

Keyhole

May 2025

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Church in the community Matt 5:14-16, Acts 2:44-47, Phil 2:3-5

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

www.stpeterlittleover.org.uk

From the Vicarage

So, the horror and joy of Holy Week and Easter is over and we begin our countdown to Ascension Day (29 May) – 40 days AFTER Easter when we celebrate Christ leaving the apostles to return to His Father in heaven.

Over at St Peter's school I've been known to talk about this as 'Christmas Backwards'. At Christmas we celebrate Jesus coming DOWN to be with us (Emmanuel) and at Ascension to give thanks as he RETURNS to the Father. This time his followers see him go up toward heaven, hence the Ascension.

I suppose that is what has led to centuries of art and thinking that heaven is somehow up in the clouds. We raise our hands up when we worship, we see athletes give thanks to God by looking upward. The reality is we simply don't know where heaven is.

The Bible refers to the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven, but not the physical location. The voice of God in the Old Testament seems to come from the clouds and in the Ascension narratives Jesus does go up into the sky. But overall, the Bible doesn't say much about heaven itself. Former Bishop of Durham Tom Wright has written a great book called Surprised by Hope, where he challenges our view of heaven and how we live our Christian lives in the here and now, and not just as a heavenly insurance policy.

Whatever your view of heaven, the reality is we live in the joy of a resurrected Christ who has conquered death and sin, so that we can be reconciled to God in this life. So that we can know His mercy, grace, forgiveness and love NOW – and for that we can be forever thankful.

And when we live this way – demonstrating the power and presence of God in our lives – I think we get to share a foretaste of heaven. That we can know wholeness and restoration in this physical life and not just when we get to heaven.

The Salvation Army talks about life after death as 'being promoted to Glory' – what a great way of expressing the fulfilment of our relationship with God.

So while we may not know exactly what happens we do trust that our life with God after death is one of joy and worship and full restoration – where we are reconciled to God through Christ.

With blessings

Alicia

From the April 2025 Registers

Burial of Ashes

2 Apr

Robert Monk

5 Apr

Pat Childs

14 Apr

Christopher Roberts

Baptisms

6 Apr

Isabel Edwards

6 Apr

Thomas Edwards

Tiddlywinks



stay
and
play

1.30pm – 2.45pm

Mondays in term time

St Peter's Hub

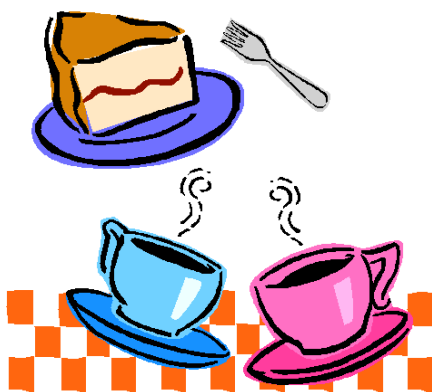
Toys, songs, games, crafts and
refreshments

The Crossed Keys Café

St Peter's Hub

Mondays

9.30am – 12.30pm



Everyone welcome

Everyday Faith App

"I have tried all kinds of ways to help me to spend time with God. From bible notes, study guides, simply reading the Bible, Christian books, suggestions from friends, and many more. What I have wanted is some scripture, a little challenge, and some focus for my time with God through prayer.

Much of what I have used had been helpful. However, I was looking for something a little different for Lent.



Everyday Faith

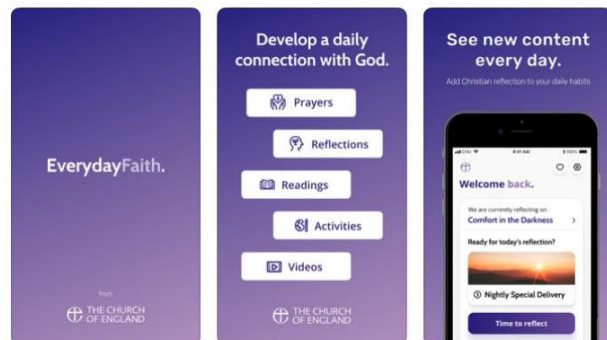
The Church of England

Open

★★★★★ 2K

Church of england

Reference



I came across a new App from the Church of England called Everyday Faith. To be honest, I didn't hold out much hope but it was free so I thought I would give it a go for a few days. But it has been such a blessing to me and I have looked forward to accessing it each day. You can simply read it if you wish, or listen and read along at the same time. There is a little music, a reasonable piece of scripture (with context about who wrote it), some reflection, a little challenge, and a very simple prayer. If you are listening it takes less than five minutes.

There is no log in required (so no annoying emails), and for those of you who are competitive it keeps a record of how many days you have accessed the app in a row.

My hope is that this is not just for Lent but it continues through the year. I'm so pleased to have found it - I am certain God had it in his plan all along. Have a listen and see if it suits you."

Merryl Faleiro

Good Friday and Easter Day

Good Friday All Age Worship & Walk of Witness

Our service at St Peter's was attended by friends from across the village and we worshipped and prayed together before setting off on our Walk of Witness via Littleover Baptist Church and then through the village.

Stopping to sing and pray at strategic points – with the walk led by the Cross – it was finally placed in the centre of the Littleover in Bloom Garden on the corner of Wade Street. We then joined hands and prayed over our community together on this most significant of days.

At the end of the walk, once again we returned to Littleover Baptist Church for refreshments and Hot Cross buns.



Easter Day Celebrations

Easter Day was a great opportunity to celebrate the resurrection of Christ together – some at the quieter 8am Holy Communion and then many more at the All Age Communion at 10am. The children helped with the short sermon – mounds of chocolate – and then when it came to communion helped Alicia to prepare the table, shared in the liturgy and with the distribution. As everyone left the Communion rail they were offered as share in the chocolate stash. Huge thank you to all who prepared the church and the services.



Thirsty Thursday



at The White Swan Littleover

14 May 7.30pm

catch up with the fellas

Call Steve for more info
07790 431090

CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP



Sat 17 May 9.30am – 12noon
Everyone Welcome

ACCESS IN CHURCH

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



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Mothering Sunday



Mothering Sunday at the end of March gave us plenty of daffodil posies, made by the gentlemen of the church the previous day – huge thank you for putting them together.

At the service itself, Jason talked about the variety of different families many people experience and how we are all part of the Family of God. And there was a craft activity with cake paper cases, a paper straw and some very sticky glue dots.

At the end of the service there was an opportunity to lay your flowers, or add a paper heart or flower to remember mothers, grandmothers and Godmothers who had died.



Thomas and Isabel Baptised



Our Hub Bookings Manager Mary Edwards brought Isabel and Thomas to baptism in April. Mary's sister Jane was Godmother and has recently returned from mission work in Mozambique. Isabel had great fun with a flag during the final song.



LITTLEOVER'S

**GREAT
BIG GREEN**

7-15 June 2025

WEEK

FUN DAY

SATURDAY 7 JUNE

Community Dog Walk for Good - 9am - 11am

STARTING KING GEORGE V CAR PARK

Recommended entry donation - 1 item for St Peter's Food Bank Collection

Free Community Picnic - 2pm - 5pm

KING GEORGE V & CLEMSON'S PARK

Recommended entry donation - 1 item for St Peter's Food Bank Collection

with additional activities Treasure Hunt, Football skills, Newmount Brass Band,
Yoga in the Park, Softball, Geocaching, Ice Cream and more...

Littleover Great Big Green Week – 7-15 June 2025

Join us in celebrating Littleover Great Big Green Week, a fantastic community event dedicated to caring for our environment and local green spaces. The week begins with this amazing Community Picnic & Fun Day, Throughout the week, enjoy nature walks, gardening, sustainability workshops, and eco-friendly activities.

To find out more or get involved,

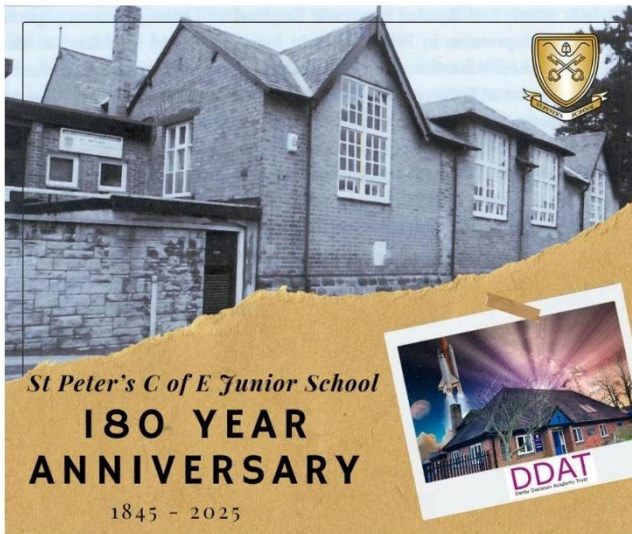
visit www.linktr.ee/GreenerLittleover or email hello@greenerlittleover.org.uk.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR LITTLEOVER & BLAGREAVES



St Peter's School 180th Anniversary

On Saturday 10 May 1pm to 4pm St Peter's Junior School will celebrate 180 years of the life of the school. There will be an opportunity to look round, see old photographs, other archive material and share memories with each other. Back in 1995 the school celebrated 150 years and former St Peter's church member, and St Peter's school teacher Sally Edworthy was part of the celebrations (see below).



Want to explore God's call on your life?

Exploring your vocation is not always about leading, preaching or ordination. It might be pastoral care, or administration or practical things – offered by St Nicholas Church in Allestree, this event on 8 May at 7.30pm can help you to explore.

What is your calling?



Book your free place at
tinyurl.com/whatsmycalling
or scan the QR code

8th May 7.30pm
St Nicholas Church
hall Allestree

An evening hearing from people following different God-given callings with space for Q+A - join us to explore what YOU might be called to!?

National Church News Update

Assisted Dying Bill fails to protect the vulnerable

The Bishop of London has warned of the 'serious risk' that people would opt for 'assisted dying' because they felt they were a burden. She said the risks of this happening would be multiplied by the pressures on the NHS and social care – if the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill comes into force in England and Wales.

In a recent submission to the [Terminally Ill Adults Bill Committee](#), Bishop Sarah Mullally, a former Chief Nursing Officer, says there are no measures in the proposed legislation nor are there safeguards that could prevent people opting for assisted suicide because they felt a burden, should the Bill come into force. Evidence from Oregon and Washington state in the US and Canada where 'assisted dying' is legal shows between 43 per cent and 59 per cent of the people who opted to die by assisted suicide reported feeling a burden, she says.



The danger of this happening in the UK would be exacerbated by the pressures on adult social care, in which people increasingly pay for care, she says, and the long-term challenges facing the NHS and palliative care. "The Church of England's opposition to the Terminally Ill Adults Bill is rooted in the impact the Bill would have on the most vulnerable members of society," she says. "This is a concern shared by people of many different faiths as well as people with no faith."

Taking action on climate change is the right thing to do



Acting to prevent global warming and biodiversity loss is the 'right thing to do' and a sign of Christian compassion for those who are suffering as a result of the climate crisis, the Church of England's lead bishop for the environment said recently.

Bishop Graham Usher, the Bishop of Norwich, has thanked parishes for their 'hard work and commitment' towards making churches Net Zero by 2030 and their support for churchyards to become havens for biodiversity. Both aims have been backed by the General Synod. He said the Net Zero programme is already building up a 'huge impetus', resulting in helping make many churches sustainable into the future.

Acting to tackle climate change is the 'right thing to do' he told the recent gathering at the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, attended by 120 Diocesan Environment and Net Zero officers as well as ecumenical representatives. "If we truly believe that we are brothers and sisters in Christ we should have a concern and a compassion for where biodiversity and climate change loss is impacting people's lives."

Thy Kingdom Come 29 May – 8 June

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come, and it is remarkable how this has become a global opportunity for Christians to join together and pray for our communities and wider world.

This year the theme is The Lord's Prayer, the very prayer our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, taught His disciples to pray. The 'Our Father' prayer transcends the ages - uniting people across different denominations, generations and nations and we believe now more than ever, we need to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' - over our homes, communities, nations and our world.



We will be sharing more about this year's plans, in line with this theme, over the coming weeks and months including brand new resources for all including children and young people.

Open Garden and Cream Teas 11 May



Once again Robin and Terry Wood are kindly holding a fundraising event for Jigsaw Kids Ministries in their garden at 78 Littleover Lane on Sunday 11 May from 2pm to 5pm. Tim Lee from Jigsaw will be at St Peter's the following Sunday to share more about the work of the charity with children and families in Manila in the Philippines.

The event in the garden will also include an auction at 3pm (including promises), a plant stall and a bottle stall tombola.

You can help by:

- **Offering a lot for the auction, including a promise of time or a skill you can give**
- **Plants from your own garden if you have any spare from your Spring tidy-up**
- **Bottles for the bottle stall – can include smellies, drinks, food – anything unused and in date**
- **Helping out on the day.**

Call Robin on 01332 602523 or email: rockinrobin123@hotmail.co.uk

Littleover in Bloom

May a rejuvenating month, when hopefully all the winter weather is left behind, and we look forward to a fresh look in the plant world, as blossom fills the air with the sweet promise of Summer.

Time to get on top of those weeds, which unfortunately are persistent in the village area. We do try and plant as many perennials as possible, to keep down our work, but each year to provide an interest, and according to our chosen theme, and colour for each year we purchase annuals from the scouts. Most of the Scouts in the area have a sale each year in May to help their funds, we purchase from the Methodist Scouts, the plants, are ready to be planted towards the end of the month.



As we garden we have a couple of helpers in the background: Dean who made our signpost last year and Peter our very willing artist, we are very grateful to both, preparing our props for this year's theme.

Our next meeting will be Monday 12 May 1.30pm. Anyone is welcome to join us. Littleover Grange Hall, rear entrance, Park Lane. Contact Jan on 01332 348903 or jan.dante@virgin.net

Littleover Village

Littleover Historical Society

Happy 180th Anniversary, St Peter's Church of England School. In May 1845 St Peter's School opened its doors for the first time, the pupils attending were approximately twelve boys and six girls, there was a fee of 2d. This achievement was mainly due to the vigorous campaigning of the Rev J G Howard the vicar of St Peter's Church at that time. A very concise historical record of this was researched and gathered together in 1995 by David Sheffield a former Headmaster.



Previous to this in Littleover, schooling was, at best, inconsistent. The former Baptist building on Park Lane was used as a temporary school room, led by the Baptists. It is recorded that Thomas Manifold set up a schoolroom in rented property but was unable to keep up the costs, also Benjamin Toft is recorded as setting up a temporary school room in his home. Both eventually became Teachers at the newly built St Peter's School.

Next meeting Friday 9 May 10am.

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



Hannah Fields Community Garden

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



Support Your Local Parks Join Friends of Littleover Parks!

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

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

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

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

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

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



ReCreate

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

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

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

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

**Maybe ReCreate could be
the place for you?**

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

Let's explore our God given creativity

Fri 2 May: Exploring 'waiting'

Fri 16 May & Fri 30 May

Bring your own project or use ReCreate resources and maybe share yours.
Donations welcome to cover materials.
Bring your own drink.

**9.50am to 11.30am
St Peter's Hub Large Hall**

For more information contact:

Carole

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Joy

joypomroy@yahoo.co.uk



Quiz Night

Gather your friends
(max 6 in a team or join a team on the night)
and come along to a fun and friendly quiz night
Non-alcoholic bar and snacks

SATURDAY, 17TH MAY 2025
£5 PER TEAM OR £1 A HEAD

START AT 7:30 PM | LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH DE23 6EP

Good Grief?
Textile exhibition

A display of banners using words and images stitched by Jacqui Parkinson as an outpouring of personal grief
Littleover Methodist Church DE23 6EP
6th - 16th May 2025
Opening hours:
Wednesday to Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm*
Tuesday and Thursday 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Other times by arrangement, contact below

During opening times hosts will be on hand.
* Cafe open 9:30am - 1:30pm and information on bereavement support available

Further information: events@lmclife.org.uk

Dying Matters
'Let's talk about it'

Family Fun Day

GAMES, ACTIVITIES, REFRESHMENTS, FUN

SATURDAY 3RD MAY 2025
2PM - 4PM AT
LITTLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH,
CONSTABLE DRIVE DE23 6EP

FREE ENTRY, REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE

Deep Sea Divers

RSVP holidayclub@lmclife.org.uk

Holiday Club
28th—30th May 2025
9:30—12 pm
£2 per child per day
£15 per family for 3 days if more than 3 children
School Years Reception to Year 6

At Littleover Methodist Church DE23 6EP

80 VE DAY

COMMEMORATION
CREAM TEA
THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025
2:30PM TO 4:00 PM
at Littleover Methodist Church,
Constable Dr, DE23 6EP

Refreshments, quiz, memorial activity

FREE TO ATTEND,

CELEBRATING CREATION

CHRISTIAN FAITH BASED EVENTS DURING GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

As Christians, we are called to care for God's creation, and Littleover's Great Big Green Week is a wonderful opportunity to live out that calling and celebrate creation!

Join us for Outdoor Church, where we'll worship in nature, celebrating the beauty of God's world. Come take part in the Prayer Walk through our wonderful green spaces, reflecting on how we can be good stewards of the earth while seeking God's guidance. Let's come together in faith and action, showing love for creation and our local community.

Throughout the week, there's a fantastic lineup of events — from tree identification sessions to a community picnic in the park.

Visit our website or social media for more details!

PRAYER WALK THROUGH THE PARKS

Saturday 7 June - 7am | King George V Car Park, DE23 3ES

Wednesday 11 June - 7pm | King George V Car Park, DE23 3ES

Come together in reflection and gratitude as we walk through the beautiful parks of Littleover and Blagreaves, embracing the wonders of creation and connecting with our creator. Dates will follow same route and pattern.

This peaceful walk will be a time to connect — with each other, with creation, and with God.

All are welcome! Whether you walk in quiet contemplation or in shared prayer, your presence matters as we honour the gift of creation together. Led by Mary Sayer.

OUTDOOR CHURCH AT PENTECOST

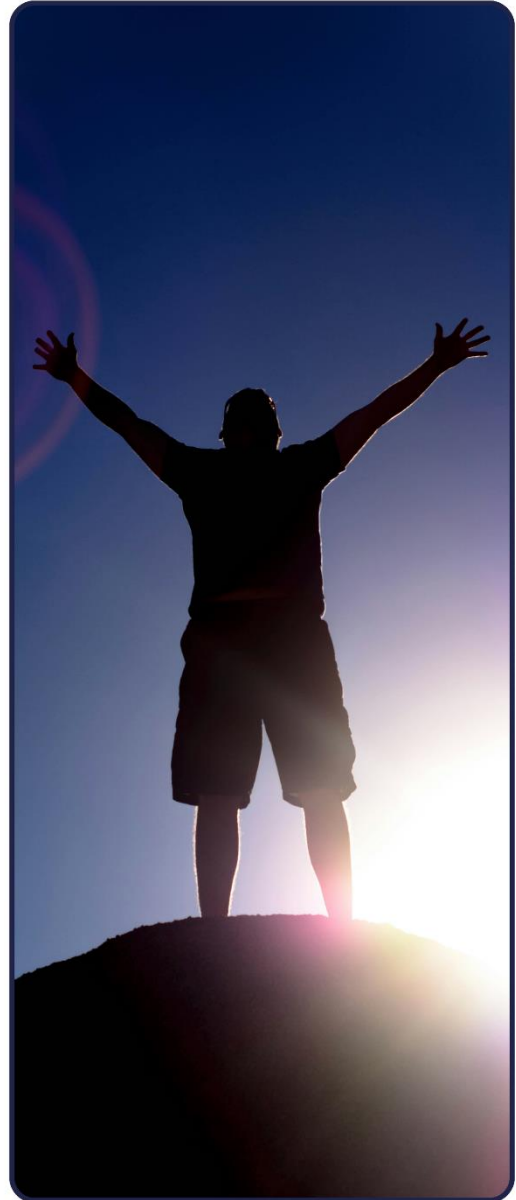
Sunday 8 June - 2pm | Hannah Fields Community Garden, DE23 6GP

Join us in the peaceful surroundings of Hannah Fields Community Garden for a special outdoor church service — a time of worship, reflection, and unity in God's creation on Pentecost Sunday.

This uplifting service brings together churches from Littleover, Blagreaves and surrounding areas, celebrating our shared faith and commitment to community and God's creation.

With contributions from Christians across the area, we'll worship, pray, and reflect on God's presence in nature.

Come as you are — all are welcome as we celebrate faith in the heart of creation.



**GREAT
BIG GREEN
7-15 June 2025 WEEK**

For more info or to get involved:



@GreenerLittleover

hello@GreenerLittleover.org.uk

www.linktr.ee/GreenerLittleover

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

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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.

UPDATE FROM TEARFUND

Mourning on Palm Sunday

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, released a statement earlier this week referencing one situation where this has been particularly true: the Anglican-run Ahli Hospital in Gaza which took significant damage in a strike last Sunday, 13 April, amidst the ongoing conflict in the region. The facility is one of the last functioning hospitals in an area where, beyond the usual needs of a hospital, many people are displaced, wounded and in desperate need of care.

The Archbishop says, 'For the only Christian hospital in Gaza to be attacked on Palm Sunday is especially appalling. I share in the grief of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Jerusalem. I pray for the staff and patients of the hospital, and for the family of the boy who tragically died during the evacuation.'

Hospital staff were seen combing through the rubble afterwards, searching for any medical supplies that might still be usable. The complete blockade of all aid into Gaza since 2 March means that no new medical supplies are getting through and every swab, every blister pack of medication, every IV bag, every bandage and every piece of equipment is even more precious now than ever. The church is very present in this part of the world, and when one part of Christ's body suffers, we all suffer with it (1 Corinthians 12:26).

Ongoing suffering

Gaza has been without food or water for over six weeks now. A lack of appropriate nutrition and water is increasing the likelihood of disease and illness, which in turn is placing extra pressure on the already decimated healthcare system. With no commercial food production or farming of any sort able to continue in Gaza, many families rely completely on aid to survive. Now, many are struggling to find enough to eat.



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Please pray:

- Pray for peace, for families in the region to be able to rebuild their lives, for children to be able to return to school. Pray for Christians living in the region to be salt and light and to carry the hope of the resurrection with them, even in the midst of such great sorrow.
- Pray for Tearfund's local partners in the region as they continue to work through the Diocese of Jerusalem to support hospitals and schools in the region.

Report from Myanmar Earthquake

Everywhere I look, there is devastation. Buildings are in ruins. Roads are blocked. Families sit amongst the debris of what used to be their homes. Some sit silently in shock. Others weep for the loss of loved ones. Rescue teams work tirelessly to help people. The air is very heavy. It's hard to breathe. The sounds around me are a mix of sorrow and urgency. In some places, there is silence.

Entire neighbourhoods have been emptied. The void of loss hangs in the air. Emotionally, it is overwhelming. The pain and fear are palpable, but so is the determination.

Acts of solidarity

Despite the devastation, we are seeing incredible acts of solidarity among the people. Neighbours are helping each other. Local churches and community groups are organising temporary shelters and distributing essential supplies.

Volunteers are stepping in to provide first aid, comfort the grieving and care for children who have been separated from their families. Even those who have lost everything are offering whatever support they can – things like food or a place to rest. The resilience and kindness of the community in this crisis is truly inspiring, but the need for external support remains urgent. We are exhausted. People are exhausted, hungry and grieving, yet they push forward, helping one another, searching for survival. Trying to render kind words to each other and clinging to hope. The resilience of the human spirit is as visible as the destruction around me.

Rubble, challenges and despair

A big majority of the city, especially in Sagaing and Mandalay, has been reduced to rubble, and many families are without shelter, food and clean water. People are still searching for loved ones among the collapsed buildings. Rescue teams are working tirelessly to reach those still trapped. Hospitals and clinics are overwhelmed with the injured, and there is an urgent need for medical supplies, food and safe drinking water. Many roads are blocked and communication lines are down, making it more difficult to deliver aid to the areas. But, despite the despair, local communities and churches are coming together to support one another. The need is immense and immediate assistance is critical.

St Peter's made a donation of £500 to Tearfund Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in late March. To make your own gift go to: www.tearfund.org

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Littleover Women's Institute

2nd Thursday of the month

Littleover Social Club at 7.30pm

Members new and old welcome.

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Further information from

Margaret Williams on 767354



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Burton Road, Derby (01332 208225)

Supporting Teenage Cancer Trust

Children's Ward, Derby

Always require good quality clothing and
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the shop only during opening times.

BACK PAIN

If you are suffering from low back pain or neck pain, you should consider consulting a registered chiropractor.

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Treatment is given after a thorough case history and a full examination.

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

*Previously a youthworker and mental health nurse, I appreciate the importance of honesty, clear communication and reliability.
Fully DBS checked.*

If you would like to discuss a job, your options, and my availability give me a call. I look forward to hearing from you.

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The Vicarage and it will be
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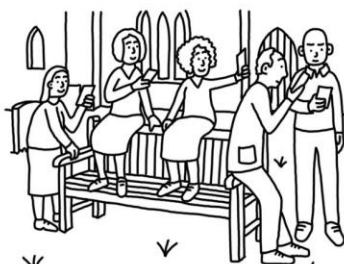


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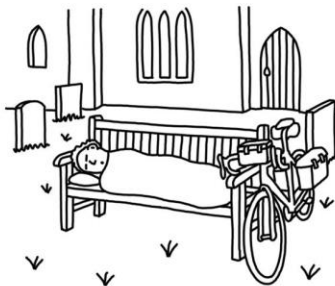
Every Wednesday 2.15pm
In St Peter's Hub

for those who can knit like
grandma and those who've no
idea – everyone welcome!
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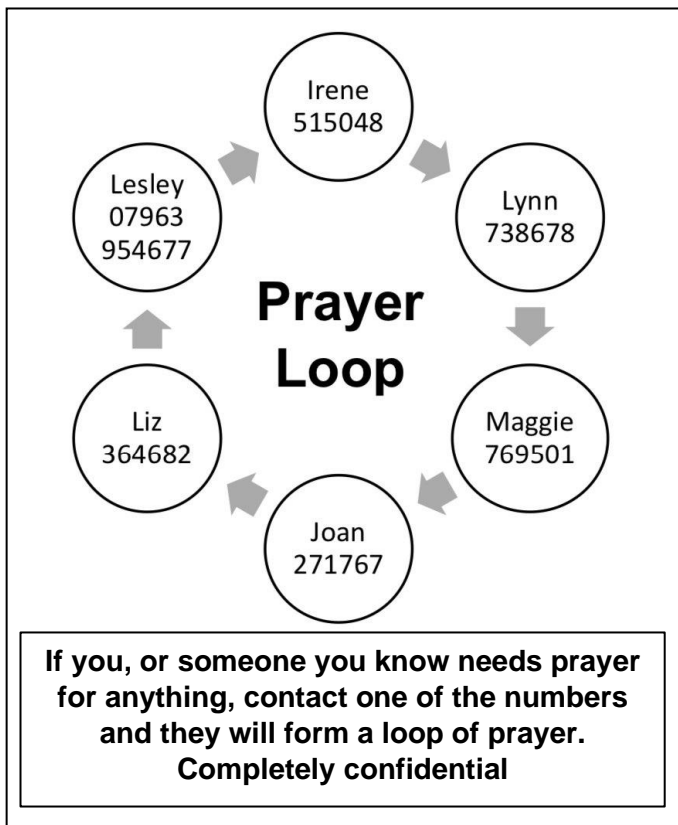
Answers to April's "Easter" Quiz:

1. Tomb 2. Chocolate Easter eggs 3. Crown of thorns 4. Lent 5. Bunny 6. Good Friday
7. Hot Cross buns 8. Pilate 9. Cross 10. Hosannah 11. Maundy Thursday 12. Grave 13. Barabbas
14. Golgotha 15. Risen 16. Judas 17. Simnel cake 18. Crucified 19. Palm Sunday 20. Bonnets
21. Lamb 22. Buried 23. Colt 24. Passover 25. Jerusalem 26. Arrested 27. Mint sauce
28. Cockerel 29. Mount of Olives 30. Torn curtain 31. Last supper 32. Denial 33. Betrayal
34. Purple robe 35. Stone 36. Daffodils 37. Ash Wednesday 38. Bank holiday 39. Resurrection
40. Sacrifice

Toys and Games Quiz (some anagrams)

Questions	Answers
1. She sounds like a short outdoor cooked meal	
2. Male doing energetic deeds	
3. Moon ploy	
4. Is this played in Chessington?	
5. Could you whistle while playing this?	
6. Contented relatives	
7. You need a clue don't you?	
8. Gob leg	
9. Scratch around to find some words	
10. Pointless search	
11. Male teacher brain	
12. Estimate which person	
13. Experienced in chilly corridors	
14. A sneaky spiral metal toy	
15. Match young male	
16. Can a statistician play this?	
17. Are these wee blessings?	
18. ----- Bear sung by Elvis in 1957	
19. Used to stoke a coal fire	
20. Take a chance	
21. Sandie Shaw had one on a string	
22. Structure spanning a river	
23. Adders and runs in stockings	
24. Male pronoun, male person	
25. Does Lulu dote on this game?	
26. Break pans	
27. Top noon	
28. High superior card ranks	
29. Acting performance terminus	
30. Shakespearean character	
31. Sung by the Four Seasons in 1964	
32. These enable good constructions	
33. This doll dresses in dynamic style	
34. Scaled down automobile	
35. Found in hawthorn by train station	
36. Bare races	
37. Order pizza to eat while playing this	
38. Procedure often done in theatre	
39. They said Eh-oh! in 1997	
40. Small horse belonging to me	

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	Charlie Elston
Emma Mallord	John Bird
Jason Kennedy	Heather Newstead
Chris Jones	Ann Vincent
Helene Roe	Peter Vincent
Margit Staehr	Ali Marsh-Davies
Julie Scott	

Home Groups

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

Learning Together Mon 2.30pm weekly

Led by: Robin & Terry Wood

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

Pilgrims Mon 7.30pm fortnightly

Led by: Doreen & John Bird

Walking together on our journey of faith.

New Beginnings Tue 9.45am weekly

Led by: Bill & Maggie Browne

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

Queen's Drive Tues 7.30pm weekly

Led by: Liz & Phil Eley

A diverse group interested in supporting people in mission.

Sticking Point Wed 6.45pm fortnightly

Led by: John Bradley

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

Route 66 Tues 7.30pm weekly

Led by: Jon & Jenny Russell

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

StAND Wed 1pm fortnightly

Led by the group

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

Platform Wed 7.15pm weekly

Led by: Rachel Whitehorn

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

ReLENTless Wed 7.30pm fortnightly

Led by: Helen Homes & Deidre Cheetham

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

Parish Activities

SUNDAY

10am Service in church or on Zoom

MONDAY

THE CROSSED KEYS CAFÉ – 9.30am to 12.30pm

TIDDLYWINKS Stay and Play 1.30pm- 2.45pm

TUESDAY

LUNCH CLUB – 12 noon till 2pm

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

WEDNESDAY

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION at 10.30am in church

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

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

HOME GROUPS see opposite – some are meeting online.

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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

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

How can you serve at St Peter's?

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

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

Talk to Alicia, Jason 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

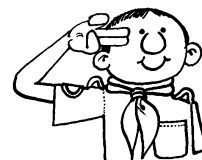
Tuesday 5.45-6.45pm,

Scout HQ

on Brayfield Road

Contact: Kathryn Hallam

on 07977 250576



CUBS - for children aged 8-10

Tuesday 7.00-8.30pm, Scout HQ

on Brayfield Road

Contact: Kathryn Hallam on 07977 250576

174th (142nd/113th Littleover Churches)

SCOUTS - for children aged 10-14

Friday 7.30-9.30pm, Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Kathryn Hallam on 07977 250576

3rd LITTLEOVER BROWNIES – children aged 7-10

Friday 5.30 -6.50pm, Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Heather Collins 01773 820119

Notice Board – May 2025

1	Thursday	2.00pm	Gentle Service for people living with memory loss	Church
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
2	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
		11.30am	Support Café	St Andrew's Hub
3	Saturday			
4	Sunday	Second Sunday after Easter		
		10.00am	All Age Worship	Church & Zoom
		6.00pm	God Space	Church
5	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	Church
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
6	Tuesday	11.30am	Lunch Club & Service	St Peter's Hub
7	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		12.00pm	Clergy Staff meeting	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
8	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
9	Friday	11.30am	Support Café	St Andrew's Hub
		2.00pm	MAP 1 Prayer meeting	St Andrew's Hub
10	Saturday	10.00am	Litter picking	From St Andrew's Hub
11	Sunday	Third Sunday after Easter		
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
12	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	Church
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
13	Tuesday	7.30pm	PCC meeting	St Peter's Hub
14	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
15	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
		7.30pm	Thirsty Thursday	The White Swan
16	Friday	11.30am	Support Café	St Andrew's Hub
17	Saturday	9.30am	Churchyard Clean up	Churchyard
18	Sunday	Fourth Sunday after Easter		
		10.00am	Morning Worship with Jigsaw mission partner	Church & Zoom
		6.00pm	Parish Prayers	Zoom
19	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	Church
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
20	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
		7.00pm	MAP steering group meeting	Zoom
21	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
22	Thursday	1.30pm	Derby High School Church Visit	Church
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
23	Friday	11.30am	Support Café	St Andrew's Hub
24	Saturday			
25	Sunday	Fifth Sunday after Easter		
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
26	Monday			
27	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
28	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		12.45pm	StAnd Homegroup	St Andrew's Hub
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
29	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
30	Friday			
31	Saturday			