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Keyhole Magazine

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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 all,

I have become the best cheating gardener I know ... there's still the getting mucky cleaning out the old pots, filling up with new compost, clearing weeds and then stuffing in the new plants. No, it's the relentless task of watering that I've always been rubbish at.

But now, I am a HUGE cheat. We have two automatic watering systems, that drip feed water six times a day to our baskets, pots and vegetable patch. A small battery powered computer is attached to the outside tap and with a network of thin pipes, gently drips water to all the plants throughout the day.

Who knew how amazing plants could be if only they had enough water?! It's miraculous. Many of you will be 'proper' gardeners going out early in the morning to drench the hanging basket, and returning in the cool of the evening to top up. But I forget, or I'm too tired – and to be honest, my husband Steve is really the proper gardener.

Hopefully the new baskets at the front will give us a colourful display to compliment our new windows that the Diocese kindly had installed in May. What with the windows AND a new bathroom, it looks like we will be staying a bit longer so we can enjoy it!

So, it led me to thinking. How do we water our own souls and spirits so that we can also flourish like the plants in the garden?

Some do this by carefully guarding their time and doing things that bring them a peace of soul – gardening, exercising, being with friends, even praying. Time spent doing things you love is proven to help with your wellbeing – of body and of soul.

As Christians, God asks that we spend time with him – not necessarily in formal prayer but in companionable conversation, listening and sharing. He wants us to share with Him the things on our hearts that bring us joy as well as giving him the burdens that weigh us down. Prayer can lower your blood pressure and bring you a peace of spirit: "Peace that the world cannot give", said Jesus.

So how do you care for yourself? Particularly those of you who are always busy caring for other people? Maybe you can combine self care with time with God? And maybe this summer will bring us plenty of opportunity to relax outside in our own green spaces.

As the saying goes: "You are nearer God's heart in the garden, than anywhere else on the earth."

With blessings,

Alicia

From the April / May 2024 Registers

Funerals	29 Apr 16 May	Marion Booth Stella Crofts
Ashes Burial	30 Apr	Colin Cooper
Weddings	25 May	Jack Yeomans & Leigha Wood

Tiddlywinks

stay
and
play



1.30pm – 2.45pm

Mondays in term time

St Peter's Hub

Toys, songs, games,
crafts and refreshments.

Open Garden and Cream Teas Success!



For once the team had a day of glorious sunshine for this annual event on Normanton Lane and there were plenty of guests enjoying tea, cake and cream scones.

The auction was lively and good humoured and more than £1,000 was raised to support the work of Jigsaw Kids Ministries in Manila, Philippines.

The Crossed Keys Café

St Peter's Hub

MONDAYS

9.30am – 12.30pm



**Everyone
welcome**

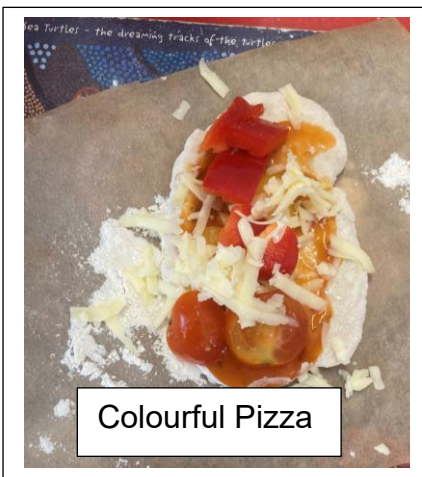


When it was Mrs Wilson's turn to do the flower arrangements, she always kept the vicar's hay fever in mind

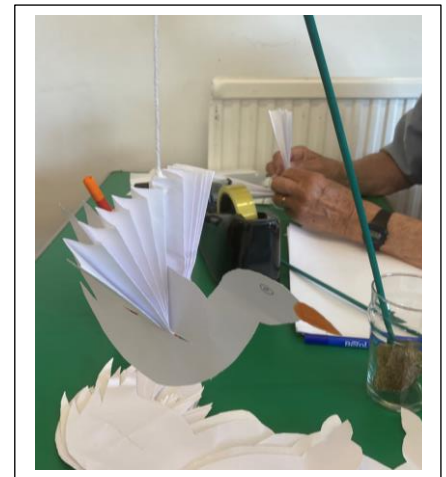
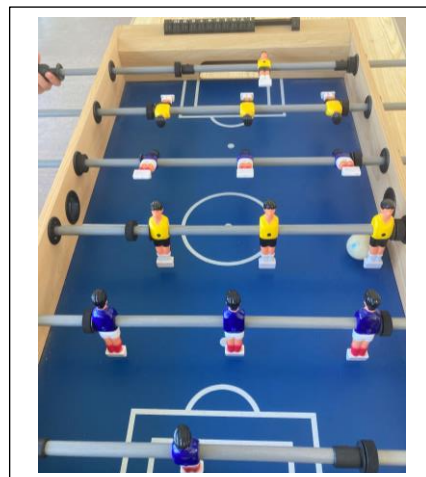
Messy Pentecost Celebrations

Pentecost is a festival that takes place fifty days after Easter and Passover. Originally it was a Jewish festival that celebrated the first fruits of the harvest – a really important event for the once nomadic people. Harvest meant settled community and planted crops. Jerusalem was full of pilgrims from all over the mediterranean for Passover and the death of Jesus, and so then was Pentecost (five/fifty) and the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

Reading Acts 2 it talks about the sound of a rushing wind, flames on the heads of people (that didn't burn) and people who spoke many different languages hearing the Good News of Jesus from the disciples in a tongue they could understand – all by the miraculous power of the spirit, who enabled them to 'speak in tongues'.



Colourful Pizza



This was celebrated with the children and their families at Messy Pentecost on Sunday 19 May. Despite the temptation of the sunny weather, there were plenty of guests enjoying the many activities – colourful pizza, flame sticks (together with spectacular fan), flying doves, flame headbands and a huge painting which is now hanging by the worship group in church. The other youth were in the top hall playing games like snooker, table football, frustration, ping pong and dominoes. The afternoon ended with the story and plenty of food to enjoy – including the pizzas!

THIRSTY THURSDAY



at The White Swan
Littleover

Thu 13 June 7.30pm

Call Steve for more info
07790 431090

CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP



Sat 15 June 2024

9.30am–noon

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 vergers for information.



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Thy Kingdom Come 2024 9 – 19 May



'And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.' Ephesians 6:18

Jenny Cooper writes: 'This eleven day season of prayer culminated with the Day of Pentecost on 19 May, with a gathering at the Reach Centre in the evening. There were many people from churches across the city of Derby meeting to worship God together and prayer for the city and the nation and we had Acts 2:1-6 read in three different languages.

I hope people from St Peter's were able to join in with this through the Prayer journal booklet with its beautiful prayer paintings and the on-line videos related to the daily readings and their introductions to different approaches to prayer. If you missed any I am sure they will be available on Youtube. The Pentecost Sunday talk by Jackie Pullinger was particularly memorable [health warning you may be shaken and stirred].

The StAnd home group took up the idea of having a prayer vigil on Ascension Day with members taking on a one hour slot between 9am and 3pm to pray. Some of the MAP1 Prayer Group organised Prayer Walking round Blagreaves on Wednesday 15 May and Prayer Stations on Friday 17 May at St Andrew's Hub but the attendance at both was sadly very low. Is that a reflection of the corporate prayer life of the Parish, maybe you'd like to join us next time?' Please contact Jenny if you would like to offer to pray for the parish.



Derby Christian Women's Network

An opportunity to meet for worship and prayer with women from churches across the city.

Saturday June 15th 10.00am-1.30pm

At Ozzy Road Baptist Church Charnwood Street
Derby DE1 2GU

Dates for your diary

Sun 23 June 3pm

Messy Summer

St Peter's Hub

Sat 29 June 4pm

Emma's Priesting

at Derby Cathedral
everyone welcome

Sun 30 10am

**Emma's First Celebration
of Holy Communion**

followed by Bring & Share
Celebration Lunch

Sat 6 July

Findern Village Fete

From 12 noon

Sat 13 July

St Peter's Street Fair

12noon to 3pm

Sun 22 September 3pm

Messy Harvest

St Peter's Hub

Sat 30 Nov

Findern Christmas Fair

Findern Village Hall 10am – 1pm

Sun 1 December 3pm

Messy Advent

St Peter's Hub

Outward Facing Prayer Group

We pray every week on a Friday from 2pm to 3pm, to purposefully pray for the area of Blagreaves, to be attentive to God's voice and guidance. And we were mindful not only of 'being present' like the women at the cross but also the 'Gethsemane Challenge' when Jesus asks his disciples to keep watch and pray; only to find them asleep on the job 'Could you not watch with me one hour?' We then meet together once a month, to reflect together on our prayers of the month and then to pray together for the area.

We divided the area of Blagreaves, which remains in the new parish of Littleover and Blagreaves into six areas and members of the group undertook to pray for and prayer walk their roads, virtually with a paper map or google maps or on feet, as regularly as they could. We also pray for others from the church family who live on the roads we pray for. We are trying to be observant and seeking insight about the area to inform our prayer.

For some our prayer is 'Your Kingdom come Your will be done', others use a booklet called 'Keep Blessing your community' which has scripture verses, proclamations, declarations prayers and blessings to give us words to pray. As we walk and pray we believe we are taking the indwelling light of Christ onto the roads and that the seed of the gospel sown in the area in the past decades will be watered by the Holy Spirit through our prayer, and begin to grow. We then share our prayerful reflections with the Outward Facing team as they talk and plan.

You are welcome to join us. Our monthly meeting is the 2nd Friday of the month at St Andrew's Hub 2pm – 3pm.

Outward Facing Team Update

'Society has evolved, cultures have diversified, and our global challenges have become increasingly complex. In response to these changes, the church must maintain an outward focus, actively engaging with the world outside its doors. This outward focus entails reaching out to communities beyond their congregation, engaging in social justice issues and adapting to societal changes in a biblically faithful and culturally relevant way.

An outward focus allows the church to practice the teachings of Jesus more holistically. Jesus's ministry was not one of seclusion but of engagement. He dined with tax collectors, spoke to the Samaritan woman, and healed the sick, embodying an outward-facing, compassionate approach. When the church mirrors this approach, it truly lives out the Gospel.'

Keys Vineyard Church

Doreen Bird writes: "As I prepared this article, I came across many other articles about being outward facing as a church. So here in Littleover, Derby we are no exception as we grapple with its meaning and it's working out. Indeed, all churches must not exist in a bubble as this will leave them cut off from the world they are commissioned to serve.

Being outward facing is the responsibility of everyone, but it so happens that we have the Outward Facing Team to add focus, impetus, and support. So, what is our team here at St Peter's doing to meet the challenge?

- We have launched the Welcome Bag scheme as an offering for new neighbours. More 'For Sale' boards are going up now Spring is here, so we are ready!
- In May, the MAP Steering Group explored, with Rev Jason Kennedy, what we mean by Outward Facing and how the church can increasingly demonstrate ways of connecting with our community. And so we are starting to identify how we can share this with others across the church
- Many of our ideas and planned actions mean that we will be working together and involving other MAP teams and those with expertise and experience to share within our church family
- The Street Fair Day on 13 July is a huge undertaking but a wonderful example of being where the people are. For example, the actual church building becomes an impromptu café, a venue for Messy Church and a host for 'Spirited Art' pictures from the pupils of St Peter's Junior School
- We are beginning to think about Harvest Festival celebrations with maybe, a lunch and charity auction, not just for ourselves but to which we invite all St Peter's Hub and St Andrew's Hub users, no matter what activity they attend
- Many of our thoughts are about making a more attractive outdoor space around the church, working of course with the Creation Care Team, but seeing the need to enhance the thoughtful and spiritual nature of the outdoor space for everyone – congregation, visitors to the graves and the many pathway users.

Let us know if you have any other ideas.





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 7 & 21 June

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

9.50am to 11.30am

St Peter's Hub, Large Hall

Donations to cover any materials used

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The Tapestry of Life

Word given to Irene Hargreaves

"From the moment you were born, I have been weaving a tapestry of the life I intended for you.

The colours of the threads are varied, most are bright, some are pale, and others are dark. I weave them into the cloth with much love and care. Some look insignificant and some look bold and strong.

I am working on your tapestry every moment of every day and I never let go of it. I am constantly adding new threads and sometimes even taking some away, but I always replace them with others that will bring together the completed work.

I realise that you are sometimes curious and you want to know exactly what I am doing and why it is taking so long. But you must be patient and trust me, for I am a God who knows exactly what to do and how to do it. I know the beginning and the end of all things and I hold all things together.

As I am weaving your tapestry of life, you may be looking at the side that has all the loose threads, which looks messy and without form, but I always bring to completion what I have begun. And when you turn it over and see the end result, you will then understand and realise that the dark threads that have been woven in are just as important as the bright and paler ones.

So, as you journey through life and experience those dark threads being woven in from time to time, remember to trust me to use them to eventually bring all things together for good.

In completion, the picture is perfect – a vision of joy and peace, woven together in love."

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

8-16 JUNE

What is The Great Big Green Week?

This year's Great Big Green Week will take place 8 – 16 June. It is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Every year, people come together to unleash a wave of support for action to protect the planet. Tens of thousands of people in every corner of the country celebrate the heartfelt, everyday actions being taken to stand up for nature and fight climate change.



Littleover Great Big Green Week will be a community-wide celebration of everything people in our area are doing to improve our local environment and tackle climate change, alongside events focusing on enjoying our natural world within Littleover & Blagreaves or engaging in sustainable hobbies.

We are seeing the impacts of extreme weather events caused by climate change on the people and places we love both here in the UK and abroad. The time is now to do everything we can to protect them. Climate change is the fight of our lifetime.



Your involvement will put the 'great' in Littleover's Great Big Green Week



By taking part in the Great Big Green Week, you will be joining hundreds of thousands of individuals, businesses, community groups and organisations in an explosion of activity celebrating the heartfelt, brave, everyday swaps being taken to stand up for nature and protect our climate. In Littleover & Blagreaves we also want to inspire you to undertake a variety of activities that allow you to enjoy our beautiful green spaces.

We already have many events confirmed for the week, but we have room for many more. Keep reading to see the amazing plans withing Littleover & Blagreaves so far



For latest information or to find out more:

www.linktr.ee/LittleoverGoesGreen

Littleover Goes Green is a voluntary organisation with no political affiliation

LITTLEOVER'S

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

8 - 16 JUNE 24

Events confirmed so far

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

- 8am - 9am - **Yoga in the Park** - Family Friendly Standing Yoga at Clemson's Park by Liam Firth Yoga
- 10am - 12pm - **Tree Identification Walk** at Clemson's Park by Friends of Littleover Parks
- 10.30am - 12pm - **Sunnydale Park Litter Pick** by GoodGym Derby - Booking Required
- 1pm - 3pm - **Knit 'n' Natter at Hannah Fields** - Booking Required
- 1.30pm - 4pm - **Intro to Bowling** at Rosehill Bowls Club

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

- 2pm - 4pm **Introduction to Geocaching** - a great way of exploring our parks in a different way. Starting at St Andrew's Hub
- 4pm - 5pm - **Outdoor Church** - connect with God whilst surrounded by nature in Clemson's Park, led by The Source



MONDAY 10 JUNE

- 6pm - 8pm - **Intro to Bowling** at Rosehill Bowls Club

TUESDAY 11 JUNE

- 6.30pm - 8pm - **Group Run** - for all abilities starting at King George V Car Park by GoodGym Derby

Details subject to change. Final dates, times and further details can be found at www.bit.ly/LittleoverGBGW or @LittleoverGoesGreen social media pages

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WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

- 10am - 1pm - **Knit & Natter** - Learn to knit or bring your own project at Kathleen Rose Tea Rooms
- 2.15pm - 4pm - **Knit & Natter** - Learn to knit, crochet or bring your own project at St Peter's Hub
- 4pm - 5pm - **Artist Reception** - a display of the poster competition entries and awards hosted by St Peter's Church

THURSDAY 13 JUNE

- 10am - 11.30am **Wellbeing & Wildlife Group** at Hannah Fields
Booking Required
- 6.45pm - 9pm **Introduction to Orienteering / MapRun** - starting at King George V Car Park by Derwent Valley Orienteers



FRIDAY 14 JUNE

- **Walking Tennis** - Littleover Valley Tennis Club

SATURDAY 15 JUNE



- 7am - **Dawn Chorus Walk** - Clemson's Park by Derbyshire Ornithological Society
- 10am - 12pm - **Clothes Swishing Event** at St Peter's Church
- 1pm - 4pm - **Seeds and Habitats Event** at Hannah Fields
- 1pm - 3pm - **Knit 'n' Natter** at Hannah Fields - Booking Required
- **Moth Trapping event** by Derbyshire Moths

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

- 10am - 11am - **Litter Pick** at King George V Park by Carlisle Against Crime
- 10am - 4pm - **Dad's Intro to Bowling** - Derby Co-Op Bowls Club - all welcome

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Competitions to take part in:

CREATE A WINDOW DISPLAY

For Residential and Commercial Windows
within Littleover & Blagreaves
Decorate your window for the Great Big Green Week.
Judging and photos will take place during Monday 10
June. Register your window or display at
www.linktr.ee/LittleoverGoesGreen



POSTER COMPETITION



Design a poster with the title
“Looking after our World”
Age Categories: Under 7's / 7-11's / Over 11's
Artist Exhibition & Reception for all submissions on
Wednesday 12 June at St Peter's Church
Closing Date - Sunday 9 June. Details on how to submit entries at
www.linktr.ee/LittleoverGoesGreen

HUNT THE PLANT



Explore the wonderful planters around Littleover to search for
pictures and names of plants.
Entry forms can be picked up from the Co-op, and will be
available from Saturday June 8th until Saturday 15th June, the
closing date for posting your completed entries, (in the post box
in the Co-op), will be Sunday 16th June when the Co-op closes.
Organised by Littleover in Bloom

Many thanks to those groups and organisations who have already confirmed their plans to be involved - there's still time to add an event

St Peter's Church - Littleover & Blagreaves, Richard Petrie Opticians, The Source UK, Hannah Fields Community Garden, Derbyshire Ornithological Society, Friends of Littleover Parks, Derbyshire Moth Group, GoodGym Derby, Littleover Valley Tennis Club, Derwent Valley Orienteers, Carlisle Against Crime, Ivy House School, Kathleen Rose Tea Rooms, Littleover In Bloom, Rosehill Bowls Club, Derby Co-Op Bowls Club, Creation Care, South Derbyshire Geocachers, Liam Firth Yoga

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WHAT IS SWISHING

At a swishing event, a group of people get together to swap clean wearable clothing, shoes, bags, accessories or jewellery.

We will be holding one for the first time at St Peter's Church on Saturday 15 June. The event is part of the wider Great Big Green Week.

This year's theme is "Let's Swap Together for Good".

How It Works

In advance, we'd like everyone interested to blitz their wardrobes and decide what they would like to exchange. Anything you chose to bring must be in good, clean and wearable condition. Maybe something that doesn't fit any longer, or something you've fallen out of love with. Dare I say it, something you may never have worn! It's not intended as a way of purging your wardrobe of tired or sad clothes you don't wear anymore. Its like Vinted, but without money being involved.

On the morning, bring items along from 9:30am, but you must arrive before 10.30am. Items will be laid out by helpers. Each item you bring will be exchanged for a token. When everything is laid out and the swishing begins at 11am, you can select one item for each token. Our aim is to find new homes for everything that's brought along.

The Rules

- Anything left over will be donated to a local charity shop
- Everybody must bring at least one item (no underwear or swimwear)
- No money will be exchanged – all 'swishable' clothes are free to whoever claims them first in exchange for one of their tokens
- When it opens whatever people take is theirs
- If two people are fighting over the same garment, the decision will be made on a coin toss
- No-one can claim items as their own before the swish is declared open.

Disclaimer

Persons taking part in this event do so at their own risk. St Peter's Church and Littleover Goes Green accepts no responsibility for items swapped and gives no warranty as to the condition, suitability or provenance of any item swapped. Please take all reasonable measures to check the condition, suitability and provenance of any item swapped for your own protection. St Peter's Church and Littleover Goes Green accepts no liability for any claim or loss resulting from any transaction taking place at this event.



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**THE GREAT
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WEEK** 

SWISHING EVENT

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

10AM - 12PM

ST PETER'S CHURCH, LITTLEOVER

FREE ENTRY

Root through your wardrobe for any good quality, undamaged, clean and wearable, clothes, bags or jewellery you no longer love or wear, and bring them along to swap for new (to you) items.

Bring as many or as few items as you wish.

Arrive by 10.30am with your items to swap & grab yourself some refreshments. There will be a quick talk as to how the swishing will work before the swishing fun begins at 11am. More information available at www.facebook.com/LittleoverGoesGreen



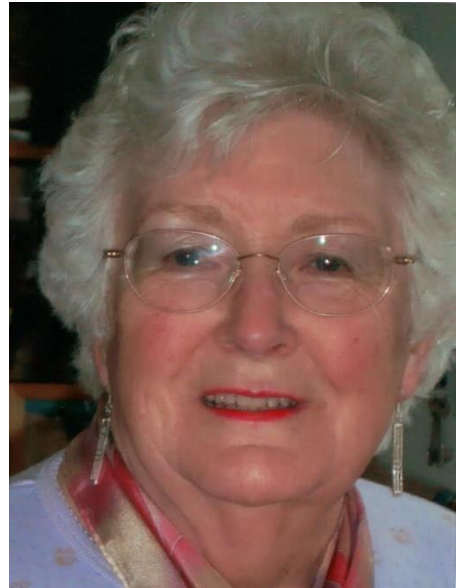
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St Peter's
Church

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Stella Crofts

Stella Crofts was born in 1935 in Coventry, daughter to Mabel and Harry Hethcote and soon to be big sister to Beryl. The family moved to Derby in 1938 with Harry's job at Royce's and the family lived in Shelton Lock and she went to school in Allenton, passing her 13+ and going to Joseph Wright Art College, leaving at 16. She would be creative throughout her life and clearly good foundations were laid when she was young.

Stella became a Librarian and worked with the County Library service for many years, at one point running Borrowash Library. She returned to work as the kids got older, working as a Dinner Lady at Littleover School and then later to Mickleover Library on Station Road, retiring in 1997 before the new library was built. She met Barrie Crofts at Nunsfield House on Bolton Lane at a Youth Club dance – he was 18 and she was 21. They courted for three years and were married in 1960 at St Edmunds in Shelton Lock. Their first home was her parent's house on Woodthorne Avenue in Shelton Lock, as they had moved to Duffield. Ian was born in 1963 and Allison in 66 and they all moved to a brand new house in Littleover in 1968 and that remained your home for the rest of your life together.



Daughter Allison recalled Stella taking her to school summer holiday craft clubs and later when she was a student mum would drive me to the Peak District every day for six weeks even helping to carry the fieldwork equipment needed for her dissertation. There were driving lessons and accompanying bad language as she mastered hill starts. She said: "Later on, after I left home, Mum always bought treats for my dogs and she gave them lots of love and fuss, they all loved her to bits and looked forwards to visits to Moorway Croft. And over the years her green fingers brought endless plants to our homes – the house was always full of greenery, houseplants and cuttings crammed onto the window sills. In the summer I would always come back home after visiting the folks with some tomatoes from the greenhouse."

Son Ian said: "My memories are of our long drive down to Devon in the school holidays to visit my grandparents when they retired there in the early seventies, and more recently group family holidays in the late nineties and early 2000's." And when Ian became Dad to Georgia and Kayleigh, Stella just loved being Grandma.

Stella and Barrie did so much together in clubs over the years: Derby Nomads; The Archaeological Society; Geology classes with the WEA and going on field trips, including to the Orkneys; the Railway and Canal Historical Society; Derbyshire Wildlife Trust; Compass; National Trust and English Heritage; Brailsford Folk Dance club – where she was secretary for 10 years AND Quarndon Folk Dance Club and Belper Travel Society. They were even among the first passengers to leave St Pancras on the Eurostar over to Brussels.

Stella was a member of St Peter's for many years, including a local home group and she was also part of the lunch club team and regularly made the puddings. She was friendly, kind hearted, full of empathy and always listening to others. She was also creative – painting pictures and fashioning some amazing flower arrangements. She wasn't the loudest person in the room and didn't talk about herself that much, but she was friendly and sociable.

Back in 2019 her sister Beryl died and Barrie had heart surgery and Stella struggled with memory loss and she was eventually diagnosed with dementia. Stella had a couple of spells in hospital and towards the end of her life she stopped eating. She died peacefully at home on the 22 April aged 89.

Littleover Village

Littleover In Bloom

Having been told we can only include one pub in our Best Business Premises, in Littleover in Bloom, Angela, of Hannah Fields has very kindly agreed to be another nominee. Angela creates so many opportunities for various people in the community, also running a coffee shop and producing fresh veg boxes.



Judging day is Tuesday 9 July, when we might have to negotiate a few dustbin collections unfortunately, hopefully the judges will be able to look beyond this!

Our contribution to Littleover Goes Green Week will be in the form of a hunt the plant competition, the entry forms can be picked up from the Co-op, and will be available from 8-15 June. The closing date for posting your completed entries, (in the post box in the Co-op), will be Sunday 16 June. The competition will be suitable for children, there will be pictures and names of the plants in our planters around the village, and you need to find where they are planted, (PS: Mums and Dads can help), there will be prizes for the correct answers.

Next meeting Monday 3 June 2024 1.30pm rear entrance Littleover Grange Hall, Park Lane. Or just get in touch: Jan 01332 348903 or jan.dante@virgin.net

Littleover Historical Society

As the weather changes, we look towards venturing outdoors. Following our Boundary project based on the Littleover Boundary of the late 1860's, this was a time when Littleover remained relatively stable for a long period of time. At that time, Littleover stretched down Burton Road, as far as and including Littleover Hill, towards the Toll House, which is still a prominent feature on the landscape today, and ended at the border of Normanton.



Following the path south, down Blagreaves to the hamlet of Stenson and travelling westward, Littleover then continued along the line of Mickleover Parish, including Huffin Heath and also some parts of Findern and what is now Uttoxeter Road. Prior to 1966, Littleover, Findern and Potlock, (a small area just beyond Findern), were Townships under the parish of Mickleover.

We are currently in the process of creating maps showing the earlier and later parish which will be placed on the wall in the Community Centre to make this clear to interested parties.

Next meeting Friday 14 June 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 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.

Emma to be ordained priest



Our curate Emma Mallord will be ordained priest at Derby Cathedral on Saturday 29 June at 4pm, an affirmation of her ministry as a deacon and the next step in her journey to serve God. Following this service Emma will be able to preside at Holy Communion, offer a prayer of blessing and lead at a wedding. Emma said: "I am looking forward to being able to serve the church in this way, and I'm excited to be fully released into all that God is calling me to do."

On the following day, Emma will preside at the table for the first time and in celebration of this we will have a bring and share lunch to follow the service. Keep an eye out nearer the time to add your name to the list for the lunch, and choose what you would like to bring along.

Street Fair is back – 13 July

Last year we held a joint event with St Peter's School, closing the lower part of Church Street, so that we could fill it with stalls and games. The fair is back this year, even bigger and hopefully better. We are applying to close the whole street – from the oak tree down to opposite The White Swan and there will be fewer stalls and games up in school and more things out on the street.

As well as offering and staffing stalls we also need people to help with the car parking (up in school and for blue badge holders, over in the Hub car park), as well as welcome stewards who will help visitors to navigate everything that is on offer.

How will you be able to help this year? Have a chat with Emma or Robin and see what you might be able to offer.



New Windows at the Vicarage

Littleover Vicarage has been blessed-ish to have retained many of the original windows for over 100 years, with the addition of aluminium secondary glazing in the 1980s. Sadly, many frames deteriorated over the years and had either been painted shut, or were just impossible to open without falling apart.

In May Diocesan contractors installed new windows throughout the vicarage and Steve and Alicia have had great joy in flinging open windows whenever possible! Checkout the new wall baskets under the study window – full of flowers from the Scout Club plant sale.



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 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.

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 Dave Hargreaves 2 Inglewood Ave,
Mickleover, Derby DE3 0RT

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Tearfund www.tearfund.org

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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.

Open Doors

More than 365 million Christians worldwide face persecution and discrimination for their faith – that's a staggering one in seven believers. Last year, 4,998 Christians were killed for their faith. Around 90 per cent of these were in Nigeria (just over 4,000), where Christian communities continue to be attacked with devastating impunity by armed bandits and Islamic militants. The country with the next highest number of deaths is the Democratic Republic of Congo, with 261. For 20 years, North Korea was number one on the Open Doors World Watch List of nations that actively persecute Christians. That was until 2022, when it dropped to number two behind Afghanistan. The following year, North Korea returned to the top, where it remains this year. The familiar pattern has been re-established. Meanwhile, sweeping violence against Christians in sub-Saharan Africa is being aided by economic instability, climate change and fractures in governance and security across the region. It's enabling militancy to flourish and, because of their faith, Christians are affected disproportionately.



Across the world, the noose is tightening around the church's neck as autocratic governments increase their control. Increasingly, Christians are deemed foes, not friends. This not only includes China and Iran, but countries like Nicaragua, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. And there has been an alarming rise in the church closure and violence – more than 15,000 churches or public Christian properties were attacked or closed in 2023 – that's seven times the number recorded in 2022. Two-thirds of these were in China (around 10,000), where intrusive surveillance and suffocating restrictions are forcing many Christians further underground.

Despite conflict and terrorism easing slightly in Iraq and Syria, Christians in both countries continue to face enormous challenges, including the threat of extremism and believers being unable to return to their homes. Last year's earthquakes in Syria brought yet more suffering.

To find out more explore the Open Doors website:

www.opendoors.org/persecution

Narendran and Kavita's story of miracles persecution and hope in India

"God did many miracles," shares Narendran*. Those four words are inspiring for anybody to hear – and certainly helped Narendran and his wife Kavita* in their ministry in an Indian village. It helped to have a bedrock of knowing how powerful and kind their God is, as this ministry would come at a great cost.



Miracles were how Narendran first came to know Jesus. "I belonged to a traditional Hindu family. Our family came to know about the Lord after experiencing miraculous deliverance from our problems and sicknesses," he says. "I committed my life to the Lord's ministry." These interventions continued when Narendran and Kavita moved to their village. Narendran shares one of many examples: "A cancer patient, whom doctors had given up hope for, received healing through our prayers. People began to believe in Jesus, and the church grew."

Word spread about this miraculous God, and before long there were 40 new believers attending the church. Almost everyone in the village was Hindu, but the church didn't face opposition or persecution for many years. Sadly, that slowly began to change.

Even while the church was growing and boldly testifying to God's goodness and the hope of the gospel, Narendran felt the Lord prepare him for difficult times ahead. "Even before things started happening, I was being guided in spirit to pray this prayer: 'Lord, please keep us safe from all troubles,'" he says. "I had questions in my mind, but I continued praying this prayer. I know now that this prayer was for a purpose."

Persecution began during a New Year's service. As the believers were gathered together, Narendran and Kavita noticed some young people entering the church grounds. "We thought they were some new people joining the meeting," Narendran explains. "However, after some time, they left the church hall." They didn't think anything about it until they went outside after the service. "We were shocked to see that the believers' shoes that were left outside the church hall were all cut to pieces with knives," remembers Narendran. "We could not understand what had happened."

They decided not to confront the people responsible, as they wanted to retain peaceful relations with the Hindu population of the village. But persecution only escalated, including an attempt to stop a Christian burial.

A few days later, Narendran and Kavita were gathered with a few other Christians for a night of prayer. Abuse was shouted and as they left to go home, they were violently intercepted. "They shouted abusive language at the believers and started to beat my husband," says Kavita. "All the gathered Christians fled to their homes."

Narendran relates what happened next. "They punched my eyes, tore my shirt and beat me severely," he says. "Then they started hitting my wife; she fell unconscious." The attackers fled the scene, leaving the couple with terrible injuries that still have an impact today. To read more of their story go to www.opendoors.org/news

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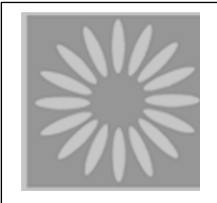
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The tale of the Salt and Light



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

A line drawing of Jesus with long hair and a beard, wearing a robe, standing and gesturing with his hands as if speaking to a group of people. One person is visible in the foreground, looking towards Jesus.

A line drawing of Jesus with a beard, wearing a robe, holding a large jar labeled 'SALT' in his right hand.

IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED PRESERVE FOOD....

A line drawing of several fish arranged in a row. A sack labeled 'SALT' is shown pouring salt onto the fish.

A line drawing of a large pot with a spoon inside. A sack labeled 'SALT' is pouring salt into the pot.

A line drawing of a large pile of salt. Two signs are stuck in the salt: one says 'ROCK SALT' and the other says 'SEA SALT'.

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS

A line drawing of a lit oil lamp with a flame and radiating lines indicating light.

A line drawing of a man with a large nose, wearing a robe, holding a bowl over a lit lamp. The lamp is on the ground, and the bowl is being placed over it.

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

A line drawing of a lit oil lamp on a decorative stand. The lamp has a flame and radiating lines indicating light.

A line drawing of a city with many buildings and a central tower, built on a hill. A path leads up the hill to the city.

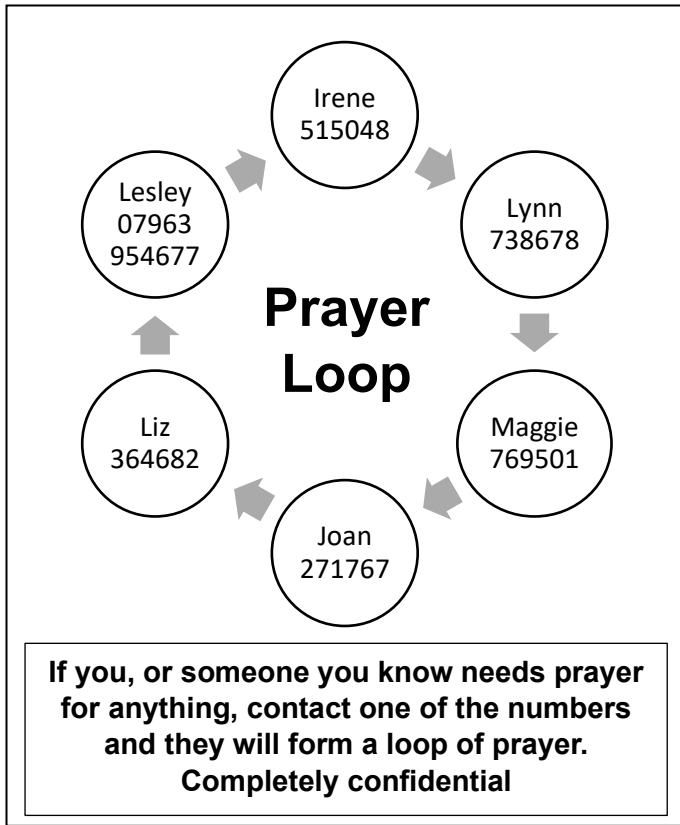
Answers to May's "Railway Stations" Quiz:

1. Waterloo
2. Birmingham New Street
3. Manchester Piccadilly
4. Bristol Temple Meads
5. Clapham junction
6. Ryde Esplanade
7. Charring Cross
8. Wimbledon
9. Glasgow Central
10. Crewe
11. Euston
12. Victoria
13. Sheffield
14. Edinburgh Waverley
15. St. Pancras
16. Liverpool Lime Street
17. Derby
18. King's Cross
19. York
20. Nottingham
21. Oxford
22. Paddington
23. Long Eaton
24. Alloa
25. Bath Spa
26. Reading
27. Exeter St. David's
28. Spondon
29. Didcot Parkway
30. Epsom
31. Whatstandwell
32. Newcastle
33. Woking
34. Winchester
35. Alton
36. Cambridge
37. Portsmouth
38. Hope
39. St. Erth
40. Chesterfield

Words containing "ICE" Quiz (some anagrams)

Questions	Answers
1. A lovely place in France	
2. One more time than once	
3. Alan ----- sang The Jarrow Song in 1974	
4. Three were blind	
5. Bake off follow up, extra -----	
6. Parasites found in human hair	
7. Nice bud (two words)	
8. In a moment	
9. Cubical game pieces	
10. She had adventures in Wonderland	
11. Musician Tim or TV star Aneka	
12. Pop group who sang Message in a bottle in 1979	
13. Song by Elton John in 1990	
14. Sporty, Posh, Ginger, Scary and Baby	
15. I caved at their opinion	
16. Exercise of authority in the courts	
17. Option	
18. Downfall of the Titanic	
19. Gadget	
20. Communion or evensong perhaps	
21. Shop selling frozen food	
22. Liquidised fruit	
23. Aperture or perforation	
24. Make merry	
25. Chink in rocks perhaps	
26. Wrongful intention	
27. Person training to be a nun maybe	
28. Observe the information board	
29. Stone for rubbing clean	
30. Song by Gladys Knight in 1989	
31. Greed	
32. Ricky Gervais sit com	
33. Longest day	
34. They sang Ice Ice Baby in 1990	
35. All sorts of varieties of this confectionary	
36. Position of fish?	
37. Day marked by poppies	
38. TV singing talent show	
39. Partner in crime	
40. One learning a trade	

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
 Chris Jones
 Helene Roe
 Lesley Edwards
 Margit Staehr
 Julie Scott

Charlie Elston
 John Bird
 Heather Newstead
 Ann Vincent
 Peter Vincent
 Ali Marsh-Davies
 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 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: 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

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

WEDNESDAY

10.30am MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION 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

9.45am RE-CREATE – 1st and 3rd weeks of the month

At St Peter's Hub

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, Jason or Emma.

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

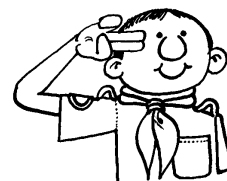
aged 6-8

Tuesday 5.45-6.45pm,

Scout HQ

on Brayfield Road Contact:

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 – June 2024

1	Saturday			
2	Sunday	First Sunday after Trinity		
		10.00am	All Age worship	Church & Zoom
		6.30pm	Evening Service	Church
3	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Clergy & Readers Prayer and Staff meeting	Vicarage
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
4	Tuesday	11.30am	Lunch Club & Service	St Peter's Hub
5	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
6	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
7	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
8	Saturday			
9	Sunday	Second Sunday after Trinity		
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
		5.00pm	Messy Youth	St Peter's Hub
10	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
11	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
12	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 Hot Chocolate & Toast	St Andrew's Hub
13	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
		7.30pm	Thirsty Thursday	The White Swan
14	Friday			
15	Saturday	9.30am	Churchyard Cleanup	Churchyard
		10.00am	Creation Care Meeting	Church
16	Sunday	Third Sunday after Trinity		
		10.00am	Morning Worship	Church & Zoom
		6.00pm	Parish Prayers	Zoom
17	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
18	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
19	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
20	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
21	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
22	Saturday	10.00am	St Andrew's Give Away Day	St Andrew's Hub
23	Sunday	Fourth Sunday after Trinity		
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
		3.00pm	Summer Messy Church	St Peter's Hub
24	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
25	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
		7.30pm	Standing Committee meeting	Church Meeting room
26	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 Hot Chocolate & Toast	St Andrew's Hub
27	Thursday	10.00am	Derby Moor Academy Visit	Church
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
28	Friday			
29	Saturday	4.00pm	Emma Mallord Priesting Service	Cathedral
30	Sunday	Fifth Sunday after Trinity		
		10.00am	Holy Communion with bring & share lunch	Church & Zoom