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Sinfin Moor Church

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The main Curacy focus - Pioneering in a New Housing area.

Sinfin Moor Church (SMC) is in an area designated for over 3,000 new residential dwellings in the Derby Urban Strategic Growth Plan and South Derbyshire Growth Zone. A future business park extension would cover 290 acres and create up to 5,000 jobs.



The initial plans for the Garden Infinity Village contain a new primary school, community hall, shops, health services, a pub, drive-through restaurant and a petrol station.



Two Derby residential developments have already been built. Newton Village, which has a Community Centre and a smaller development to the east end of Wragley Way. The next phase will be the Deepdale Lane Housing (*top right of pic*)

A key feature for a curate will be engaging with new residents and initiating contextual forms of evangelism and discipleship. This will also involve ensuring good communication with SMC and sharing learning within Derby Deanery and Derby Greenhouse (FX support network).

A bit of SMC history

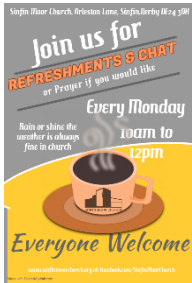
SMC is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Anglican, Methodist and United Reformed (URC) Churches and has been established here since 1970 as a new church, with new people in a new community. We've just celebrated 51 years! In its Anglican capacity it is the Parish Church of Sinfin Moor and Stenson Fields, in its Methodist guise it is the local Methodist Chapel and in its URC form it is the local Church.

The Church began life as a House Church meeting at the Minister's home. It then progressed to an initial building where 2 semi-detached houses were built with no middle walls. Subsequently the present building was erected in 1975 and more recently has some considerable refurbishment work done to make it more eco and technology friendly. Ministers from all three denominations have held posts over its history the previous one being a Methodist.

And more up to date and where we're heading

SMC is integrated into the local community and has 100's of people use it's building each week, from uniformed groups, drama groups, dance groups, health and well-being focused groups. The Church is represented on the local Neighbourhood Board and many members serve the local community in different ways for the common good.

During the Lockdowns SMC managed to maintain and support its members and has now returned to in-person worship on Sunday mornings. The online option during this period was not viable and the church has regathered fully with some new additions mainly due to the strong relational and pastoral culture.



SMC has a lay led Monday Morning Group that is growing in popularity and offers a safe space for local people to connect and receive prayer if they request.

A retired Priest leads a group of residents at Heath Court (retirement housing) and at the request of attendees will be starting to offer Holy Communion once a month from October 2021.

The Church has also recently taken responsibility for running a Friendship Group each week (previously Methodist Live at Home Scheme) that offers up to 40 people with support in the Sinfin community who may be isolated and unable to get out and about as they used to. The aim of the group is to encourage members to regain lost confidence and to become part of the local life once more. It is run by its members and offers a social support space with various activities.

There has been a home Bible Study Group held pre-covid that also led some weekends away for the church. Currently the leaders and some members have joined in the church led Alpha Course and will be reviewing home groups focus in 2022.

The most obvious weakness that have been identified is a lack of children and young people at the Sunday gatherings and any current input into the five schools in the Parish. The SMC Council has agreed to initiate a Mission Action Plan, as developed by the Derby Diocese for a vehicle to help us be in Gods mission and working with God.

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/mission-action-plans-map.html>

A bit about the Training Incumbent

Paul was appointed part time Enabling Minister and part time Bishops Advisor for New Housing recently on July 18th 2021. He is part of the Derby Deanery Leadership Team with a Fresh Expressions, Pioneering and Church Planting emphasis. He also contributes as a Steering Group member for the Derby Food 4Thought Alliance which developed during the Covid-19 Pandemic and is now integrated into the city of Derby's poverty reduction strategy. This work accelerated access to various strategic networks and people across the city including churches across the traditions and denominations.

During Paul's curacy in Derby he has worked closely with local community partners developing a group of Churches community action in the South-East part of the city, helped to establish a new Pioneer partnership between St Alkmunds and St Anne's Churches in Derby, revitalized a Churches Together group extending their outreach into

the local community through connecting with a local Children's Centre and Derby City Mission, and developed a Lay led Fresh Expression in a local private Care Home. Paul and Jean have previously planted and grown a new church community with new people in a new housing area in Milton Keynes with the newfrontiers family of churches (2005-11). While in MK (1999-2012) he also led the Alpha MK team which resourced c30 churches through providing training, publicity, materials and collaborative Alpha events and courses.

And some other staff related info - Church Related Community Worker (CRCW)

SMC is currently working with the URC to fund a CRCW who will be based at SMC and part of the staff team. This role is anticipated to build up the links with families in the local community and make connection with the schools. To be further explored is the scope of community development work that will bridge across the incoming new and established communities.

Two lay members of SMC cover administration of Sundays, the building and Safeguarding.

A bit more about the LEP

The partnership has developed over the years and SMC has it's own constitution that is overseen by Derbyshire Churches Together and the partners. The current SMC Mission statement is 'to serve God in the community and share the good news of Jesus.'

Active relations are held with all three partners through the sharing and support of Sunday services, missional resources and learning opportunities. SMC's ecumenical characteristic is not caught up with, what can be unwieldy agreements and meetings, but rather has advanced pragmatically to the Sinfin context and community.

The governance structure reflects a combination of the partner denominations and is made up of a 12 person Church Council (think Anglican PCC) and 6 person Stewards who are also members of the CC (think Anglican Standing Committee). Two 'open meetings' are held with the whole church each year.

Some other perspectives on the Parish

The current population is around 9,500 and will grow to 12,500 with the new housing developments. There are a high proportion 50% self-identified Christians with Sikhism being the next largest faith group, at 15%. Asian British ethnicity is approximately 17% +

and white British 62%. Households are mainly owner occupied around 66% with the remaining being social and private rented.

Communication

Currently SMC has its own website www.sinfinmoorchurch.org.uk , facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SinfinMoorChurch/> and a produces a monthly printed newsletter.

Housing

Housing will be provided either through a diocesan property or housing allowance.

Office

If required, there is office space at the church building with internet access. A dedicated email address will be supplied along with Office 365.

To discuss and further explore this curacy in the first instance please contact

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