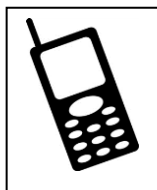




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A colour version of Keyhole can be found on the Church website:

www.stpeterlittleover.org.uk

From the Vicarage

Dear all,

A new year is a marker – “out with the old, in with the new” – and apparently is the busiest time in the world’s gyms as everyone makes a resolution to take better care of themselves. Apparently the take up from February onwards isn’t so high!

I wonder what the new year means to you? Some of us may have attended watchnight services with other Christians; giving thanks for the year that has gone and praying for God’s presence in the days to come.

While for others of us it’s an opportunity to party with friends and mark the change in the calendar. For some of us the year may have been difficult, with illness, money or family worries, or even bereavement and grief. The reality is that **life** brings change – we see it in the seasons, in our children and grandchildren growing up, in our expanding and (hopefully) shrinking waistlines.

Here at St Peter’s the last year has seen the promotion to glory of 14 of our church family: Winifred Wormsley, Pam Phillips, Mavis Storer, Caryl Sharlot, Joyce Fletcher, Len Gale, Beryl Angas, Allan Scott, Carole Robison, Eric Ashburner, Shirley Chaffey, Les Wormsley, Phil Rollinson and Audrey Barlow. All knew and loved God and are now out of struggle and fully restored with their Lord and Saviour in heaven.

Some of us knew some of them well, other names we may not recognise but they had been part of our worshipping community, some for many years. Their lives of faithful Christian witness and service can be an inspiration to those of us left behind.

We stand on the shoulders of giants, as they did before us. Our Christian history is the steady handing of the baton of faith from one generation to another. During our time we will encourage and nurture others in the faith, we will help to keep the buildings and churchyard, we will go through the rhythm of the Christian year and share with our local community. We will keep the light of Christ burning in this place, because that is our mission call.

We are Christians, not just for ourselves, but for the communities we serve – to share God’s love and hope to those who are yet to know Him. And we do that not in our own strength or by our own design but by living out of the deep love that we ourselves have experienced from God. When we know we are loved then we can share that love in return. Not just when the year is new, but every day.

With blessings,

Alicia

From the December 2023 Registers

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| Funerals | 5 Dec | Janice Whitlock |
| | 7 Dec | Audrey Barlow |
| | 13 Dec | Valerie Fox |
| | 28 Dec | Alan Bull |

Tiddlywinks

stay
and
play



1.30pm – 2.45pm

Mondays in term time

St Peter's Hub

Toys, songs, games,
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The Crossed Keys Café

St Peter's Hub

MONDAYS

9.30am – 12noon



**Everyone
welcome**

**Closed 25 Dec & 1 Jan 2024
Reopens 8 January 2024**

World Day of Prayer

This will be on Friday 1 March at 11am at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Darley Lane, Derby (just over the pedestrian bridge from the Cathedral).

This year we will join with the people of Palestine. Lunch will be provided after the service

Church Christmas Card

The Creation Care team provided a signup poster card for us to add our messages and then donate what we would have spent on cards to Christmas Lunch on Jesus. Many people joined in and £260 was raised, bringing the total, together with the Carol Service to nearly £800!

Lunchclub Christmas



Our Lunchclub team held a fabulous Christmas lunch for guests and helpers. Turkey and all the trimmings plus a choice of pudding followed by mince pies and coffee.

Everything started with singing from Year 5 of St Peter's School and ended with a singalong led by Phil Elley. Everyone was also given a gift.

The event was sponsored by the late Les Wormsley who had so enjoyed his short time with lunchclub, he and the family had wanted everyone to have a good time on him.

Christmas In Littleover & Blagreaves

We enjoyed a great Christmas in the parish with plenty of carols and celebrations both in church and out in the wider community. As well as the Nativity service (see over the page for more pictures) and the Carol Service we sang at The White Swan, outside the Co-Op, at Heatherton Care Home, Brookfields Nursing Home, down at One Stop and Oaklands in Blagreaves, as well as joining in the community carols at Findern. And with just enough voice we approached Christingle and Christmas Day – reports to follow in the next issue



Carols in the Swan

Phil Eley once again led the singing at The White Swan as we enthusiastically sang a heap of carols on Friday 15 December. Huge thank you to Brendan and the team who always make us feel so welcome.



Carols at the Co-Op

Phil was joined by Dave on the cornet the following morning Sat 16 December to sing with Littleover Churches Together. The weather was dry but chilly and we handed out leaflets inviting people to join us for services over Christmas.

Carols by Candlelight

Nearly 150 people came to our carol service and sang with great gusto. Richard Whitehorn shared a report from the Bethlehem Police Department and we heard the nativity readings and sang the well known carols. Jason preached at his third Carol Service of the day and the collection to bless the work of Christmas Lunch on Jesus raised nearly £800.



New Nativity Post Box Topper

Huge thank you to Di and the Knit and Natter team for a new festive topper for the post box by the church gates. A great welcome for all our visitors over the Christmas season.



THIRSTY THURSDAY



**at The White Swan
Littleover**

Thu 11 Jan 7.30pm

Call Steve for more info
07790 431090

CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP



Resting for the Winter ...

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Nativity Service – the ‘World’ story

Andrew Brooks was the narrator of our Nativity Service once again – this time, dressed in a spectacular suit covered in a map of the world. As ‘The World’ he told the story of God’s engagement with humankind from Adam and Eve all the way to the story of Bethlehem.

When the call went out for gardeners to represent Adam and Eve, they were offered ivy leaves (no fig leaves available) to cover their pretend modesty. We are grateful to Paul and Nev for their willingness to be daft and join in the fun.

The children and their helpers were dressed up to share the story and there were slipping crowns, dancing angels plus someone with a camel on their head and a starry deputy warden. We respect privacy by blurring the children’s faces in these pictures.



Messy Christmas

Throughout the year our Messy Team take great care to plan their 'messy' events for families. With lots of inventive crafts, with a story, a song and buffet supper, families who might never set food in church will happily come along and experience something of the Christian faith.

And the loyalty is such that those who are now teenagers STILL want to come along and enjoy the mess and friendly welcome of Messy Church – so over the last year or so we have expanded up to the top hall to include activities more suitable to young people, rather than children. If you want to join the messy team speak to Liz Eley.



Rachael and Andrew Farewell



Rachael left St Peter's on Christmas Day, after serving her curacy with us for three and half years. Getting ordained in the midst of a global pandemic wasn't ideal and many people met her for the first time online. During her time at St Peter's she has learned the rudiments of the vicaring life, but has also contributed a great deal to our parish.

Rachael helped introduce new material for our children's work, initially by pioneering work for our online services and then new initiatives such as Diddy Disciples, Lego Church and

Energise! She also established the Creation Care team and together they led us to our first A Rocha Bronze Award, and ensured looking after our environment is an important part of our mission life. She has also undertaken work for the Diocese, leading the work of the Clewer Initiative which is a national anti-slavery project. And throughout her time with us she has generously shared her creativity, compassion and a desire to do all things well.

We presented both her and Andrew with some gifts at the Nativity Services (knowing many people might be away over Christmas), which included a home communion set, a divided chalice and for Andrew a mug stating "Trust me, I'm the Vicar's husband". Rachael also gave Alicia a red bag; it's the same design as one Rachael has had throughout her curacy and that has been much admired.

Following the service there was a Bring and Share lunch in the hall where nearly 80 people joined in together. Huge thank you to Andy Proctor for sorting out the baked potatoes, the many cooks who shared savoury dishes and puddings and for the teams who set up and cleared up.

Rachael will be serving parishes in Allestree and Darley Abbey and will be licensed at Walter Evans School on Sun 14 January at 3pm along with her colleague Rev Sarah Watson who will be serving Allestree and Quarndon. They will work together across the area, particularly in schools work. However, with four churches, space at the licensing is at a premium so we are politely asking for church family to watch the livestream, rather than attend in person. More details will be available nearer the time.

Raise a Glass at The White Swan



This is a relatively new event where pub regulars come along and buy a drink to 'raise a glass' to those they have loved and lost. You get your own drink, and maybe your loved ones favourite tipple. Alicia shares a short thanksgiving prayer and we all toasted 'To those we have loved and lost'. It's a short event, but moving and can lead into chats about grief, faith and heaven. The pub team and regulars now consider it to be part of their Christmas events.

Audrey Barlow

Audrey May Barlow was born in 1933 in Reading, daughter to Daisy and Sid Ledbetter and soon to be big sister to brother Keith. Audrey went to school locally where she was good at English – in fact she loved words, a passion that stayed with her throughout her life. She left school at 16 and went to work at Barclays Bank but hated it so she moved into more general office work and her occupation on her marriage certificate was shorthand typist. In later years she would work as a Doctor's receptionist at Peartree Surgery, a role she loved, although the family thought that Audrey sometimes considered she knew more than the medics themselves. She would eventually retire in 1990.



Her early years were quite austere – she was only six when war broke out – she would recall being taught in church halls in classes of 40 plus, of only being allowed 2 ounces of butter a week, and having never seen an egg until sometime after the war was over. She spoke of clothing coupons and bread and dripping which she detested.

She met Ken Barlow – yes, really – and they were married in 1957 at the Methodist Church in Tilehurst. They were both from rather strict Christian families and at the start of their married life, they were pretty hard up, life was difficult. But they moved up to Derby and settled in Portland Street, later moving to Raybourn Avenue in 1975. Elizabeth was born in 1963 and Audrey was pretty strict as a mum – while a trip on the train with Dad was a comic and some sweets, with Mum it was a book and an apple. They attended Walbrook Road Methodist Church and Liz has particular memories of the Christmas Market there. Liz would go on to marry in 1984 and Audrey became grandmother to Daniel in 1990 and Timothy in 1992.

Audrey was not much for adornment and didn't care for make up or regular trips to the hairdresser. This was partly her upbringing and maybe church not holding much sway by such things. And she was a regular member in church. She made it round quite a few churches over the years – and was well known around the city, particularly after Ken died in 2004. We were pleased to have her as a member of our church family for many years, where she was good friends with Lyn from the worship group and they loved to sing together when she first went into care.

Audrey was never extravagant or reckless with food or possessions, but she was very well travelled – Canada, Alaska, Norway, Austria, Madeira, Switzerland, Italy. And where she didn't go, she read about – that love of words never left and she remained an avid reader. She could also knit – often Arran jumpers and cardigans.

But as time went on and she got older, her body and then her mind became frailer. There was food in strange places and she got in an unexpected pickle with her money. She went into care in 2016, moving in 2018 and was lovingly looked after for seven years.

We will remember her as formidable with a quirky sense of humour, always quick with an answer, tenacious, frugal or careful depending on how you look at it. One who always tried to do what was right in her own mind and she was a faithful pray-er, worshipper and disciple of her Lord and Saviour.

Confirmation at the Cathedral



Phil Batten and Hannah Dewis were both confirmed by Bishop Malcolm at Derby Cathedral on Saturday 25 November.

Phil and his wife Sharon joined St Peter's recently and after the confirmation service earlier in the year he decided this was something he wanted to do. Hannah has attended St Peter's with her family since she was very young and it was great to see her confirm her faith before God.

Rachael and Emma prepared and presented them both.

New Home Group Study for Spring: The Way

The Way is a film starring Martin Sheen and his son Emilio Estevez and is about a father grieving the death of his son. The son had planned a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela and so Dad now goes in his place to try and reconnect with the memory of his son.

Following our own team doing the Camino last year we thought it would be a great way for the Home Groups to reflect on this journey with themes inspired from the film. You'll need access to the film – either via an Amazon Prime account or via DVD. We hope the books will be available after Christmas.



Chaplains for Littleover Community School

Littleover churches have been invited to form a team of volunteer chaplains to support the wellbeing of pupils at Littleover Community School. Chaplains will be present over lunchtime, two days a week.

Emma is involved in the project and if you feel you have the skills and the calling then please have a conversation with her. You will need to be interviewed and appropriate DBS paperwork completed. Please pray for this initiative.





ReCreate

- Are you creative but never seem to get your materials out?
- Do 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 maybe share as you are able. We aim to have a basic range of frequently used materials for those who have none.

Let's explore our God given creativity

Fri 5 & 19 January

Bring your own project or use
ReCreate resources and maybe share yours
10am to 11.30am

St Peter's Church Hall

Donations to cover any materials used

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St Andrew's
Community Hub

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St Andrew's Blagreaves Lane
Sat 27 January 10am – 11.30am



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Donations can be delivered on
Fri 26 Jan 4pm-6pm or Sat 9am-9.45am

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"The vicar really is taking all of January off to recuperate, then."

creation care

re-cycle - re-purpose - re-think

Our 2023 achievements in brief

- Diverted from landfill tens of thousands of empty pill strips to be recycled. Thank you to those who help deliver them to Superdrug
- Supported the All-Age service team on creation related topics, a Fair Trade quiz, and a video about growing your own food
- Hosted a stall at the St Peter's Day celebrations to promote Fairtrade foods.
- Encouraged parents at St Peter's and Carlisle schools to repurpose pre-worn uniform items, rather than them having to go to landfill. Thank you to those who have supported by washing, ironing and repairing
- We have encouraged environment conscious community groups to use our hubs for meetings, including Friends of Littleover Parks (FOLP), who we helped to plant wildflowers around the area. We were also able to support them in a community walk and litter pick around local playing fields. One of the Hub's also hosted The Middleton Avenue Climate Action Group for an informative meeting about green energy
- Supported by MAP funding, we were able to purchase and place 3 hedgehog boxes in the churchyard. The hedgehog boxes were made by a local volunteer, out of recycled and off-cut wood, on behalf of Derby Hedgehog Rescue group – with all monies raised going straight to support the work of caring for ill hedgehogs and abandoned hoglets like this little one. If you'd like to build one yourself, visit www.hedgehogstreet.org, where you can download instructions, along with many other great ideas to help hedgehogs
- With help from our Camino Pilgrims, we have raised funds to twin all our toilets. You can find out about Toilet Twinning here <https://toilettwinning.org/>.



Across the year we continued to review and discuss the MAP priorities and how we, as a group, can continue to support these.

Looking forward to 2024

Our plans for 2024 will be determined partly by our next creation care group meeting, but include regular litter picks and working towards St Peter's gaining the Silver A Rocha award and keeping creation care at the forefront of our minds.

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If you have any ideas to share about being more environmentally friendly or get more involved, please let us know by contacting: Office@stpeterlittleover.org.uk

Littleover In Bloom

Here we are, January 2024: Happy New Year!! Winter snow in early December caught us all by surprise but fortunately we were all wrapped up for what the weather would throw at us.

Winter is a great time for gardeners to take stock, tidy up, and make sure your plants are protected from frosty cold January and February weather conditions, and begin to plan ahead for the summer.

We tried a new way of protecting our Begonia corms when we put them to bed for the winter. In the past we have wrapped them up individually in newspaper, sat them on cardboard under shelter.



Unfortunately, we found that some of them just shrivelled up and rotted, so this time we have elevated them unwrapped, on top of a wooden pallet, to allow more air to circulate, then covered them with cardboard. We will let you know the outcome!!

**Next meeting Monday 15 January 2024
1.30pm rear entrance Littleover Grange
Hall, Park Lane. Or just get in touch: Jan
01332 348903 or jan.dante@virgin.net**

Littleover Village

Littleover Historical Society

January 1889 - Plough Monday, traditionally the beginning of the English agricultural year. Whilst local areas might vary, Plough Monday has usually been recognised as the First Monday after Epiphany, 6 January, when the plough was taken in to the church to be blessed, (are you ready for this St Peter's?!). The day traditionally saw the resumption of work after the Christmas period. Commonly the plough was hauled from house to house in a procession, collecting money on the way.



The following was recorded in, 'Littleover, Portrait of a village', by Ian Griffiths, relating reminiscences of, 'Gilbert Thomas'; 'In 1889 I witnessed men and boys going around the village with a plough calling for donations, the men walked in procession decked out in coloured ribbons, there were no musicians and no dancing this particular year. One man held the horns of an Ox with part of the skin hanging down his back, they collected about 25 shillings. Instead of spending the money on drink, as they usually did, they bought coal to take home. I looked for them the following year, but they did not come out'. A change of times in Littleover? (picture NOT Littleover)

**Next meeting Friday 12 January 2024 10am
at Littleover Grange Hall, rear entrance, Park
Lane. Visitors welcome £3 including
refreshment. Contact: Jan on 01332 348903 or
email 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 church they are open Tues and Thur-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.

OUR children, OUR young people & OUR families!

The MAP (Mission Action Plan) has given the church an opportunity to review, refresh and re-ignite our work with children, young people and families. The MAP group responsible are looking to support existing children's' work at the same time as looking for new ways of creating additional provision where needed.

To that end, we have begun two new initiatives to attract young people and nurture them in the Christian faith. The Hot Chocolate & Toast Café initiative came about as a suggestion emulating a similar café that is running in north Derbyshire. In essence the secondary school pupils at Derby Moor school in Yr's 7-9 (ages 11-14) are invited to drop into St Andrews Community Hub on their way home after school on a Wednesday once a fortnight. The idea being to offer free hot chocolate (aka *choccie mountains*) and toast and initially make an important connection with the young people.



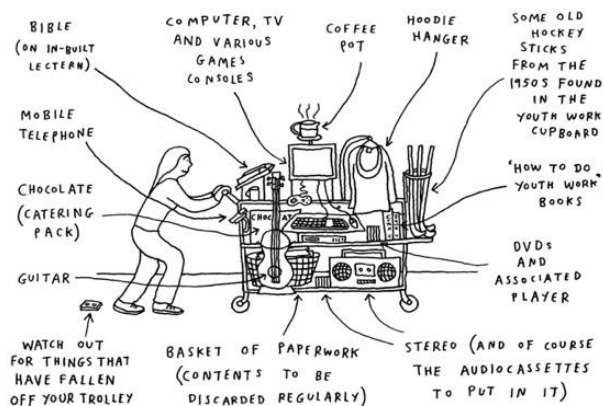
This began on 22 November and there were 19 visitors through the door which was great. Parental Consent is needed for them to stay and continue to drop-in. If anyone would like a flyer with the information together with the Parental Consent form on the reverse; please contact Iona in the church office.

In addition, on Sunday 19 November, we began a **Messy Youth** initiative where young people are invited to come along for more structured fun, games, activities and Christian teaching. This takes place on a Sunday eve 5-6pm monthly. There were 5 young people who came to the first two meetings and lots of laughter and fun was had by all. The next date is Sunday 14 January. Anyone between the ages of 11-14 is welcome and if you know any young people who may be interested, again, please contact Iona in the church office for dates and Consent Forms.

We would love to welcome new faces to this new venture.

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Going forward..

Finally, as a group, going forward, we are going to be looking at provision for families. Initially, we are looking to discuss ideas for one-off events specifically for, and to include, young families and their children. If you have ANY thoughts or ideas for this Do please pass them onto the KMO3 children, Youth and Families group – we really need your ideas!

Jesus said that the kingdom of Heaven belongs to our children – they are significant and important to God and our church family.

Our aim for all families, of all ages, is to offer a great welcome, an opportunity to be together and a time to learn more about the God who loves you deeply. If you would like to be part of this group please speak to Deidre Cheetham (deidre195@gmail.com) We would love to welcome you.

MISSION UPDATE

Our Mission Partners

Contact them, pray for them

Juan Carlos & Penny de Marces – in Peru

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Lima 33 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.

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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

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Derby City Mission

A Pre-Christmas Thank you message:

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This year, we gave out 2184 food parcels to people in food poverty and 3245 people visited the café. Through your kindness and generosity, these thousands of people have been helped at their point of desperation. Every donation we receive is hugely appreciated. So, on behalf of those we support and work with, thank you!

If you would like to read more about where your donations have made a difference, please follow the link below to our annual report:

<https://www.derbycitymission.org.uk/News/annual-review-and-celebration-2023>

Food4Thought

We also donate food to Derby Food4Thought who act as a food hub and distribute to nearly 20 different foodbanks across the city, including DCM.

We usually highlight what is particularly needed at any one time and you are exceptionally generous in your response.

Food can be left in the welcome area or in the metal tin on the Vicarage doorstep and every Thursday Chris and Jaqueline Woodhams pick it up and deliver it to F4T on Ascot Drive.

Penny & Juan Carlos in Peru



We were delighted to welcome Penny and Juan Carlos to St Peter's earlier in the year and life has been busy since their return from the UK in July. Penny said: "There has been no time to get bored". Working with other local agencies, Penny helped to support a homeless person who had been living in a tent on the Cathedral Green into hospital. She will hopefully leave soon for one of the few Halfway houses in Lima where she will continue to be supported.

Penny delivered some training for children's workers from Anglican churches across South America, with participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Peru. In follow up, the materials she produces will be available via the SAMS website, helping to continue to support them in their own churches.

A Jesus el Nazareno the Confirmation service was preceded by the 18 week Abundant Life course attended by a wider group. A significant proportion of the congregation struggle with reading and it is a testimony to see how some people make such a huge effort to read the Bible in order to learn.

Christmas has brought the usual variety of services – thankfully not disrupted by attempted political coups. The traditional carol service at the Cathedral had everyone in darkness, as the candles had not been given to the congregation – but was soon resolved. The Christingle service was done as part of a Messy Church session but not all of the bits of marshmallow and raisins survived all the way to the talk – at least five of the oranges were consumed too!

Jigsaw Kids Ministries

Your prayers and gifts empower Jigsaw to bring the wonderful light and joy of Christmas parties to more than 2000 children.

Celebrations with games, dancing, a hot meal and a gift for each child. The teams also share a drama of the amazing story of the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.



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Organization

FOODBANK



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The Vicarage and it will be
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priority is tinned meat



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

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Exodus chapter 2 verses 1 to 12

In Egypt the Hebrew people flourished so well that the new Pharaoh grew scared and ordered all their new-born boys to be killed.

Moses' mother hid him when he was born, but he grew too big.



She made a basket from reeds for him and put it in the grass by the river Nile.



She told Moses' sister Miriam to keep watch.



Pharaoh's daughter found Moses



Shall I get someone to look after the baby?



So Miriam got her mother.



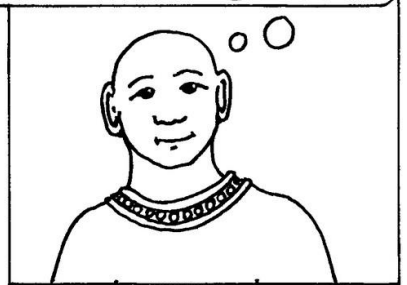
The princess adopted Moses as her son.



When Moses was grown up he went to see where his people worked as slaves.



Perhaps I will be the one to save my people.



Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave.



Moses checked no-one was looking and...



He hid the body in the sand.



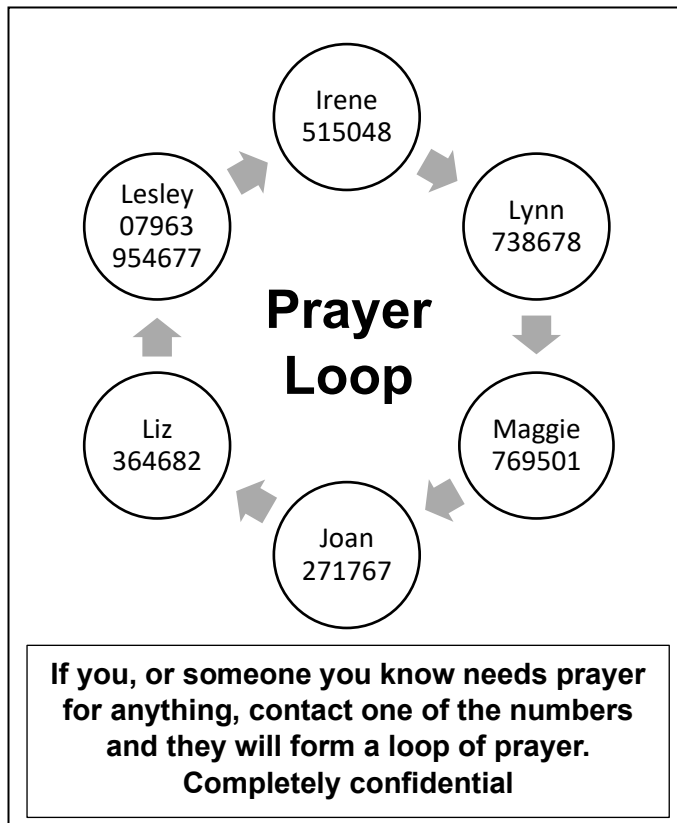
Answers to December's Agatha Christie Quiz:

1. Jane Marple 2. Murder at the vicarage 3. Greenway 4. Joan Hickson 5. Clocks 6. Body in the library
7. Pocket full of rye 8. Hercule Poirot 9. Death on the Nile 10. St Mary Mead 11. Evil under the sun
12. David Suchet 13. Paddington 14. Peril at End House 15. Orient Express 16. Miss Lemon
17. Bertram's Hotel 18. Murder is easy 19. After the funeral 20. Captain Hastings 21. Cards on the Table
22. Moving finger 23. Sparkling cyanide 24. Philip Jackson 25. Caribbean 26. Pale horse
27. Sleeping murder 28. Towards Zero 29. Blue Train 30. Death in the clouds 31. Lord Edgware dies
32. The ABC murders 33. The Hollow 34. Taken at the flood 35. Hickory dickory dock 36. Forged will
37. Nemesis 38. Yellow Iris 39. Time of death 40. A murder is announced.

Cookery Quiz (some anagrams)

| Questions | Answers |
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| 1. Foyle's war's Michael | |
| 2. Don't pierce the cooking instructions | |
| 3. Do you have a phobia using this device? | |
| 4. Traditional way to cook a joint | |
| 5. Elizabeth, Hannah or Stephen | |
| 6. Would you find one in a coven? | |
| 7. A sane cup | |
| 8. Do you cook mixed meats this way? | |
| 9. Cooking method found in salsa utensil | |
| 10. Making liquid is easy from fruit | |
| 11. Heat water in a pan or kettle | |
| 12. Sounds like pub counter, pollinator and wait in line | |
| 13. How Robert prepares vegetables | |
| 14. Socialise while making cake | |
| 15. A great way to prepare cheese | |
| 16. Found in food inner part yesterday | |
| 17. Impertinence | |
| 18. Old or egg | |
| 19. Made rain | |
| 20. Would using this show his kudos? | |
| 21. A mini bear | |
| 22. Go crazy with a spoon | |
| 23. Light and fluffy egg dish often with cheese | |
| 24. Don't let the game keeper catch you at it | |
| 25. Use an axe on cut of pork or lamb | |
| 26. Paul sat waiting to scrape the bowl | |
| 27. Posh cake from the Black Forest maybe | |
| 28. Police will ask suspect lots of questions | |
| 29. Brown liquid eaten on a train? | |
| 30. Skint ace | |
| 31. Clamber uphill to cook eggs | |
| 32. Avow crime | |
| 33. Would Brian Capron wear one of these? | |
| 34. Does this process free zest from food? | |
| 35. Volvo gene | |
| 36. Pour liquid over cooking beast | |
| 37. Kebab prong | |
| 38. Found in epic odd legs | |
| 39. Found in frying riddle | |
| 40. Meal with a tang in elegant dish from Morocco | |
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Prayer Requests



The Pastoral Team

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

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

Members of PCC

Alicia Dring
Emma Mallord
Jason Kennedy
Jim Britland
Chris Jones
Lesley Edwards
Jeni Baines
Margit Staehr
Julie Scott

Helene Roe
Robin Wood
Charlie Elston
John Bird
Heather Newstead
Ann Vincent
Peter Vincent
Bernie Burton
(co-opted)

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 3pm 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: Jenny Cooper

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: Lesley Edwards

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 – 2pm

Church Hall, Normanton Lane. Guests welcome, help needed.

WEDNESDAY

10.30am MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

KNIT & NATTER 2.15pm-4.15pm – in Church Hall

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

10am RE-CREATE – first and third weeks of the month
a safe space to explore faith and creativity - all welcome.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Contributions towards the Church flowers at weekends or offers to arrange flowers are always welcome.

Contact the church office on 767802.

NO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 turn up on a Sunday. Especially with the new Mission Plan. How are you serving 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 or Jason about what might be possible.

Special Occasions

Baptism or Thanksgiving

Please see our special booklet on the website or contact the church office 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.

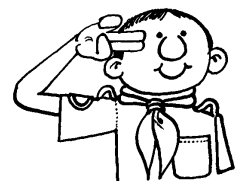
UNIFORMED GROUPS

BEAVERS - for children

aged 6-8

Tuesday 5.45-6.45pm,
Scout HQ

on Brayfield Road Contact:
Becky 07912 658909



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: Tom 07525 759602

3rd LITTLEOVER BROWNIES – children aged 8-10

Friday 5.45-7.15pm, Scout HQ on Brayfield Road
Contact: Heather Collins 01773 820119

Notice Board – January 2024

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|----|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | Monday | | | |
| 2 | Tuesday | | | |
| 3 | Wednesday | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Church |
| 4 | Thursday | 7.30pm | Worship Group | Church |
| 5 | Friday | 10.00am | ReCreate | St Peter's Hub |
| 6 | Saturday | | | |
| 7 | Sunday | First Sunday after Epiphany | | |
| | | 10.00am | All Age Worship | Church & Zoom |
| | | 6.30pm | Evening Service | Church |
| 8 | Monday | 9.30am | Crossed Keys café | St Peter's Hub |
| | | 1.00pm | Clergy Staff meeting | Vicarage |
| | | 1.30pm | Tiddlywinks Stay & Play | St Peter's Hub |
| 9 | Tuesday | 7.30pm | Standing Committee | Vicarage |
| 10 | Wednesday | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Church |
| | | 12.45pm | St Andrews Homegroup | St Andrew's Hub |
| | | 2.15pm | Knit & Natter | St Peter's Hub |
| | | 2.45pm | Youth Hot Chocolate & Toast | St Andrews Hub |
| 11 | Thursday | 7.30pm | Worship Group | Church |
| | | 7.30pm | Thirsty Thursday | White Swan |
| 12 | Friday | | | |
| 13 | Saturday | | | |
| 14 | Sunday | Second Sunday after Epiphany | | |
| | | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Church & Zoom |
| | | 3.00pm | Rachael's Licensing Service – watch online | Walter Evans School |
| | | 5.00pm | Messy Youth | St Peter's Hub |
| 15 | Monday | 9.30am | Crossed Keys café | St Peter's Hub |
| | | 1.30pm | Tiddlywinks Stay & Play | St Peter's Hub |
| 16 | Tuesday | 9.00am | St Peter's School Service | Church |
| | | 12.00pm | Lunch Club | St Peter's Hub |
| 17 | Wednesday | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Church |
| | | 2.15pm | Knit & Natter | St Peter's Hub |
| 18 | Thursday | 7.30pm | Worship Group | Church |
| 19 | Friday | | | |
| 20 | Saturday | | | |
| 21 | Sunday | Third Sunday of Epiphany | | |
| | | 10.00am | Morning Worship – Mission Service | Church & Zoom |
| | | 6.00pm | Parish Prayers | Zoom |
| 22 | Monday | 9.30am | Crossed Keys café | St Peter's Hub |
| | | 1.30pm | Tiddlywinks Stay & Play | St Peter's Hub |
| 23 | Tuesday | 12.00pm | Lunch Club | St Peter's Hub |
| | | 7.30pm | PCC | St Peter's Hub |
| 24 | Wednesday | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Church |
| | | 12.45pm | St Andrews Homegroup | St Andrew's Hub |
| | | 2.15pm | Knit & Natter | St Peter's Hub |
| | | 2.45pm | Youth Hot Chocolate & Toast | St Andrews Hub |
| 25 | Thursday | 7.30pm | Worship Group | Church |
| 26 | Friday | | | |
| 27 | Saturday | 10.00am | St Andrews Give Away Day | St Andrews |
| 28 | Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Epiphany | | |
| | | 10.00am | Morning Worship | Church & Zoom |
| | | 3.00pm | Lent Messy Church | St Peter's Hub |
| 29 | Monday | 9.30am | Crossed Keys café | St Peter's Hub |
| | | 1.30pm | Tiddlywinks Stay & Play | St Peter's Hub |
| 30 | Tuesday | 12.00pm | Lunch Club | St Peter's Hub |
| 31 | Wednesday | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Church |
| | | 2.15pm | Knit & Natter | St Peter's Hub |