

April & May
2026



Central United Reformed Church Derby Magazine



Pastoral Letter February/March

Dear Friends

Spring is a time when I love to see the warmer days bringing out the flowers and the blossoms. The clocks have moved forward, giving us more daylight to lift our spirits. I'm sure others feel like me!

We have a beautiful world, but sadly, parts of the Middle East are being destroyed and ravaged by war; people are suffering such devastation and oppressive regimes are seeming to be in control of the warfare.

How we pray and long for peace that all may live in harmony.

Here at home, we are having to say farewell to Rev Kevin, the minister for our 5 Derby churches and his lovely wife, Helen. Their time with us has been a privilege. Although brief, it has been such a pleasure to share occasions with them. The SWDAP Facebook has been a real boon to keep us all in contact with each other.

We shall share in their leaving service on Sunday, 12th April at Mackworth URC at 4pm, followed by tea, with an opportunity to give our thanks.

At Central, you will see in the diary, we have a variety of events planned and hope you will continue to support our fund-raising efforts.

Our Tuesday Tots is flourishing with an average of 14 children. 3Fs and Monday Fellowship have very regular attenders who all enjoy the sessions. We have a wonderful number of volunteers, as was noted at the AGM and we value their commitment and expertise. Our ongoing pastoral care of our members and friends is an important part of our church life-keep up with some news in the magazine.

We are especially looking forward to our 50th Anniversary celebrations on the 3rd and 4th October weekend so keep the date in your diaries and watch for further plans.

We give constant thanks for those who lead our services and enjoy the continuing contact with Derby Inclusive Fellowship as we join them and they join with us.

We continue to pray for our members, friends and our community and anyone in need.

Blessings to all

Christine



'Cinema at Central' presents:



On Saturday 11th April 2026 'Cinema at Central' is presenting a Grease sing-a-long.

Doors open: 1:00pm

Raffle draw: 1:45pm

Film starts: 2:00pm

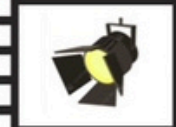
No interval during the showing

Raffle:

- Raffle prizes will be available on the day.
- Raffle tickets can be purchased on the day for £1 a strip.

Refreshments:

- Popcorn will be available during the film.
- Cake and nibbles available throughout the showing.
- Soft drinks available throughout (lemonade and Coke)
- Bring your own bottle.



You are invited to dress up in Grease-themed costumes.

All proceeds are going to Derby Central URC to maintain the upkeep of our building.

Some funny Church signs

DO YOU LOVE CARBS?
JESUS IS THE BREAD OF
LIFE



LIFE HAS NO REMOTE; GET
UP AND CHANGE IT
YOURSELF!

CHURCH PARKING ONLY!
VIOLATORS WILL BE
BAPTISED

TRUST IN GOD!

BUT LOCK YOUR CAR

FAITH MAKES THINGS
POSSIBLE- NOT EASY!

STOP PRESS!

Marjorie Prime will be 96 on 5th April.
Congratulations from us all.

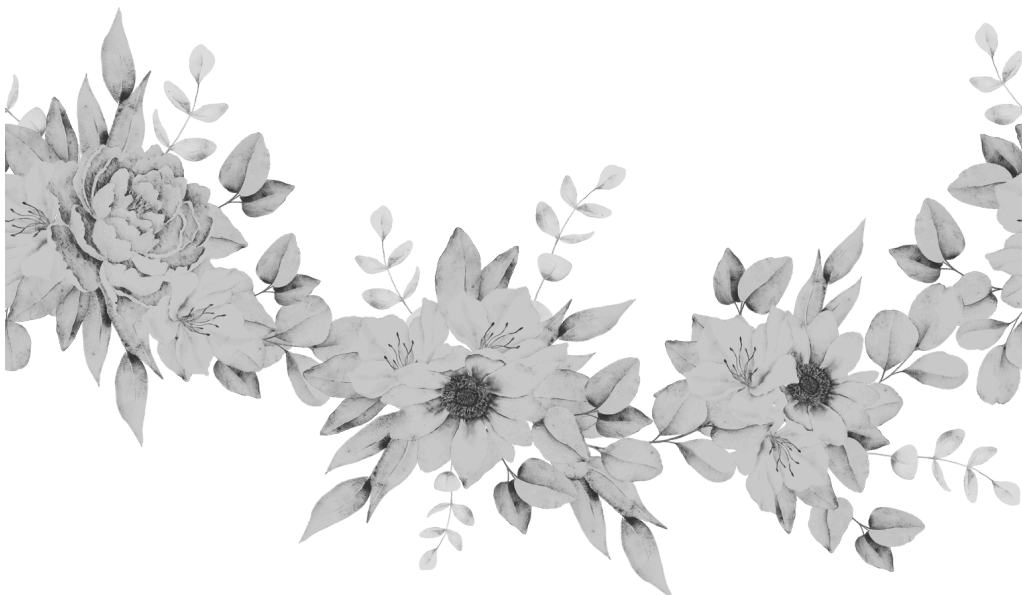
Emergency First Aid at Work

We now have 9 people with the certificate following a very successful course in February.
Tiring but worthwhile!

Flower Rota

Thanks to all who provide flowers each Sunday.
Thanks to Jean, who buys and arranges them every Friday.

Christine



Annual Safeguarding report

Terry Nash has now replaced Peter Allen as deputy safeguarding officer and has kindly updated the noticeboard posters. Toilet posters have also been updated.

14 people in leadership posts, premises managers and paid staff have enhanced DBS records. 4 are due for renewal in 2026.

6 elders and leaders of children and adult groups have the required Intermediate level of safeguarding training and 3 have undergone refresher or initial intermediate face to face in Nottingham at St Andrew's URC in March.

In August the elders held a meeting on the subject of Safeguarding attended by Rev Kevin Jones who also wrote an article for the magazine. The contents of the yellow safeguarding folder in the office were displayed and explained, followed by Cathy's report on the 2 zoom sessions she attended for advanced training. The safeguarding officer now needs Advanced level training to fulfil the latest URC requirement. This will take place later this year.

As always thanks to the staff and volunteers who sign codes of conduct and to everyone who helps to keep Central safe in so many different ways.

Maureen and Terry.

CENTRAL SPOTLIGHT

1. How long have you been coming to Central?
2. What first brought you to Central?
3. Can you share a special memory of church?
4. What is your favourite hymn or worship song?
5. What is your favourite Bible verse?
6. Do you have a hobby or an interest?
7. What is your favourite book?
8. What's your favourite song (non-church)?
9. What is your favourite film or TV show?
10. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
11. What is your favourite food?
12. What's one thing that people might be surprised to know about you?
13. What's one thing you're passionate about?
14. Do you prefer Christmas or Easter, and why?
15. Anything else you want to tell us about yourself?

Want to answer these questions and appear next time
send in your answers to Christine



Ann Young

1. 50 years in October 2026.
2. When the 3 churches amalgamated. I had previously been at Green Lane Presbyterian Church.
3. I was on downstairs door duty one Sunday morning. A young student was looking at our church. Welcome Matty.
4. How Great thou Art.
5. Any verses from the Bible that tell us how much God loves us all.
6. I enjoy pottering in the garden and sewing.
7. I don't have a particular favourite book.
8. "We are sailing" by Rod Stewart.
9. "An Officer and a Gentleman"
10. I'd be happy to go to Cala Bona, Majorca
11. Chicken Dishes
12. I was born in Belfast.
13. My Family
14. They are both special. I have no preference.
15. I have distributed the magazine for 30 years.

COULD YOU ANSWER THE QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE?

SEND ANSWERS TO TERRY OR CHRISTINE

Anniversaries.

Listening to the news this week, I remembered clearly and with horror, the massacre of children and their reception teacher in Dunblane, 30 yrs ago. I remember where I was that day, 60 years ago, when a mountain of slurry engulfed the school in Aberfan. Similarly, I remember clearly that day, and then the day that the planes hit the Twin Towers on 9/11. They are just 3 occasions I can bring to mind, and then of course the assassination of JFK, as I sat in my bedroom, a teenager doing my homework. If I thought longer, I could go on and on reliving those tragic moments when it seemed that the world stopped!

On the other hand, on the world stage, the Queen's Silver, then Gold, then Diamond anniversaries of her coronation, all bring very different and very happy memories again events on the world's stage.

But what about in our lives where we relive each year our private anniversaries, for some wedding anniversaries, anniversaries of our first jobs, birth of our children and then sadly the anniversaries of the death of loved ones. No world stage, but even more significant for us personally.

Christmas and Easter could be called anniversaries, though it's not a title we give to these cornerstones of our faith. Yet each year we celebrate Christ's birth, death and resurrection with special times of worship, with quiet reflection and with rejoicing.

Later this year, we at Central have a very special anniversary to celebrate: the coming together of Normanton Road Church, Green Lane Presbyterian and Victoria Street Congregational Church to form Central URC. It is very special that we still have in our congregation members who were there 50 yrs ago and have been joined by so many during those years.

I am a mere newcomer, but give thanks for the unique contribution that each person has given to the building of God's kingdom here in Derby.

God has been good to us!

Cathy

Diary

SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL

5TH EASTER DAY COMMUNION REV
PAUL WHITING

12TH NO SERVICE AT CENTRAL

12TH LEAVING SERVICE FOR REV.
KEVIN JONES AT MACKWORTH URC

19TH MRS JANET PATMORE

26TH REV DR KIRSTY THORPE

MAY

3RD MR SAM GOODMAN WITH
COMMUNION

10TH TBC

17TH CHURCH FAMILY

24TH MRS JANET PATMORE

31ST REV PETER LITTLE

CHURCH MEETING

17th May

ELDERS' MEETINGS

April 9th

May 14th

@3.30pm

EVENTS

Thursday 2nd April: 6pm,
Maundy Thursday service
and meal

11th April 2pm: Cinema@
Central: "Grease".

OTHER DATES

Monday Fellowship:

April 13th, 27th

May 11th, 25th

@2pm

Craft Group (Crafty Fingers)

April 10th

May 8th

Derby Inclusive Fellowship

Saturday 4th April @4pm what is
spiritual transformation for us?

Sunday 19th April @2:30pm

Saturday 2nd May @4pm: What is
justice for us?

Sunday 17th May @2:30pm

We go for a meal after every Saturday
service

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A large print magazine is available on request.

Back Copies of our Magazine can be found on the website!

The June/July Magazine will be available in late May. Please send contributions (be creative) by Sunday, May 17th. to Christine Fielding, care of the church, or by email to

christinefielding706@gmail.com

Contributions to the weekly sheet should be sent to Cathy by email at cathy@cathyjim.co.uk or by phone at 07986450580

Deadline Friday noon, Please!

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