

**A TALE OF TWO FOOTBALL TEAMS**

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-10)

I imagine many of you will have been moved by the efforts to rescue the Moo Pa (Wild Boars) Football Team who became trapped when heavy rains flooded the Tham Luang cave in Thailand, and the joy of their rescue. Seeing the determined efforts of so many people, not just the bravery of the cave divers, to get the children and their coach out, was a marvellous display of humanity at its best. I suspect many have also been following the progress of another young football team, currently in Russia, uniting the nation in a very different way. The contrast between these two teams is striking. One team was helplessly stuck, needing a dramatic rescue; the other was making every effort to prove their worth and bring glory to their nation by their achievement. And here lies a picture of all humanity—those who recognise that they are helpless before God, facing a terrible death, and in need of a dramatic rescue from their sin that will lead to certain judgement; and those who think that by their effort and hard work they will gain acceptance with God and a share of His glory. The bible speaks clearly to us, that we might see our situation as it truly is—we are helpless in our sin and rebellion against God. We have all committed the crime of Cosmic Treason against the God who made us and sustains us each day. If we act like the England team trying to earn glory and approval we will only fail, because we’re like the boys stuck in a cave, unable to save ourselves. We need a rescuer, Jesus Christ, who alone can deal with our sin of Treason, and bring us to God! Great rescues fill our hearts with joy - how much more joy will Christ bring!

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**Men at St Paul’s**

**‘The role of a Pathologist...  
A matter of life or death?’**

Dr David Semeraro FRCPATH  
Honorary Consultant

**Friday 7th Sept**

7.30pm, The  
Little Kitchen,  
Alfreton Road.

Tickets £10, includes meal (drinks not included) and Food For Thought talk. For more information contact Chris Asker (01332 830946) or email: men@littleeatonchurch.co.uk.



University Hospitals of  
Derby and Burton  
NHS Foundation Trust



The Royal College of Pathologists  
Pathology: the science behind the cure

**Church Family Picnic**



**22nd July, after Café Church**

Bring a picnic and join us on the park for lunch and games after Café Church.

All welcome.

**July, August & Sept**

**July**

- Mon 9 7.00pm Impact
- Tues 10 1.45pm Growth Group
- Thur 12 7.30pm Growth Groups
- Mon 16 7.00pm Impact
- Tues 17 7.30pm Ignition
- Thur 19 2.00pm Third Thursday
- 7.30pm Growth Group
- Sun 22 9.45am Café Church

12.00pm Church Picnic on St Peter’s Park

Thur 26 7.30pm Growth Groups at Home

**August**

- Thur 2 2.00pm Songs of Praise
- 7.30pm Prayer Meeting

Sun 5 5.30pm Salt Cafe

Thur 16 2.00pm Third Thursday

Sun 26 9.45am Café Church

**September**

Thur 6 2.00pm Song’s of Praise

7.30pm Prayer Meeting, Church Hall

Fri 7 7.30pm Men’s Group - The Little Kitchen, Alfreton Road.

Mon 10 7.00pm Impact—Social

7.30pm PCC

Tue 11 1.45pm Growth Group

7.30pm Ignition

Thur 13 73.0pm Growth Groups



**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**



**Songs of Praise**

A short service of favourite hymns, chosen by you.

**First Thursdays (5th July, 2nd August, 6th Sept.)**  
2pm in the Church Hall, followed by tea and cakes.

**Third Thursday**

19th July, 16th August, 20th Sept.  
2pm in the Church Hall.  
Tea, cake and company!



**Where did humans come from?**



Café Church is a safe place to think about big questions

**Café Church** in the Village Hall 22nd July & 26th August  
10.00 to 11.00 Coffee, croissants and pastries served from 9.45am

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**SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S**

July 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
July 8th	8.00 am	BCP Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Service
July 15th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
July 22nd	10.00 am	Café Church
July 29th	10.00 am	Morning Service
Aug 5th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Aug 12th	8.00 am	BCP Communion
	10.00am	Morning Service
Aug 19th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Aug 26th	10.00 am	Café Church

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

3-11's	<b>Explorers</b>	Sunday at 10.00am
		Church Hall, Little Eaton
Y7-9	<b>Impact</b>	Mondays at 7.00pm
		St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield
	<b>Fuel</b>	Sundays at 10am
		Church Hall, see website for dates
Y10-13	<b>Ignition</b>	Tuesdays at 7.30pm
		St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield
Y7-13	<b>Salt Café</b>	1st Sunday at 5.30pm
		St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield

**REGULAR CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

<b>Growth Groups</b> (meet fortnightly)		
Tuesday 1.45pm	Thursday	7.30 pm
<b>Church Prayer Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	
Church Hall		7.30 pm
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	
Church Hall		2.00 pm
<b>Third Thursdays</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	
Church Hall		2.00 pm