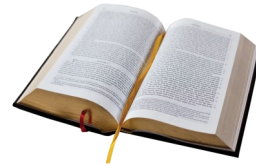


This week's service

Sunday 26th June 2022

This week's reading

Today's service is led by
Sandra O'Toole



Luke 9: 51 - 62

A thought from Sandra

How far are we prepared to go in our commitment to Christ. Do we have a sticking point, a 'thus far and no further'?

The men in the passage today were sincere in their desire to become disciples, but it had to be on their terms - 'Lord I'll follow you, but...'

What is our 'but'? In other words, what are those things which we would not be prepared to do, or to give up, if Jesus asked us? Will we pray, RIGHT NOW, that the Holy Spirit will help us to give up those things which stop us being whole hearted in our faith? Will we, in response to Jesus' call, rise up and follow Him, whatever the cost?

Prayer

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

John Greenleaf Whittier,
from the hymn Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.

Ordination News



Bex Allpress
is being priested at
4pm on Saturday 2nd

July at Derby Cathedral. All are welcome to go along to support her. The following day, Sunday 3rd July, she will be here at St Peter's taking the Holy Communion service for the first time.

Then on 3rd July Sam Mackie, who you may have met at the Minster service last month, will be ordained as a deacon at the Cathedral at 10.45am. She will be joining the team at Swadlincote Minster.

Many of you will remember Elliot George from Gresley church who used to regularly be part of the worship team here. He is also being ordained at Derby Cathedral on 3rd July and will then take up a position as curate at the Dronfield with Holmesfield Parish.

HELP NEEDED

We stopped serving tea and coffee at the beginning of COVID then had to stop meeting in church completely. When we started holding services again we were discouraged from chatting to one another inside the church building.

Now we encourage fellowship with one another and have started serving refreshments again after the service.



We still need more volunteers willing to go on the rota. If you would like to help, please have a word with Sean or Nigel.

Church diary for the next month

Sunday 3rd July

10:45 Holy Communion

led by Nigel Worth with Rev Bex Allpress preaching

Sunday 10th July

10:45 Morning Worship

Special Open Doors service led by Sandra O'Toole with Bill Humphries guest speaker from Open Doors

Saturday 16th July

2pm Wedding of Natalie Harris and Dwaine Wilkinson

Sunday 17th July

10:45 Holy Communion

led Debbie Patrick with Rev Mike Firbank preaching

Sunday 24th July

10:45 Morning Worship

led by Nigel Worth with Sandra O'Toole preaching

Sunday 31st July

10:00 Minster Service

Venue to be confirmed

Church Working Parties

Thank you to all who helped at the last working party with gardening work in the churchyard and painting the newly plastered toilets in the church hall.

We have more work parties planned over the summer. Could you spare a few hours to help with those jobs in the church, churchyard and church hall that desperately need doing?

Saturday 9th July 9.30am - 12

Saturday 20th August 9.30am - 12

Even an hour or two will make a difference



Mobile Phones

Have you ever gone out without your mobile phone?

If you have, how do you feel? Lost? In a panic? Worried no-one will be able to get hold of you? Having a mobile phone in your pocket gives you a sense of peace. Knowing that if you need to speak to someone they are just a phone call away. Today's society dictates that we need to be contactable, wherever we are, whatever we are doing. People get frustrated if they cannot speak to the person they want to right at that moment. It all adds to the pressures of modern life.



The very thing that was supposed to make life easier is now adding to the everyday stress we all encounter! We feel forced to post onto Social Media, to comment on our friends' posts. To come up with something cleverer or wittier than everyone else. If we don't keep up, then we feel left out. We feel we need to earn our friendships.

Being a Christian is like having your mobile phone with you all the time, but only the best bits with none of the pressure! Only with Jesus in your life can you experience real peace. You can speak to God, through Jesus, any time you want. You do not have to prove yourself to Jesus. You just need to BE yourself. Accept and Believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came into this world to die for you, and accept His grace.



The Boaters Christian Fellowship

We are on our boat for the next few weeks so you won't see me at church, but thanks to my mobile phone I should still be able to produce this newsletter.

Jane

Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked. Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

3rd July	Bill
10th July	Val & Andy
17th July	Nige & Deb
24th July	Christine
31st July	Deb P & Alicia
7th Aug	Jane
14th Aug	Bill
21st Aug	Val & Andy