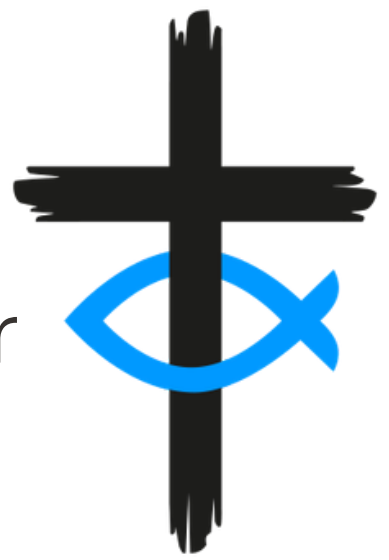


August
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September
2026



Central United Reformed Church Derby Magazine



Photo by Terry Nash

Dear Friends

We often call August a “quiet time” as nothing seems to be happening. Schools have closed. Parents go on holiday with their children, sometimes to distant countries looking for sunshine. Grandparents help out with childcare. People need to relax to recharge their energies to begin the start of autumn activities again. Here at Central, however, we have had several successful events keeping us busy. The Murder Mystery afternoon in June was followed by Monica’s Open house- a chance to sample her many delicious cakes; we await another cinema event when Hairspray will be shown on 8th August and a Craft fair is planned for the 5th September.

We are choosing a new “POTS” charity to support. We are grateful for those who have worked hard to make the Bacon buttie coffee morning and other events for Kids Camp and Children First. We have raised £1,823.07

We are now working hard on planning our 50th Golden Celebrations on the 3rd and 4th October; the coming together of the 3 churches-Normanton Road, Green Lane and Victoria Street in October 1976.

You are all invited to call in on the Saturday and view the displays showing what has been happening over those 50 years and take refreshments with us. You are also invited to join us on Sunday for a service of thanksgiving led by Rev David Downing, Moderator of South West Synod. This will be followed by lunch, and again you are invited to join us. (Please see the invitation and reply to Kevin).

We have a number of members undergoing operations this year and needing extra pastoral care. Our prayer board is available for anyone to add prayer requests. The 5 churches who are part of the South West Derby Pastorate also need our special prayers as we begin again to think about our future ministry in Derby and Derbyshire.

We know we must trust, as was quoted by a recent minister in his sermon, reminding us "God will provide". With this trust and prayer, we believe God will help and guide us to continue his work in our church and in our local community as He has promised.

Blessings to all

Christine



in loving memory

Stella Allen

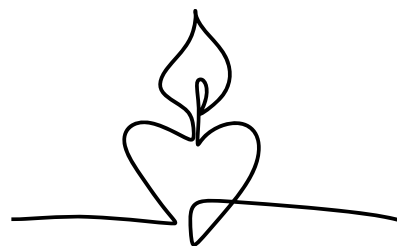
Here at Central, we were so sad to hear about the passing of our dear friend and long-time member and elder Stella. She and Peter came from Normanton Road Church when the 3 churches joined in 1976. They were both elders for 50 years and did so much for Central during that time. Stella worked in both Junior Church and Tuesday Tots (our toddler group). Her pastoral care as an elder came with commitment and humour. You could almost guarantee that Stella would have a funny tale to tell at a meeting, which could lighten the atmosphere and bring a smile.

She will be remembered for her smile and determination to 'never grow old'.

I was privileged to be her elder for many years.

We send blessings and love to Peter and her family.

Christine



Gonna go to Church
(to the tune "9 to 5" by Dolly Parton)

**Wake Sunday morning, the alarm is ringing
Joy is in my heart, lots of hymns I'm singing
Hoping that my car won't leave me in the lurch.**

**Kettle on for coffee whilst I have a shower
Looking at the clock till it nears the hour
Get into my car and I drive off to the church.**

**I'm gonna
Thank my God for the life that I've been given
Gonna pray to God that my sins might be forgiven
Gonna love the Lord and I'm gonna love my neighbour
And I know I'll get to heaven trusting Jesus as my Saviour.**

**Gonna thank our God for the wonders of creation
Gonna thank Lord Jesus who died for our salvation
Gonna thank the Spirit who looks after us and guides us
Its so wonderful to have the Holy Trinity beside us.**

Gonna go to church!!

Tony Macdonald

(A member of the Monday Fellowship group)

You are invited to Central URC's 50th
Celebrations

Saturday 3rd October: Open House
10:30-4pm

Sunday 4th October: Morning worship:
10:30am followed by lunch.



Please reply to Kevin Eldridge-Read

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mob: 07890 292523



Stuart House, Green Lane,
Derby, DE1 1RS

Magazine

In the June/ July magazine, we included a green slip asking whether you were happy to receive the magazine by email or whether you would prefer to still receive it by post.

We are grateful to those who have responded already.

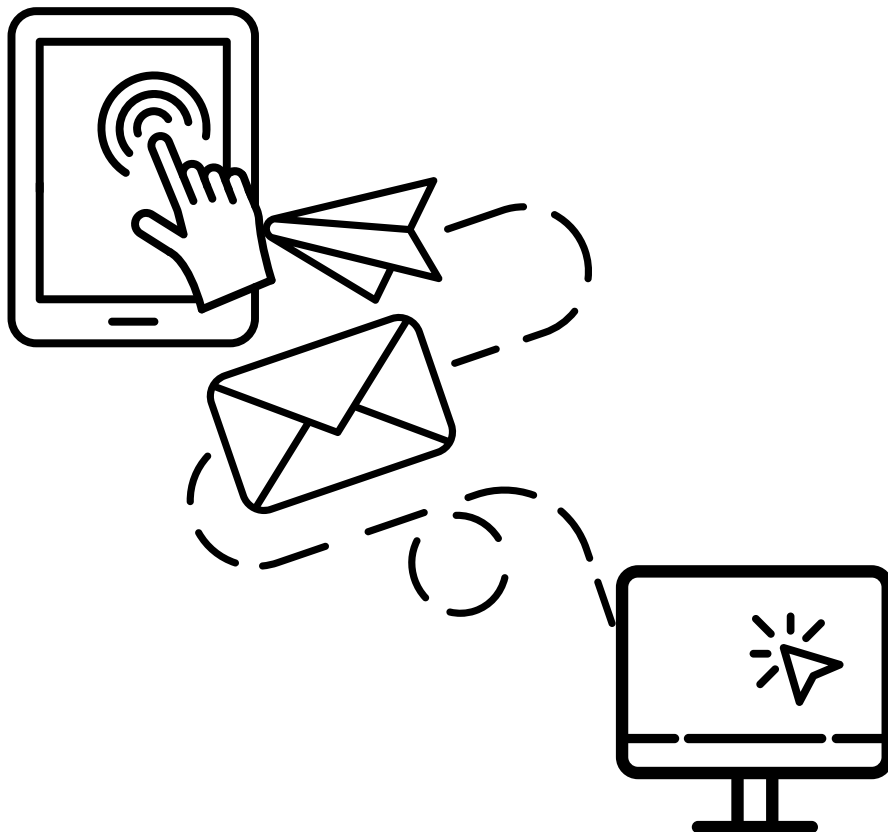
This will be the last request, so please reply to:

Email: christinefielding706@gmail.com

Or mob: 07866 929376

Thanks

Christine



Fund Raising:

.On Saturday 13th June, Central held their first Murder Mystery. There was a cast of 6 Dangerous Housewives and one narrator. 50 people came with or without their tipple of choice, ready to apply their Miss Marple or Morse! Refreshments included soft drinks and a charcuterie platter for each table.

After a couple of technical issues, the mystery commenced. There was a lot of laughter and head-scratching about which one of us did it before the narrator, Mary Malice, revealed the murderer.

An amazing total of £417.00 was raised, which will be used for the church's work.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated and helped to make the afternoon a success. Here's to the next one in 2027.

Monica





Open House

On Saturday 11th July (in the middle of another heatwave), my Estate was once again open for tea and cake.

Over 70 people passed through the gates - some staying for hours! Merlin, my dog, stayed under the table in his corner and only ventured out when he thought it was quiet!

This year, the money raised will be divided between Children First and Derby Kids Camp.

A huge, huge thank you to everyone who came, and to those who donated. The total raised came to £790.00. Wow.

Monica



From the 'Free to believe' Conference at Highgate House

Hold a prayer

(based on Jesus take me as I am)

**Let this moment hold a prayer
Sometimes spoken, sometimes still
As we find a love we share
And my place for hope is filled
Open up the love I hold
When I'm vuln'erable and weak
Warm my heart when I am cold
Lead the walk with you I seek**

**Take the love that fills this space
Let it permeate my worth
Make shalom the truth I chase
Bring redemption and new birth
When I don't feel I fit in
Send your spirit to embrace
Let your work in me begin
And let love reveal your face**

**Met with you I come to pray
Give me courage to go on
Just enough bread for today
Bring me home, let me belong
Show me ways to share your grace
Myriad ways to foster care
Gentle paths that I can trace
Active life in active prayer**

SamG 18th June 2026

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



Jess Moore

1. I have been coming to Central since April 2024.
2. I wanted to try out another church, so I started coming along with Matty.
3. In my home church, when I was a teenager, we led some youth services, which were great.
4. This is a tough question but at the moment it is Goodbye Yesterday by Elevation Rhythm and Gracie Binion.
5. My favourite Bible verse is Romans 15:13.
6. I love reading but also crochet.
7. My favourite book is Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier.
8. I don't have one favourite song. Anything by my favourite band Daughtry.
9. My favourite film is The Nightmare Before Christmas.
10. Disneyland
11. My favourite food is chocolate.
12. That I have tattoos.
13. I am passionate about Star Wars.
14. I prefer Christmas because I like it when the weather is colder and the season is cosy!.
15. I am very grateful for the Central Family!

KEEPING ALERT FOR SCAMS

Trading Standards are warning this month about “emergency situations” but they are not thinking of medical emergencies – but of water pouring through the ceiling or your keys being locked in the house while you are outside.

The immediate urgent need of help puts you in a vulnerable position, which can be exploited by unscrupulous people.

The second issue was investigated recently by BBC London, as you may have seen, and they came up with the very good advice that you should find the details of one or two reputable locksmiths in advance, when you are not in a hurry, and keep them in your wallet or on your phone, so that you can call on them when needed.

Similar advice applies in other situations, and they offer a list:

- **Trading Standards Checked**
- **Master Locksmiths Association www.locksmiths.co.uk**
- **WaterSafe – approved water contractors www.watersafe.org.uk**
- **Gas Safe Register www.gassaferegister.co.uk**
- **NICEIC – registered electricians www.niceic.com/find-a-tradesperson**
- **NAPIT – registered electricians www.napit.org.uk**

And for suspected gas leaks, the National Gas Emergency Service can be contacted on 0800 111 999.

If despite this, you find yourself suddenly in need without a backup, the advice is, however urgent things are, take a few moments to check the credentials, check the fees that will be charged (including the call-out fee) and be wary of over-cheap prices, especially if they appear at the top of the search results (if you go online to look).

Trading Standards are becoming aware that fraudsters are now able to imitate other people’s voices on the phone, and may perhaps try to contact you simply to record a little bit of your voice from which they can extrapolate more. In doing this they are keen to record you saying “Yes” so please try to avoid using this word until you are quite sure who you are talking to!

Gue

Cinema at Central Presents...



On Saturday 8th August, Cinema at Central is presenting a 'Hairspray' (2007) sing-along.

Tickets are on sale for £5.

Doors open at 1pm, with the raffle draw at 1:45pm.

The film starts at 2pm.

No interval during the showing.

Raffle tickets and prizes will be available on the day (cash only). Tickets are £1 a strip!

We warmly receive any donations for the raffle.

Refreshments:

Popcorn will be available during the film.

Cake and nibbles will be available throughout the showing.

Soft drinks will be available throughout the showing.

You're welcome to bring your own bottle!

You are invited to dress up in 1960s-themed costumes.

All proceeds are going to Derby Central's outreach and community projects.

While celebrating diversity, the film contains historical period-accurate language, social prejudices, and discriminatory attitudes that reflect the reality of the era.



POTS

**We have had another very successful year fundraising for:
Children First and Derby Kids Camp**

Despite many not using cash as much these days, people have regularly been able to fill their POTS with loose change.

Along with 3 Bacon buttie coffee mornings and Monica's Open House, which raised £790, our total for this year is £1,823.07

Our new POTS charity for 2026/7 is Safe and Sound, a small local charity which tries to prevent youngsters being involved with sexual exploitation or drug trafficking by supporting them and their families. Thank you to all, however you have contributed. These smaller charities really do value our support.

Social Responsibility Group





CRAFT FAIR



Saturday 5th September 2026

10:00am – 4:00pm



Central United Reformed Church
Green Lane Derby
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Craft Stalls, Cake & Bacon Butties

Stallholder enquiries to Jill
for further information

07701057003

£10:00



The United Reformed Church (URC) General Assembly has inducted its 2026-2027 Moderator.

The Revd Neil Thorogood, Minister of Thornbury and Trinity-Henleaze URCs in South Western Synod, who will serve as General Assembly Moderator 2026-2027, called the role an “honour”.

Born in Sydney, Australia, while his parents were serving as missionaries in the Cook Islands, Neil was ordained in 1992 at the age of 28. He served in local churches in Halifax and Welwyn Garden City before serving as Director of Pastoral Studies and then Principal of Westminster College in Cambridge.

A visual artist and writer, Neil returned to local ministry in Bristol and Thornbury in 2020. He regularly contributes to the URC’s Daily Devotions, the annual URC Prayer Handbook, and Reformed magazine. During the Covid lockdown, Neil made small sketches each day and published them on Twitter (now X). These pictures were the basis of his book Talking Pictures, published by the URC in 2023.

He was inducted as Moderator at the URC’s 2026 meeting of General Assembly, the denomination’s key-decision making body, held at the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire, on 3-6 July.

Neil said: “I’m very conscious of the privilege of being elected Moderator of the General Assembly and hope I can fulfil this new chapter of ministry in ways that can be a blessing for everyone I share with.”

A theme he hopes to explore throughout his term in office is “Christ’s conspiracy of goodness”.

Neil explains: “It is inspired by a book about mission written by an American Methodist which has spoken to me ever since reading it in the 1990s.” The book takes inspiration from rural French Christian communities who protected Jews from the Nazis during the Second World War; undermining evil with faithful goodness.

As well as representing the URC at significant ecumenical and national events and gatherings, Neil adds: “I aim to visit many parts of the URC and discover more of the amazing mosaic of faith and action that is our life together.”

The Revd Dr Susan Durber, a URC minister who serves as President of the European Region of the World Council of Churches, was elected as General Assembly Moderator-Elect and will serve in the role from July 2027-2028.

from the URC website



Diary

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST

2ND REV PAUL WHITING
9TH MRS JANET PATMORE
16TH REV SUE POWELL
23RD REV DR KIRSTY THORPE
30TH SONGS OF PRAISE

SEPTEMBER

6TH SAM GOODMAN
13TH MR IAN FLETCHER
20TH CHURCH FAMILY
27TH TERRY NASH

CHURCH MEETING

September 20th

ELDERS' MEETINGS

September 10th @3.30pm

EVENTS

Cinema @ Central: Hair Spray August 8th
Craft Fair @ Cental September 5th
50th Golden Church Anniversary Celebrations
October 3rd & 4th
Quiz for Tear Fund November 28th

Monday Fellowship:

September 14th

September 28th

Craft Group (Crafty Fingers)

September 4th

Derby Inclusive Fellowship

Saturday, 1st August CANCELED

Sunday 16th August @2:30 (in-person and online)

Friday 21st August Share & Prayer @7pm (online)

Saturday 5th September @4pm Jack (in-person)

Saturday 12th September Derby Pride

Sunday 20th September Pride communion @2:30 (in-person and online)

Friday 25th September Share & Prayer @7pm (online)



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A large print magazine is available on request.

Back Issues of our magazine are available on the website!

The October & November Magazine will be available in late September.

Please send contributions (be creative) by Sunday, September 13th 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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