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The articles and viewpoints expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the Vicar or the PCC.

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A colour version of Keyhole can be found on the Church website:

www.stpeterlittleover.org.uk

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

The damson tree has been heaving this year and we've been delighted to share plenty of fruit with friends, neighbours and church family. One recent friend had also been picking pears, nectarines and greengages and was clearly looking forward to an extended time of jam and chutney production.

But we were bemoaning how supermarkets have unwittingly stolen our delight at harvesting fruit and vegetables in their local season. We can now get strawberries throughout the year and even the thrill of the first of the Jersey Royal new potatoes seems to have waned in recent years.

I wonder what you miss due to 'progress'? For me it's receiving a letter full of news, even with photos, a chance to re-read, to pore over the pictures and to compose a reply. It can all come immediately now through a text, WhatsApp, Facebook or Instagram – and that can be wonderful particularly when lots of people can be reached at once. But maybe that just makes us hungry for more news, more information, more pictures – instead of cherishing what we have already received.

We've also seen more recently how social media in particular can encourage people to a particular cause or action – not always kind.

Christianity is the antithesis of these sort of interactions – God's desire is for honest, open and lasting engagement. A deep conversation with listening, sharing and just being together. He wants to know us and in turn wants us to get to know Him better. This means deliberate time – in worship, prayer, meditation, reading and listening. Not a rushed catch up on the latest headlines.

In the Gospels we see Jesus meet many people, and while the words we read may be few, we can be sure His encounters would have been about spending time with people, listening to their story, asking them what they thought, before blessing them with healing or an unexpected insight or perspective.

I'm as guilty as the next person of surfing my phone, but I wonder if I spent more time with my Bible than catching up on my 'socials', how that might impact my relationship with God. Maybe 'progress' has stolen some of my first love with Him? Maybe I should try a day without my phone or ipad and see the difference.

With blessings

Alicia

From the August 2025 Registers

Funeral	11 Aug	Gladys Bunting
Interment	3 Aug	Marian Booth
Wedding	23 Aug	Mark Pomroy & Precious Anukam

Tiddlywinks



stay
and
play

1.30pm – 2.45pm

Mondays in term time

Resumes Mon 8 Sept

St Peter's Hub

Toys, songs, games, crafts and
refreshments

The Crossed Keys Café

St Peter's Hub

Resumes Mon 8 Sept

9.30am – 12.30pm



Everyone welcome

Alicia to join the College of Honorary Canons of Derby Cathedral

It was announced on Friday 29 August that our Vicar, Alicia Dring, will join the College of Honorary Canons of Derby Cathedral at a service there on Sunday 21 September at 5.15pm. This service will also include other clergy and lay people from across the Diocese welcomed as Canons into the Cathedral Chapter.



The invitation to join the College came from both Bishop Libby, the Dean of the Cathedral and the Cathedral Chapter "this opportunity combines recognition of your service to the Diocese with a chance for you to shape the future life and culture of the Cathedral."

Alicia will be first and foremost Vicar of St Peter's and Priest in Charge of All Saints' Findern, but will also be part of some of the Cathedral's major services across the church year.

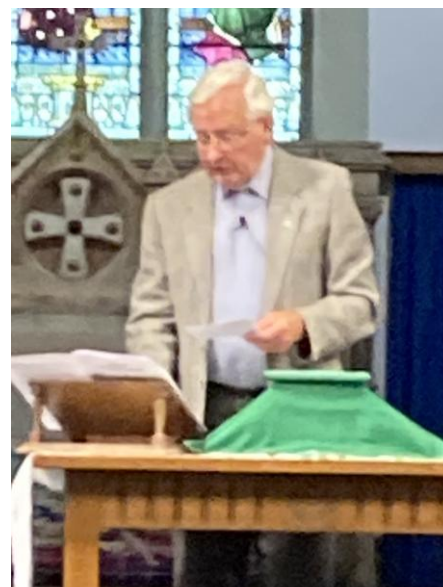
David and Jenny Final Service

Our retired priests David Ditch and Jenny Cooper both had significant birthdays recently and made the decision to step back from active ministry. This will mean that while they remain part of St Peter's congregation and might lead prayers or do readings they will no longer preside at the communion table.

David led and presided at their final service on Wednesday 20 August and Jenny led the intercessions.

Both of them have blessed us with years of faithful and dedicated service, especially with pastoral care and the call to pray without ceasing.

They were each given flowers, a handmade card by Sally Britland and a monetary gift from the church family. There was then tea and a great deal of cake!



Death of Janet Guy

Janet Guy died unexpectedly following surgery and the recurrence of pancreatitis, which despite a move to ICU she didn't respond to treatment. Janet's faith and generosity were well known – as were her hats – and only a week before her death she was serving tea after the Wednesday service. Her funeral is at St Peter's on Tuesday 2 September at 1.30pm

Thirsty Thursday



at The White Swan Littleover

**11 September 7.30pm
catch up with the fellas**

Call Steve for more info
07790 431090

CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP



**Sat 20 September 9.30am – 12noon
Everyone Welcome**

ACCESS IN CHURCH

There are wheelchairs available in Church and there are two BackFriends (support frames for those with sore backs) which fold out onto the pews. For those with hearing difficulties, we have a Loop Transmission System, covering the whole church. Hearing aids adjusted to stop 'T' will pick up the service directly. Ask the welcome team for more details.



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Emma presides at her first wedding

Emma conducted her first solo wedding on Saturday 23 August with Mark Pomeroy and Precious Anukam. Mark is the son of Joy and David Pomeroy (Joy pictured here as a witness along with Precious' father).

All went off without a hitch, though apparently there were fire tenders part way through their reception at Mickleover Court Hotel!



Graham and Sam are married

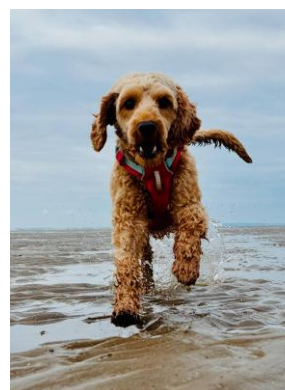


Graham Moy and Samantha Fletcher were married on Saturday 26 July at St Peter's.

It was a happy, joy filled service as they were surrounded by their family and friends. "My Lighthouse" is not a traditional song to have at a wedding, but it was played full-blast and all sung along with great enthusiasm. We hope to see them again.

Sponsored Walk for Parkinson's UK

There will be a small sponsored walk event organised by Greener Littleover on Sunday 5 October at 2pm in aid of [Parkinson's UK](#). This will be a circular walk around 5 local parks, starting and ending at King George V Playing fields car park, on the main park footpaths or pavements. Straight after our Harvest Festival it's a great way to appreciate the beauty of Autumn. Come along, get some sponsorship, bring a friend or a doggy. Give in cash on the day or use this link [Greener Littleover Walk for Parkinson's UK is fundraising for Parkinson's UK](#)



Parish of Littleover & Blagreaves

St Peter's Church Creation Care

Working Towards Net Zero

In 2020, the Church of England's General Synod voted for the whole Church to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030. This decision recognised that the global climate emergency is both a crisis for God's creation and a profound injustice affecting the most vulnerable.

For us here in Littleover, this commitment means creating a clear action plan to ensure our church buildings no longer contribute to rising carbon emissions. One of our first priorities was to reduce heating costs — and therefore emissions — at St Andrew's Hub.



St Andrew's Hub is a much-loved space, used regularly by the preschool and as a valuable resource for the wider community. To help churches on the journey to Net Zero, the Church of England launched the "Give to Go Green" campaign, which matched every pound generously donated to our project fund.



Thanks to your incredible support, our campaign closed on 29 June having reached its target. We are delighted to share that, during the summer holidays, the windows at St Andrew's Hub were replaced — a key step in making the building warmer, more energy-efficient, and better for the planet.



Thank you to everyone who contributed. Together, we are caring for creation and building a sustainable future for our community.

If you're interested in joining our Creation Care group or would like more information, please contact Ali or Julia at creationcare@stpeterlittleover.org.uk

God Space Review

How should we pray?

Over the last year we have held two God Space events each month. On the first Sunday, a service in church with an extended time of sung worship, along with prayer and reflection, and an opportunity for prayer ministry.



On the third Sunday we have gathered on Zoom to pray for our Parish; local issues and concerns, for all that is happening in Littleover and Blagreaves, and for those that live here.

We began a review of God Space at the beginning of August, by looking at some of the practical aspects, asking questions about the format and the timings, and to consider how we could do things differently and what that might look like. Also, how can our times of prayer and worship contribute to and enable our mission as a church.

We came up with lots of new ideas and possibilities, which is exciting but we want to make sure that anything we do is directed by God. It became clear at the review meeting that we don't want to just put **our** plans into place and run with them.

Instead, we want to join in with **God's** plans, and to follow His will for us. We want to be clear on what God is asking of us. With that in mind we have decided to set aside the next month to continue to listen to God, and to seek what he is saying to us. We will meet again on **Monday 29 September at 7pm**, in church, to continue our conversation, and to share what we feel God has been saying to us. Whilst we engage in this review period God Space will not be running.

Your thoughts



Although many were able to come to the Review meeting in August, we know that there are lots of people who were not able to attend. We would still like to hear your input into this review, and to know your thoughts about God Space, and prayer at St Peter's. If you would like to contribute please follow this QR link to answer a short questionnaire. Or if you would prefer, please can you email emma@stpeterlittleover.org.uk with your answers to the following questions.

Questions

- If you have attended God Space online, or in person, or both, please can you tell us what you thought was good about them?
- If you haven't attended either or both, please could you tell us why you didn't engage with them?
- How would you like us to pray together as a church going forward?
- Having spent some time praying, if you feel you have any words, pictures or scriptures that you feel God is giving you, please do share these too.

Littleover in Bloom

September, where did the summer go?! EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM results and awards day is on 24 September, in Grimsby. It always reminds me, when we are invited to what seems to be quite some distance to travel there and back in a day, just to receive our results, how far East Midlands reaches out, but then again for us living in the Midlands, the East coast is the nearest visit to the coast.



EAST MIDLANDS

I hope you have paid a visit to our train on the main bed depicting 200 years of British Rail passenger service. Also noting our six station signs naming the six schools who have worked with us in the past, Littleover Community School, Derby High School, Wren Park, St Peter's, Ridgeway and Carlisle Schools. We have to thank Peter Valentine for his wonderful artistic talent for painting the train and signs.

Our next meeting will be Monday 8 September 1.30pm. Anyone is welcome to join us. Littleover Grange Hall, rear entrance, Park Lane. Contact Jan on 01332 348903 or jan.dante@virgin.net

Littleover Village

Littleover Historical Society

When I am driving somewhere through a town or village I am always interested to come across lanes bearing unusual names, most of them with obvious links to the past such as Pork Lane in Essex, Wibbly Wobbly Lane in Hertfordshire, Spanker Lane in Nether Heage, and Nannies Bottom Lane, Herts. Wonder what they refer to! Maybe not so amusing in Littleover, but certainly a lot of name changes with obvious links, Shepherd Street was Dark Lane, until Mr Shepherd cut down some of the foliage. Church Street was once Town Street, then Sidney Road in reference to Sidney House situated at the bottom.



Donkey Lane (pictured) was renamed North Street and Well Lane became Normanton Lane. The most obvious of them all, Black Groves meaning Dark Trees became Blagreaves Lane. New Road became Old Hall Road, whilst Lime Road once situated off Blagreaves Lane, led to lime pits.

Next meeting Friday 15 August 10am. Rear entrance Littleover Grange Hall, Park Lane, DE23 6FX Visitors welcome. Join us for a chat and refreshments £3. Contact Jan on 01332 348903 or jan.dante@virgin.net



Hannah Fields Community Garden

offers great support for those who are feeling isolated, children who want to get muddy and explore or just for those who want to sit and enjoy a coffee surrounded by nature. Situated on Normanton Lane just down from the church they are open Tues and Thu-Sat for you to explore, buy a veg box or and enjoy their vegan café. Find out more at the Hannah Fields Community Garden Facebook Page or see the notice boards on their gates.

PASH Coffee Morning

From Irene Hargreaves: "Many thanks to all who contributed to our PASH Coffee Morning last month. A special thank you to Chris and Linsey Jones for helping to arrange it and for making cakes. To Angie for the sale of her jewellery and Viv for her handmade cards. Also, of course, not forgetting giving thanks to God for the lovely sunshine on that day. The garden and houses were fully occupied and we raised the wonderful amount of £870 which will help us to continue supporting PASH. This includes supporting children and young people in their education and over the years some have gone on to develop careers as architects, builders and teachers. So once again, thank you to all who contributed to the fundraising. Dave would have been so pleased and grateful to you all.

Chris to receive Bishop's Badge



Chris Jones is not only our Church Warden but also heads up our Fabric Team that takes care of the building, churchyard and community hubs. This isn't just about getting in contractors but often hauling out ladders, getting mucky with paint or digging for ashes plots.

When Chris was asked how long he had served on Fabric he couldn't pin down a date but it is something over thirty years.

He will receive his Bishop's Badge at a special service at Derby Cathedral on Sunday 14 September at 2.30pm - everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate with Chris.

New School Governor Still Needed

Helene Roe has recently stepped down from her role as part of the Governing Board at St Peter's Junior School and we are looking for someone to take her place and represent our church and the Christian faith in supporting the school. Training is available – you don't need to have an encyclopaedic knowledge of education just a heart to support the school and the children. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve in this way.

If this is something you might be interested in, please speak to Helene or Alicia.



Support Our Local Parks with Friends of Littleover Parks

Friends of Littleover Parks volunteers help care for and improve the parks in Littleover and Blagreaves, working in collaboration with Derby Parks.

Caring for our local green spaces means protecting wildlife, preserving nature, and ensuring parks remain welcoming for future generations. In 2024, our volunteers helped plant flowers, maintain pathways, and safeguard biodiversity in places like Sunnysdale Local Nature Reserve, Clemson's Park, and Millennium Wood.

You don't need experience to get involved! Whether it's light gardening, litter picking, or simply sharing ideas, every contribution helps keep our environment thriving. It's also a great way to meet new people, enjoy fresh air, and give back to your community.

To find out more or get involved, visit www.linktr.ee/LittleoverParks email LittleoverParks@live.co.uk

Or keep an eye on the community noticeboards around Littleover and Blagreaves

Let's work together to make a lasting difference for nature, parks, and people

If you encounter any issues in our parks, please do report them to Derby Parks

Email: parks@derby.gov.uk

Telephone: **01332 640789**

or the Police on **101** if appropriate



ReCreate

Are you creative but never seem to get your materials out?

Would you consider yourself uncreative, but would like to be?

Would you like to come to a space where "I can't" could become "I can"?

Would you like a place where together we can explore our God given creativity in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere?

Maybe ReCreate could be the place for you?

You can work on your own projects or engage in a suggested activity. Space and resources (and your imagination) will be the only limitations to the range of creative activities we can share in together. Bring your own materials to use and share if you can. We have a basic range of frequently used materials for those who have none.

Let's explore our God given creativity

Fri 5 September - Footprints

Fri 19 Sept – bring your own project

[Bring your own project or use ReCreate resources and maybe share yours.]

Donations welcome to cover materials.]

Please bring your own drink.

9.50am to 11.30am

St Peter's Hub Large Hall

For more information contact:

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Joy

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Curious about life, purpose, or spirituality—but not sure where to begin?

START is a relaxed, friendly 6-week course designed for people who want to explore big questions in a down-to-earth way. No pressure. No preaching. Just space to think, chat, and connect.

What to Expect - each week includes:

- A short video with real-life stories and ideas to think about
- Open, honest conversation in small groups
- A chance to ask questions—or just listen
- A warm welcome, whatever your background or beliefs.

Topics We'll Explore

1. What's life all about?
2. Why do people talk about God?
3. Who was Jesus, really?
4. What's the deal with the Bible?
5. How can I make the most of life?
6. Where do I go from here?

Who's It For?

START is for anyone who's:

- Wondering about faith or spirituality
- New to church or returning after time away
- Just looking for a safe space to explore life's big questions.

You don't need to know anything about the Bible or Christianity. You won't be asked to pray, sing, or say anything you're not comfortable with.

When is it happening?

START runs for 6 sessions on Thursday evenings 7.30pm - 9pm

16 October – 27 November

Please note there is a one week break in the middle of the course.

How to join

To sign up to the course or find out more, email us at start@havencc.org.uk

Harvest Festival 5 October 10am

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 5 October at 10am and immediately afterwards all the food will be sorted and stacked ready to be delivered to Derby Food 4 Thought who supply 15 different foodbanks across the city. You can help by:

- Helping decorate the church on Sat 4 October from 10am
- Donating milk, tinned meat or other household supplies
- Making a financial donation to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal which this year benefits Trees for Peace Burundi
- Helping to sort and stack at the end of the service
- Helping to deliver the food in the following week.



Diocesan Communications Survey

The Diocese of Derby are conducting a survey to find out what you think about how they share messages, their website and social media. They would like to hear from everyone connected to the church in Derbyshire: whether you attend services or events, hold a leadership or voluntary role, or maybe only have a casual connection to the church. The responses will help shape future communications, helping to share the Good News more effectively.

Follow this link to complete the survey. It should only take ten minutes of your time.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

Neighbourhood Board Drop In Event

The local Neighbourhood Boards for Littleover and Blagreaves work hard to engage groups and leaders from across our communities, to help us work together and learn from each other. If you want to find out more about what is happening in Littleover the next Drop In Event is on Tuesday 16 September in the Community Room at Insomnia at the Co-op from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and there will be a Littleover Churches Together stall. Please come along and find out what is happening.

Men's Shed Project Grange Hall

Some of you will have come across the Men's Shed Project which aims to provide safe spaces for men to meet. Through hands on activities and informal chatting Men's Shed Project aims to support those who may be struggling with loneliness or mental health challenges.

It is hoped to start a project out of Grange Hall and land is being cleared in preparation for the shed. The next clearance day is Friday 5 September with the Derby Makers Group 9.30am – 12.30pm. If you are unable to help physically but would like to find out more please come along.

Blagreaves Cares Cancer Support

Blagreaves Cares is holding a Cancer Support Event at Newmount Methodist Church on Tuesday 2 September 10am to 12noon during their Warmer Spaces meeting. There will be information and advice from Treetops Hospice, Universal Services for Carers, Derby County Community Trust and Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this information, please attend, everyone is welcome.

Joyce Harpur Grants

The Joyce Harpur Charity is part of St Peter's Church and was established with the legacy of a vicar's daughter to bless 'the poor of the parish'. The money has been invested through the years and every Christmas we make grants to local people who are living in difficult circumstances.

You need to live within the parish boundary of Littleover and Blagreaves and complete the application form which requests information on your financial circumstances.

The Joyce Harpur Trustees meet together, assess the needs and award the grants as well as directing people to other local support such as Christmas Lunch on Jesus and Christmas Connection that provides gifts. The Trustees also includes two local councillors who are often able to help with benefit claims and housing issues.

Charitable Grants

for those in financial need in Littleover & Blagreaves

The Joyce Harpur Charity invites grant applications for individuals living in financially difficult circumstances.

Applicants must live within the church boundaries of St Peter's Littleover and Blagreaves have a proven financial need, and may be interviewed at home.

Forms are available from:
St Peter's Church Office (Church Street)
Burton Road Post Office
Tea Cosy Café, Normanton Lane
Local GP surgeries
Local primary, junior and secondary schools

or from www.stpeterlittleover.org.uk/joyceharpur



Completed forms must be printed, signed and returned to St Peter's Church by Sunday 5 October 2025.

Applications are assessed by the Trustees and grants given out before Christmas.

Safeguarding Vacancies

St Peter's has vacancies within our safeguarding team – one is a paid admin role and the other oversees the work of safeguarding in the parish and is a voluntary role.

Safeguarding Administrator – 10 hours per week, at Living Wage, based in the Church Office. Managing DBS checks, ensuring training is completed, providing volunteer working agreements, contributing to the Safeguarding Parish Dashboard. Working with the Parish Safeguarding Lead to ensure administration is up to date.

Parish Safeguarding Lead – working with the administrator to ensure all statutory paperwork and training are completed. Liaising with the Diocese over any changes to safeguarding requirements and communicating that to the clergy, PCC and wider church, managing the recording of any safeguarding incidents and putting into place any safeguarding agreements in consultation with the clergy and Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Training is available and our retired safeguarding team are happy to help in the early days as they carry a lot of information in their head.

Role descriptions and application form (for admin role) available from the Church Office or from the Parish website.

Mission Update

Our Mission Partners

Contact them, pray for them

Juan Carlos & Penny de Marces – in Peru

Reynaldo Moron 215, Urb. Vista Alegre, Surco, Lima 15039 PERU psmarcesinlima@gmail.com
Juan Carlos is the pastor for Jesús el Nazareno, Cathedral Dean and Vicar General to the Diocese; Penny is now lay leader for JEN and has diocesan responsibility for children's ministry.

Tim & Kate Lee – (CMS) timkatelee@yahoo.com

Jigsaw Kids Ministries UK, Stonecheck, Main Street, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7QZ
Tim and family are back in the UK but continuing to work with Jigsaw in the Philippines.

Bible Society www.biblesociety.org.uk

Translating, printing and distributing Bibles to people across the world.

Open Doors www.opendoorsuk.org

Supporting over 200 million Christians worldwide who experience extreme persecution for their faith.

PASH Kenya www.pashuk.org.uk

c/o 2 Inglewood Ave, Mickleover, Derby DE3 0RT
PASH supports the work of churches, schools, farmers and communities in Kenya.

Tearfund www.tearfund.org

100 Church Rd, Teddington TW11 8QE
Working in God's name across the world to bring relief to the poorest communities and fight for justice.

Care for the Family www.careforthefamily.org.uk

A national charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties through marriage, parenting or bereavement.

Derby City Mission www.derbycitymission.org.uk

10 Normanton Road Derby DE1 2GW
Phone: 01332 460346

Supporting homeless people and those on the margins of society in the City through the Nightshelter, Jubilee Centre (Debt and Advice Support) and Foodbank; also Street Pastors. Each December we support Christmas Connection at the Gift Service – providing gifts for children who would otherwise receive nothing.

Borderline Arts www.borderlinearts.org

119 Osmaston Road, Derby DE1 2GD
A Derby charity supporting people with Borderline Personality Disorder through a range of arts courses, workshops and support.

From Open Doors

More than 50 killed in latest DRC attacks

The Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have killed more than 50 in a spate of recent violent attacks.



A village in eastern DRC (illustrative image)

Our family in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have recently suffered another spate of extreme violence. From Saturday 9 August, the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) began attacking communities in North Kivu province, in the east of the country. In the attacks, more than 50 people – including women and children – were murdered by the militants. Many Christians are believed to be among those killed.

“They massacred many people here in Oicha, and many houses burnt,” a church leader in the community's Mbimbi neighbourhood told an Open Doors local field contact. “We continue to ask for your assistance in prayer.” This attack left at least nine people dead, homes and vehicles destroyed, and many people displaced from their homes. It's just one of many recent examples of terrible ADF violence targeting Christian communities.

Ambushes and murders

This latest spree of attacks began on Saturday 9 August, when militants ambushed and burned a vehicle transporting passengers and goods from Butembo to Bunia, a journey of more than 150 miles.

It is not known what happened to the passengers, and they have not been heard from since the attack.

A few days later, the ADF killed three people in Mayi-Moya – which is on the route between Butembo and Bunia. Then, in the early hours of Saturday 16 August, the attackers killed four people in Mulango, Banjiji and Busio communities, looting and burning the homes of people who had fled for safety.

Between 14-15 August, the ADF killed 32 people in Melia village, [sources](#) say. The victims included women and children. “Ten others were killed in the nearby village,” a security source in Beni revealed. Thousands of people fleeing ADF attacks in the Lubero territory have sought refuge in [Njiapanda and Mangurujipa](#), living in dire conditions with extreme shortages.

The attacks were ‘revenge’

In a statement issued on Monday 18 August, the UN Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) condemned the attacks, citing Congolese army spokesperson Lieutenant Elongo Kyondwa Marc, reports: “The Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebels were taking revenge on civilians after suffering defeats by Congolese forces.”

“It is unacceptable that these attacks on civilians continue with impunity,” says Jo Newhouse (name changed), spokesperson for Open Doors’ work in sub-Saharan Africa. “Open Doors strongly condemns these ongoing acts of violence against civilians and call upon civil societies, governments and international organisations to prioritise civilian protection in eastern DRC where armed groups, such as the ADF, are operating.”

Please keep praying

Jo Newhouse continues: “We call on the international Christian community to remain in prayer for Christians and vulnerable communities in eastern DRC.

Pray for an end to violence and that government at all levels will diligently, impartially and transparently address the violence and its effects. Pray for the church in the Lubero Territory as she seeks to bring physical and spiritual assistance to the families affected.”

Open Doors local field contacts are working to determine how many Christians are among those killed. While it’s not only Christians who are targeted in these attacks, they are a preferred target for the terrorist group – partly because they have an expansionist agenda and are determined to impost a radical form of Islam.

Sign the Petition

- The African church is asking us to join them in calling for protection, justice and restoration for persecuted Christians in sub-Saharan Africa. You can do that by signing the *Arise Africa* petition.
- If you’ve already signed, please encourage your church, family and friends to add their voices. You can help us reach the target of one million signatures from around the world. Together, we can stop the violence and start the healing.

To stop the violence and start the healing please go to:

[Arise Africa petition - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)



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Registered, fully insured
Foot Health Practitioner

Littleover Women's Institute

2nd Thursday of the month

Littleover Social Club at 7.30pm

Members new and old welcome.

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Further information from

Margaret Williams on 767354



Daisychain Benevolent Fund

Burton Road, Derby (01332 208225)

Supporting Teenage Cancer Trust
Children's Ward, Derby

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Build For Living

Small Building Works
Let's Discuss Your Options



Lee Smith, Tel: 07730397437, Email: Buildingforliving@gmail.com

Who are Build For Living?

From a building family, I became a cathedral stonemason. Currently experienced in a range of building jobs including: fixing squeaking stairs, laminate floors, floor joists, fencing, boarding out lofts, kitchen fitting, tiling, repairing church walls and steps, decking, patios, raised garden beds, light fittings, and much more!

*Previously a youthworker and mental health nurse, I appreciate the importance of honesty, clear communication and reliability.
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If you would like to discuss a job, your options, and my availability give me a call. I look forward to hearing from you.

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The Vicarage and it will be
taken to the Derby
Food4Thought Hub to be
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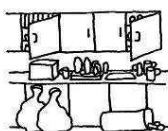


Knit and Natter

*Every Wednesday 2.15pm
In St Peter's Hub*

*for those who can knit like
grandma and those who've
no idea – everyone welcome!
Call Di on 01332 763938*

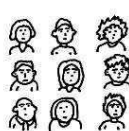
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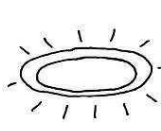
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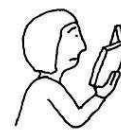
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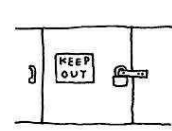
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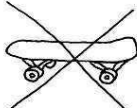
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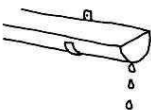
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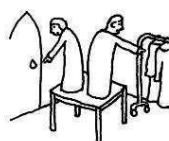
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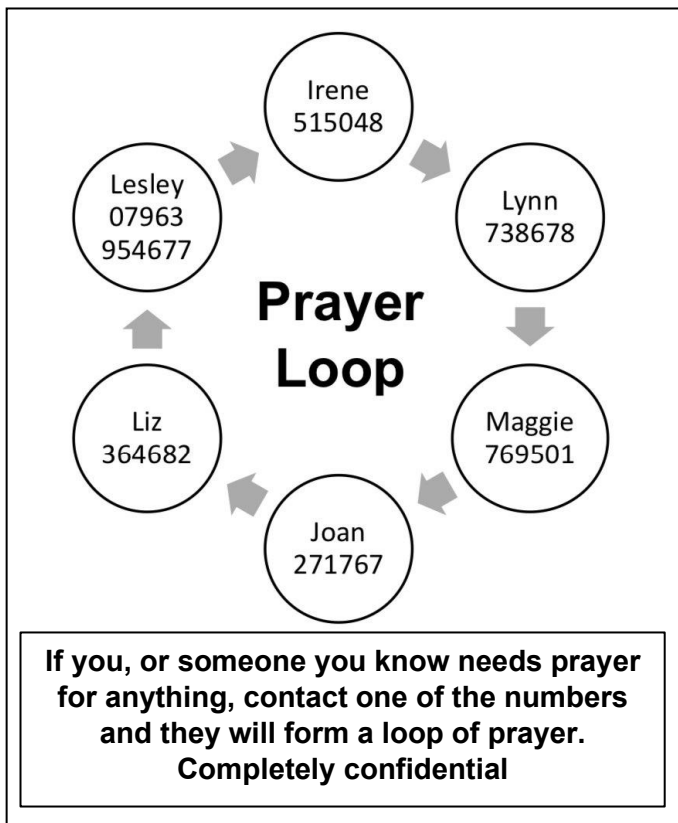
Answers to August “ONE or TEN” Quiz:

1. Tent 2. Money 3. Content 4. Cone 5. Stencil 6. Tender 7. Honeymoon 8. Stone 9. Tense
10. Often 11. Onerous 12. Battenberg 13. Bone 14. Tennis 15. Phone 16. Moisten 17. Drone
18. Tenet 19. Rotten 20. Lonely 21. Tenant 22. Zone 23. Soften 24. Tentacle 25. Nonet
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32. Extend 33. Postpone 34. Intend 35. Written 36. Parishioner 37. Tench 38. Eaten 39. Nonentity
40. Boyzone

Football Team Nicknames Quiz (some anagrams)

Questions	Answers
1. Holy people	
2. Cunning animals	
3. Small red fruits	
4. Tenerife or Lanzarote maybe	
5. People who make beer	
6. Sharp cutting edges	
7. Local team found in tram station	
8. Ceramicists	
9. People who shoot	
10. Wise birds	
11. People who make shoes	
12. Seven ----- a swimming	
13. When the knight won his -----	
14. Tools for banging in nails	
15. Makers of horse riding seats	
16. Found in winning lovers	
17. Unhappy flying creatures	
18. People with dependencies	
19. Male deer	
20. Tries pies	
21. Slim Ken	
22. Young sheep	
23. Black and white birds	
24. Wide legged trousers	
25. Milliners	
26. Magic floor covering males	
27. Small mouse-like mammals	
28. Found in confuse also	
29. N. T. book of the Bible	
30. Stab man	
31. Soot coloured felines	
32. Real sin	
33. Chocolate digestive males	
34. Slug sale	
35. Small prawns	
36. Sounds of gunfire	
37. People who make flour	
38. Some gigs	
39. Coastal holiday makers	
40. Soft fee	

Prayer Requests



The Pastoral Team

Looking out for church family
– available to listen, care
and pray with you.

Talk to Alicia, Emma, Jason, Lianne,
Joan or David Ditch

Members of PCC

Alicia Dring
Emma Mallord
Jason Kennedy
Lianne Green
Chris Jones
Helene Roe
David Barker
Julie Scott

Charlie Elston
Tim Standley
Bill Browne
Heather Newstead
Ann Vincent
Peter Vincent
Ali Marsh-Davies

Home Groups

Home Groups are an opportunity to meet with a small group of people, in someone's home, to look at the Bible, pray, share, learn and grow together. Responsibilities are shared and members support one another as part of growing in discipleship and fellowship. If you'd like to join a group, please speak to Alicia on 767802 or contact a leader directly. Some are currently meeting online.

Learning Together Mon 2.30pm weekly

Led by: Robin & Terry Wood

We enjoy lively and thought-provoking discussions as well as social events and fundraising.

Pilgrims Mon 7.30pm fortnightly

Led by: Doreen & John Bird

Walking together on our journey of faith.

New Beginnings Tue 9.45am weekly

Led by: Bill & Maggie Browne

Our aim is to encourage one another to grow in Christ. As we read the Bible, share, pray, worship and laugh together, we stir each other up in our faith and our Christian walk.

Queen's Drive Tues 7.30pm weekly

Led by: Liz & Phil Eley

A diverse group interested in supporting people in mission.

Sticking Point Wed 6.45pm fortnightly

Led by: John Bradley

A group of mature Christians who support each other spiritually, with hospitality being a particular strength.

Route 66 Tues 7.30pm weekly

Led by: Jon & Jenny Russell

Named after 66 books in the Bible and taking the journey with Jesus together.

StAND Wed 1pm fortnightly

Led by the group

A group primarily of people who used to worship at St Andrew's and now part of St Peter's – always learning and growing together, praying for Blagreaves.

Platform Wed 7.15pm weekly

Led by: Rachel Whitehorn

We support each other in our walk with God, with an emphasis on practical application of Scripture.

ReLENTless Wed 7.30pm fortnightly

Led by: Helen Homes & Deidre Cheetham

Following a one off Lent group (hence name) this group is loving, plain speaking and full of laughter. Everyone is encouraged to fully participate.

Parish Activities

SUNDAY

10am Service in church or on Zoom

MONDAY

THE CROSSED KEYS CAFÉ – 9.30am to 12.30pm

TIDDLYWINKS Stay and Play 1.30pm- 2.45pm

TUESDAY

LUNCH CLUB – 12 noon till 2pm (next meeting 16 Sept)

St Peter's Hub, Normanton Lane. Guests welcome, help needed.

WEDNESDAY

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION at 10.30am in church

KNIT & NATTER 2.15pm-4.15pm – in St Peter's Hub

Bring along your knitting, crochet or embroidery and chat with others as you create your latest masterpiece. Or if you're a beginner, learn from other members.

HOME GROUPS see opposite – some are meeting online.

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

9.50am RE-CREATE – 1st and 3rd weeks of the month

St Peter's Hub. A safe space to explore faith and creativity - all welcome

How can you serve at St Peter's?

We don't need volunteers in the Parish of Littleover & Blagreaves, rather we have a hope that all enrolled members of our church family will **serve** the wider work of the churches and community and not just rock up on a Sunday.

How could you serve the work of our parish? Could you chat with someone who is isolated at home? Help with our children's work or help keep the churchyard looking spruce? Make refreshments? Can you pray to see God at work in our parishes? We're not asking for hours of your time – if we all do a little then the tasks are shared and we can see lives change through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Talk to Alicia, Jason, Emma or Lianne.

Special Occasions

Baptism or Thanksgiving

Please see our special booklet on the website or contact the church office on 01332 767802 for a copy. We want to get to know you before booking a date, so we look forward to meeting you in church.

Marriage & Banns

Congratulations! The rules are now different and you don't have to live in the parish any more but can be married at St Peter's if you have a qualifying connection. For more information, contact the office, look at the church website OR checkout

www.yourchurchwedding.org

We are happy to talk to you about dates, including midweek weddings.

Funerals

Arrangements are normally made through your undertaker and we can officiate at services in church, at the Crematorium and local municipal cemeteries.

Churchyard

There are no longer any new grave spaces, but we can bury ashes in our Garden of Remembrance. No memorials are allowed on the site but an entry will be made in the Book of Remembrance in the church. Please inform the undertaker as early as possible of your wishes. Plots cannot be booked in advance. Please be aware that maintenance of the churchyard is done by volunteers and contractors which are paid for by the church family. If you can care for your own area, that helps a great deal.

UNIFORMED GROUPS

BEAVERS - for children

aged 6-8

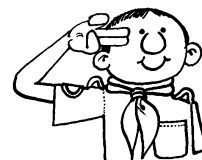
Tuesday 5.45-6.45pm,

Scout HQ

on Brayfield Road

Contact: Kathryn Hallam

on 07977 250576



CUBS - for children aged 8-10

Tuesday 7.00-8.30pm, Scout HQ

on Brayfield Road

Contact: Kathryn Hallam on 07977 250576

174th (142nd/113th Littleover Churches)

SCOUTS - for children aged 10-14

Friday 7.30-9.30pm, Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Kathryn Hallam on 07977 250576

3rd LITTLEOVER BROWNIES – children aged 7-10

Friday 5.30 -6.50pm, Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Heather Collins 01773 820119

Notice Board – September 2025

1	Monday	1.30pm	Clergy & Wider staff meeting	Church
2	Tuesday	9.30am	Deanery Chapter meeting	Church
		1.30pm	Funeral of Janet Guy	Church
3	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
4	Thursday	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
5	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
6	Saturday	1.00pm	Wedding of Ellie Simpson & Luke Crisp	Church
7	Sunday	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity		
		10.00am	All Age Worship	Church & Zoom
8	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		9.45am	Staff Meeting	Church Office
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
9	Tuesday			
10	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		12.45pm	StAnd Homegroup	St Andrew's Hub
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
11	Thursday	9.30am	PAT testing	Church
		7.30pm	Thirsty Thursday	The White Swan
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
12	Friday	11.30am	Drop in Café	St Andrew's Hub
		2.00pm	MAP 1 Prayers	At Home
13	Saturday	10.00am	Litter Picking	St Andrew's Hub
14	Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity		
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Church & Zoom
15	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		9.45am	Staff Meeting	Church Office
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
16	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
		7.30pm	Standing Committee	Creche Room
17	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
18	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
19	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
		11.30am	Drop in Café	St Andrew's Hub
20	Saturday	9.30am	Churchyard Clean Up	Churchyard
21	Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity		
		10.00am	Morning Worship	Church & Zoom
22	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		9.45am	Staff Meeting	Church Office
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
23	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
24	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		12.45pm	StAnd Homegroup	St Andrew's Hub
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
		2.45pm	Youth HC&T	St Andrew's Hub
25	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
26	Friday	11.30am	Drop in Café	St Andrew's Hub
		2.00pm	MAP 1 Prayers	At Home
27	Saturday			
28	Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity		
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
		3.00pm	Harvest Messy Church	St Peter's Hub
29	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		9.45am	Staff Meeting	Church Office
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
30	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
		7.30pm	PCC	St Peter's Hub