

Sunday 28th June 2026

Today's service

10:45 Morning Worship
with Sean O'Toole



Today's Reading



Romans 8:18-27

A thought from Sean

Do you ever worry? Perhaps you or someone you love has been diagnosed with a serious health problem. Perhaps you are struggling financially. Perhaps you are worrying about the future or finding it hard to battle through the challenges that every day seems to bring.

Paul wrote these words to the Church in Philippi at a time of great persecution of believers. 'Do not worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.'

In today's reading we will hear Paul's advice on dealing with suffering and how we should respond to it.

Prayer for the week

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our
wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your
will,
that we may find all things
restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Church Restoration Update: Progress, Milestones, and Hopeful Steps Forward

Our restoration project continues to gather momentum, and we're delighted to share several encouraging developments across the church building. Even as we navigate challenges with the tower, there is so much good work already completed — and even more underway — that gives us real confidence for the months ahead.

A Historic Moment – Our First New Stone (28th May)

We are thrilled to report a truly significant milestone: the first new stone has now been installed in the church. Although we cannot be certain exactly how long it has been, it may well be the first new stone added in over a century.

This small but symbolic moment marks a turning point — a reminder that the work we are doing today is securing the church for future generations. It represents the beginning of renewal, one stone at a time.

Chancel Gable End – Cross Reinstated (3rd June)

At the East end of the church, the cross has now been carefully reinstated on the chancel gable end — and this time it stands perfectly upright. Work on this section is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

It is uplifting to see this part of the building restored with such care and craftsmanship, especially while other areas await attention. Each completed section strengthens the whole.

North Aisle – Steady, Skilled Progress (19th June)

The North Aisle is seeing excellent progress, with extensive repointing now well underway. Our skilled team of masons are renewing the pointing and repairing the stonework with precision and dedication.

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CHURCH CALENDAR



ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL WHILST THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR RESTORATION WORK

Sunday 5th July

10:45 Morning Worship
with Nigel Worth

Sunday 12th July

10:00 Farewell Service for Rev Mike
at **Emmanuel Church, Swadlincote**
with Rev Mike preaching

Sunday 19th July

10:00 Joint Service with Gresley Church
with Debbie Patrick

Sunday 26th July

10:45 Morning Worship
with Rev Kara Gander

Sunday 2nd August

10:45 Morning Worship
with Nigel Worth

ROTAS

Thank you to all our volunteers.

If you would like help in any way,
please have a word with Jane.



Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
Jun 28 th	Sandra	Brian	Jeff
July 5 th	Paul	Sean	Carol
July 12 th	JOINT SERVICE AT EMMANUEL		
July 19 th	SERVICE AT GRESLEY		
July 26 th	Jeff	Christine	Deb W
Aug 2 nd	Sean	Friday HG	Maxine & Jane

Meet & greet/Tidying after the service Rota

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Jun 28 th	Christine T	Nathan
July 5 th	Carol J – Jeff	Jean
July 12 th	JOINT SERVICE AT EMMANUEL	
July 19 th	SERVICE AT GRESLEY	
July 26 th	Christine G - Sean	Emily
Aug 2 nd	Christine T	Jean



This work strengthens the fabric of the church and protects it for the long term. It is heartening to see this important phase moving forward so smoothly.

And before too long, we will see our lovely porch being brought back to its former glory. You may notice parts of it being taken down before it is rebuilt — stronger, straighter, and ready for the future.

Tower Update – Essential Safety Work and the Path Ahead

A recent inspection of the tower revealed that the stonework is in worse condition than expected. We are already preparing major grant applications to cover the specialist costs. While this may mean that tower work takes a little longer, we remain hopeful that once the damaged stones are removed, we will have a clearer picture and can move swiftly toward full restoration.

To ensure immediate safety, the top four courses of stone will be temporarily removed in the coming week. This is a necessary step — but also a hopeful one, because it moves us closer to understanding exactly what is needed to rebuild the tower securely and beautifully.

Our aim is still to return to the building as soon as possible, potentially early 2027. Every completed milestone brings us closer to the day when the tower stands strong once again.



Thank You

We know the disruption to services and special events is difficult, and we are deeply grateful for your patience, prayers, and unwavering support.

The progress we are seeing — stone by stone, section by section — is a testament to the dedication of our team and the faithfulness of our community. Hope is very much alive in this project, and we look forward to sharing more good news as the work continues.

Debbie Patrick

Funeral Notice

Jean Yeowell's family have asked that a notice for her funeral be placed in the newsletter.

The funeral of Jean Yeowell
will take place on

Wednesday 1st July

at Bretby Crematorium

12:15 pm in Willow Room

Jean and Brian were regular members of the church for a number of years.

New Women's Group

We are hoping to start a Women's Group and we're launching on **Saturday 11th July** with a bring-and-share lunch at the **Gresley Church Community Centre from 12:00 until 2pm**. Women from every Minster Church welcome!

Need further information?
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