no longer. We bring our memories, gratitude, grief, and prayers before God, trusting that those who have died are safe in his eternal care.

We also begin to look forward to Advent, remembering Christ's first coming as a child in Bethlehem and knowing that, because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, death does not have the final word. Yet Advent is also about looking forward to Christ's return and the full establishment of God's Kingdom. The prophet Isaiah (2:4) gives us a vision of that future: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Likewise, Revelation (21:4) points to a time when God "will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more."

This is the hope that sustains us. November is a season for remembering, grieving, and lamenting, but it is also a season of hope. I invite you to take a moment to remember and give thanks for those who have shaped your faith, to pray for those who mourn, and for peace in our world. Above all, may we be people of hope, encouraged by those who have gone before us and inspired to follow Christ faithfully in our own generation.

With my prayers and love, Anita

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 9th 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 11th November: Spiritually Curious

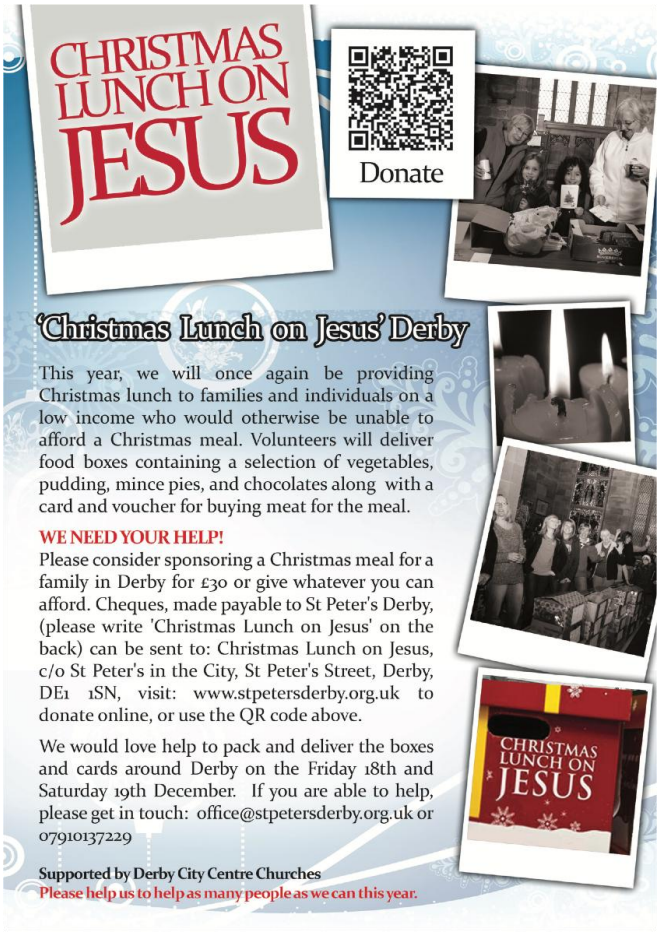
'Spiritually Curious' is a gathering for people wanting to explore faith in a crazy world. It meets at St. Peter's on Wednesdays from 10 – 11.30am. All welcome!

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!

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Cameroon

Believers face pressure and threats from extremist Islamist groups like Boko Haram, especially in the northern regions. In these areas, such groups abduct Christians, destroy churches and force many communities to flee. “The Muslims do their trade, live well, get married and do as they wish. But us Christians, we can’t, unless we flee from here,” says Adam from Cameroon. “To date, we are on the run. We are not certain about the places we can live.”

Those who speak out against corrupt practices are vulnerable to intimidation or arrest, and many churches have been closed for criticising the regime. Political instability is exposing Christians to greater violence and often state authority is complicit in the mistreatment of believers. Inaction on behalf of the government in the face of clan-based or extremist aggression is feeding an atmosphere of fear and silence amongst Christian leadership.

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Cameroon.

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 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#**

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The church office is currently open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday between 9.30am and 1.30pm. Tel: 01332 360790