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

www.stpeterlittleover.org.uk

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

No sooner are our thank you letters written in response to our Christmas gifts, then it's New Year and normality kicks straight back in.

It's always a little sad to pack away the decorations leaving the house feeling bare and a bit dull. No wonder so many people kick off the new year with decorating, building or gardening projects. Refreshing how we live is always a cheerful thing.

New Year gives us the opportunity to reflect:

- what has happened in the last year that I want to keep doing or never do again?
- Do I want to lose weight? Get fitter? Take up a new hobby?
- Do I want to clear stuff out?
- Get more organised?
- Plan more time with family and friends?
- Arrange more holidays? Change the car? Move house?
- Finding out what it means to really look after ourselves.

The possibilities are endless and it can often be challenging when one person in the house is full of ideas for change when the other is just too exhausted to contemplate even making a cup of tea, let alone anything else.

So, what is to be done?

I really wish I could offer you any kind of answer, but that's not really possible this side of heaven. What I do know is that as cherished and loved children of God, our Heavenly Father wants only the best for us and by His Holy Spirit encourages us to grow to become the best version of ourselves.

So, what does that mean? Well, it certainly doesn't mean perfect, that's not possible without Jesus, but I do believe it's about us looking after ourselves – body, mind and spirit – because we are beloved children of God. He thinks we're amazing, so maybe we can try and see ourselves through His eyes?

If the King tells us someone is special, then we treat them as special. So, if our Saviour King thinks we need to be loved, cherished and cared for, maybe that's not a bad thing to consider.

Exercise and diet cares for our physical body; tidying up, throwing away old stuff, helps to clear our minds; and taking time to forgive ourselves (and others) along with spending time with God – well that probably nourishes our souls too.

Whatever your New Years Resolutions – may they be about caring for yourself in a new way, that you may rejoice in what the Father sees in you.

With blessings

Alicia

From the December 2025 Registers

Funeral	1 Dec	Constance Gibson
Ashes burial	20 Dec	Thelma Woolley

Tiddlywinks

stay
and
play



1.30pm – 2.45pm

Mondays in term time

reopens 5 Jan 26

St Peter's Hub

Toys, songs, games, crafts and
refreshments

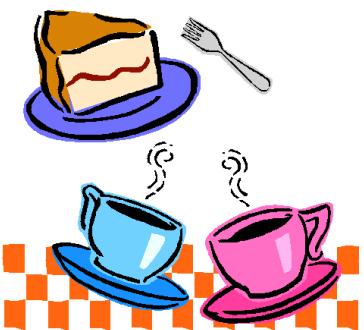
The Crossed Keys Café

St Peter's Hub

Mondays in Term Time

9.30am – 12.30pm

reopens 5 Jan 26



Everyone welcome

New Anna Chaplain for St Peter's

We are delighted to announce that Reverend Jason Kennedy has been appointed as our first Anna Chaplain, supporting older people across our parish.



A generous bequest to the church has allowed us to fund this new part-time post for the next five years and will include supporting existing ministries such as services in residential and nursing homes, our dementia service and lunchclub, home communions as well as considering new initiatives for the future. Part of this will also be the creation of a team of Anna Friends to support people on a more individual basis.

Jason already works for the parish part-time as our Associate Minister and has recently also been working at The Haven Christian Centre, but this role will end in February 2026. Jason will begin as Anna Chaplain mid March.

Anna Chaplaincy is an initiative of the Bible Reading Fellowship or BRF that also created Messy Church www.annachaplaincy.org.uk

Christmas at St Peter's

Children's Nativity

Huge thank you to our children, young people and other grown ups who made our Nativity just before Christmas so memorable – an overactive donkey, two Mary's, beautiful angels and a runaround Joseph made for a great service.



Candelit Carols



Dementia Carols and Concert



A great service followed by a concert from the Remini-sing choir – we all had a great time and one choir member said: "We've had a brilliant time."

The Remini-sing choir hopes to resume in the New Year.

Great singing and over £550 raised for Christmas Lunch on Jesus at St Peter's in the City.

Singing at the Gate



A dedicated team sang carols at the gate of St Andrew's Hub to the families walking home from school – bringing some Christmas hope on a winter afternoon.

Christmas Feast at Lunchclub



It was a packed house and full tummies at the LunchClub Christmas celebration. Children from St Peter's Junior School came and sang and Phil Eley then led us all in singing after the meal – including Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer!



Thirsty Thursday



at The White Swan Littleover

8 January 2026 at 7.30pm
catch up with the fellas

Call Steve for more info
07790 431090

CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP



Now on a break through the winter,
restarting in the Spring!

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.



Jonathon Hemingray Sculpture

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More Christmas Celebrations

Carols at the White Swan

It was great to lead the patrons of The Swan in another year of rip-roaring carols, fuelled by beer and good humour. In addition to the usual carols, we ended with The Twelve Days of Christmas, a tradition the pub usually sings nearer to the 25th, but chose to sing with us and Phil played an impromptu accompaniment. Great night.



Christingle Celebrations



It's always so good to welcome families back each year to our Christingle services as we edge ever closer to the big day.

This year we had plenty of people who, in turn, were very generous in giving to the work of The Children's Society – big thank you!

And a massive thank you to the team who prepared and distributed the Christingle kits, staffed the services with music technology and welcome, all alongside managing their own family Christmas's – we couldn't have done it without you!



Carols in local Nursing Homes

Teams from church have visited local residential and nursing homes to sing carols and share Holy Communion – including Brookfields, Heatherton House and Derby Heights. Illness at Cedar Tree sadly meant we couldn't attend.

Huge thank you to those who played and sang, chatting with staff and residents to share the light and love of Christmas.



Messy Christmas



Messy Church held another amazing session to share with families the joy of Advent and Christmas – from Angels and twinkly stars to gingerbread iced camels.

Each child also left with a Meaningful Chocolate Advent calendar that also includes a colourful booklet that shares the Christmas story. Thanks to all the team for your work with our families.



Messy Church Dates 2026

18 January 3pm

Messy Winter

15 February 3pm

Messy Lent

22 March 3pm

Messy Easter

14 June 3pm

Messy Summer

20 Sept 3pm

Messy Harvest

29 Nov 3pm

Messy Christmas

The Bereavement Journey

Grief is hard, death can impact all of life

Losing a loved one is a hard thing to deal with. We are starting a course in January which is for anyone who has been bereaved, either recently, or at any point in the past.

The course is called *The Bereavement Journey* and it is a safe place to talk with others who have been bereaved, or just to hear how others are experiencing and dealing with similar issues. Grief is more easily managed when journeying with others and past losses can be opened up about safely. The course will cover topics such as attachment, separation and loss, pain and other responses of grief, anger and guilt. Along with coping with others reactions adjusting to change, and delayed and suppressed grief. We'll also look at how to move forward healthily and how our grief can affect our faith.



There will be some videos to watch, along with discussions in small groups. And, of course, plenty of tea and cake to help as we process these feelings. If you think this is something that would be helpful for you, then we would love for you to join in.

For more information please visit: www.thebereavementjourney.org

Mondays, 1.30pm, Starting on 12 January for seven weeks

St Peter's Hub, Normanton Lane, DE23 6GP. If you would like to sign up or if you have any questions please speak to Emma – 07752 645496 or email: emma@stpeterlittleover.org.uk

All Age Breakfast Church in Hub



Following feedback from a recent survey about our All Age services we will be trying something new for the first three Sundays of the year.

Instead of meeting in church we will meet in St Peter's Hub (by the car park) and have breakfast together – coffee/tea, pastries, bacon rolls – and then gather to learn, worship, pray and share together.

Spending time together as a Church Family is really important – especially teaching our children what it's like to worship with adults. As well as giving our hardworking Sunday School teams a Sunday to worship with us. This means that we sometimes have to sacrifice a 'meaty' sermon for something that all ages and abilities can relate to – the priority is to learn and grow together.

First Breakfast Church Sun 4 Jan 10am St Peter's Hub

Epiphany – the wise men visit Jesus

Taken from Parish Pump

“On 6 January we celebrate Epiphany – the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. But who were these Wise Men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them ‘Magi’, and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn’t until the third century that they were called kings – by a church father, Tertullian.



Another church father, Origin, assumed there were three – to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing – and even embalming. One Victorian scholar has offered a possible explanation as to the significance of their gifts. He was the Rev John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister, who in 1857 wrote his much-loved Christmas carol, ‘We Three Kings of Orient Are’. Gold, said John Henry Hopkins, was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine, and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the 8th century, the Magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.

The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew’s gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.

It is true that in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king. Matthew’s gospel (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: ‘Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.’ So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of Sheba’s story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly, there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon’s Israel.

To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born. And they became the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus.”

More Christmas stuff

Raise a Glass at The White Swan

This is an annual event early in December at The Swan giving people the opportunity to remember those who have died and raising a glass in their memory. This has become a really special time for families to gather and remember loved ones, when they might not ordinarily feel comfortable coming into church. It's always a real privilege to lead this time.



Reverse Advent Calendars

Every Autumn our church charity The Joyce Harper Charity makes grants to applicants in the community who are struggling financially. We are also able to bless them with gift referrals to Christmas Connection (Derby City Mission), Secret Santa, Christmas Lunch on Jesus and Reverse Advent calendars put together by members of Church Family. Comprising of Christmas treats and other goodies, this year we delivered 10 calendars to families in Littleover which were delivered before the big day.

New Angel Created

Our life-size Nativity was in need of an Angel and so this was created by projecting an image onto plywood to be drawn around and then cut out. The Angel was then suspended on the pulley system that usually carries the banner.

However, carpenter Steve Dring was disappointed with the size (too small in his opinion) and so that plan is to create one double the size for next year that can be fixed together. The disadvantage to being married to the vicar is that she now wants 9 more smaller angels to hang in the arches for next Christmas



Littleover in Bloom

The beginning of another year!

The begonias were put to bed early December, just in time before the frost came. All the bulbs were planted, ready for the spring, this time of the year is the time to hopefully get on top of those weeds, before the growing season begins again.



This is the resting time, although the new growth of bulbs are already pushing up through the ground. Time to just check, remove the dead leaves, and keep things tidy.

The planning keeps going; Dates for your diary; Plant sale 14 March in time for Mothering Sunday. Easter, 5 April.

Advance Notice of Great Little Green week 23 -31 May, when we can include the children in the community. Last year we had plant quiz in the village as well as make your own recycled plant pots. Keep an eye out for plans in 2026

Our next meeting will be Monday 12 January 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

'Give us this day our daily bread', some people say this more often than others, and some people are lucky to be fed more often than others, but a daily thought in everyone's minds. Where are most people likely to buy their bread nowadays, a supermarket, a bakery, or maybe you like to make your own. Years ago, it wasn't so easy. The wheat, grown by local farmers would need to be ground, usually by millstone, first by hand then powered by windmills or waterwheels. There is archaeological evidence and field names that suggest we had three windmills in Littleover, you can read more on our website: <http://www.littleover.org.uk>

Then to make life easier along came bakeries, and records tell us the earliest bakery in England is, 'Jacka bakery', in Plymouth, in continuous operation since 1597 which supplied bread in the time of the pilgrims and Sir Francis Drake. In the 1881 Census William and Mary North were bakers on Shepherd Street and were also leading Baptists. William then went on to become Manager of our first Co-op in Littleover opposite the White Swan, so the smell of newly baked bread must have wafted up and down Shepherd Street and Church Street for many years. Shortly after, 'Birds', bakery began with three brothers from Derby in 1919, eventually supplying all corners of Derby with newly baked bread and delicious cakes – it's enough to make you hungry!

**Next meeting Friday 9 January 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 Our Local Parks with Friends of Littleover Parks

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

Caring for our local green spaces means protecting wildlife, preserving nature, and ensuring parks remain welcoming for future generations. In 2024, our volunteers helped plant flowers, maintain pathways, and safeguard biodiversity in places like 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

If you encounter any issues in our parks, please do report them to Derby Parks
Email: parks@derby.gov.uk
Telephone: **01332 640789**
or the Police on **101** if appropriate



ReCreate

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

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

Would you like 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

2 January – NO ReCreate

16 January – New Life

Please bring your own drink.

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

For more information contact:

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Joy joypomroy@yahoo.co.uk

Bible Bite

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel chapter 1

A short story from the Bible

In the time before there were kings in Israel, there lived a rich man, Elkanah, and his two wives, Hannah and Peninnah.

Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.



Each year they travelled to Shiloh to worship God.



After the worship, they feasted.



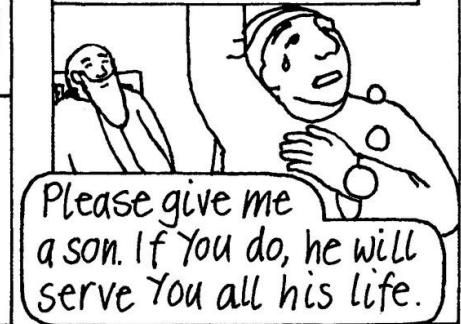
Elkanah always gave Hannah a special portion of food to show he loved her.



But Hannah was too sad to eat. She left the meal and went to pray.



She prayed silently.



Please give me a son. If You do, he will serve You all his life.

Eli the priest saw Hannah's silent weeping and praying and thought she was drunk.



I'm not drunk! I was just pouring out how I feel to God.



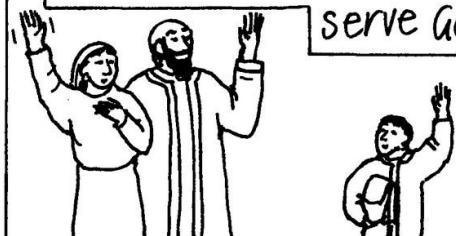
I'm sure God will answer your prayer.

Back home, Hannah had a son, and she named him Samuel.



She stayed at home with him when the rest of the family went to Shiloh.

When Samuel was old enough, Hannah and Elkanah took him to Shiloh to live there and serve God.



Parish of Littleover & Blagreaves

St Peter's Church Creation Care

Understanding our carbon footprint and taking steps towards a greener church

We know that in 2024 it cost upwards of £220,000 to run our church, but have you ever thought about how much it costs in terms of carbon emissions? How much carbon dioxide does our worshipping community produce that then contributes to global warming with all its difficult consequences?

As we know in 2020 the General Synod of the Church of England agreed that all parts of the church would aim to become 'net zero' by 2030.



'Net zero' means, in practice, reducing our carbon footprint (the amount of greenhouse gases we produce, mostly carbon dioxide) as much as we can, ideally by 90%. With this in mind, Rachel Whitehorn has been working with the PCC to calculate our carbon footprint using an on-line tool provided by Climate Stewards, so that we know our starting point.

The results for St Peter's Parish are eye-opening: the grand total of our carbon footprint in 2024 was roughly 38 tonnes CO₂.

This is made up of 20 tonnes from the gas & electricity used in our three buildings, 4.4 tonnes from our travel to church and by staff during their work; 5.9 tonnes from the food and drink we serve, and 8 tonnes from 'other stuff'. 'Other stuff' includes emissions associated with upkeep of the buildings, IT equipment, web hosting, paper and postage, insurance, accountancy etc.

Is 38 tonnes a lot or a little? According to the diocesan decarbonisation team, it's on the high side. However, comparisons with other churches are tricky, as they all vary in building age, congregation size, activities, and resources. Ultimately, what matters most is our commitment to reducing our own footprint as much as we can, starting from where we are now.

While we don't have a lot of control over much of the 'stuff' section, we can make more of a difference in the other sections. Can we use our heating more efficiently, look at solar panels, share lifts more and come up with other creative solutions? If you have suggestions about this, please do speak to me or to others in the Creation Care team.

If you are interested to work out your own personal carbon footprint, search Carbon Calculators – Climate Stewards, or, for a simpler tool, go to WWF Footprint Calculator.

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



Mission Update

Our Mission Partners

Contact them, pray for them

INTERNATIONAL

Juan Carlos & Penny de Marces – in Peru

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Juan Carlos is the pastor for Jesús el Nazareno, Cathedral Dean and Vicar General to the Diocese; Penny offers diocesan resources for children's ministry.

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

Jigsaw Kids Ministries UK, Stonecheck, Main Street, Milnethorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7QZ Living in the UK and supporting Jigsaw in the Philippines.

Bible Society www.biblesociety.org.uk

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

Open Doors www.opendooorsuk.org

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

PASH Kenya www.pashuk.org.uk

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PASH supports the work of churches, schools, farmers and communities in Kenya.

Tearfund www.tearfund.org

Working in God's name across the world to bring relief to the poorest communities and fight for justice.

NATIONAL

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.

Green Christian wwwgreenchristian.org.uk

Helping churches to take care of God's creation with ideas and resources.

LOCAL

Derby City Mission www.derbycitymission.org.uk

Supporting homeless people and those on the margins of society in the City through many different ministries

Upbeat Communities www.upbeatcommunities.org

Supporting and encouraging refugees in Derby.

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.

Upbeat Communities

Supporting refugees in Derby
Spotlight on our new partner

The challenge

Refugees and asylum seekers have fled horrific circumstances. They have been forced to leave countries around the world due to war, conflict, persecution or torture. In the absence of safe routes to safety, many have made dangerous journeys to the UK. When people arrive, they often face hostility, a complex immigration system, language barriers, poor living conditions, and the effects of the trauma they have been through.

What they do

Upbeat Communities has been empowering refugees and asylum seekers to thrive for nearly 20 years. Since 2005, they have worked to support refugees and asylum seekers at different stages of their journeys. Offering welcome into the city community and empowering them to take steps to rebuild their lives.

How they do it

- We encourage and mobilise the local community to welcome and support those fleeing war and persecution to rebuild their lives in the UK
- We aim to make sure that when refugees and asylum seekers arrive here in the UK they feel welcomed, they are able to settle and learn about their new home and culture, and get the right help at the right time - so they begin to feel like neighbours, not strangers, to those around them
- We work with refugees and asylum seekers from a diverse range of background and faith traditions. We have a vision to see community built between people of different cultures, backgrounds and experiences, with everyone able to grow and make a contribution

Provided

715



Welcome bags to new arrivals joining us at Upbeat.

Enabled

13,015

nights of accommodation for 91 individuals through Host Derby and Homes for Ukraine.

Provided

589



English classes

for 987 refugees and asylum seekers

We resettled 24 new families and supported a total of

42

across Derbyshire and Lincolnshire through the various **resettlement schemes**.

Welcomed

1,242



individuals to our **Integration Hub** in Derby.

Empowered

183



refugee women through our weekly **Upbeat Women support sessions**

Our welcome services aim to reach out to people when they are most isolated. Arriving in a new country can be a daunting experience, especially if you have been through trauma and loss. We offer a range of support to newly arrived refugee families and individuals in order to help them feel welcomed.

Welcome Boxes - our trained volunteers visit newly arrived refugees and deliver a Welcome Box, filled with small gifts and useful information. The volunteers offer friendship and support to those seeking asylum, helping them with things like registering with a GP or finding their way around their new city. ***"It was a box of magic! It gave access to many open doors"*** - **Welcome Box Recipient**



Upbeat Women - we offer specific provision for women seeking refuge as they often face particular challenges, such as caring for children. Our Upbeat Women group meets weekly as a place to build friendships and take part in wellbeing activities. We also offer a women's only English class with free childcare every week.

Community Integration Activities - we offer a range of opportunities for refugees, asylum seekers and local people to come together in a shared space, to take part in activities, learn from each other and build friendships through sports, arts, wellbeing, cultural visits, children's play sessions and community meals.

Empowerment - we want to enable people to rebuild their lives and begin to thrive in their new home. We listen to what they need and design training and programmes to help people achieve their goals.

Employment & Enterprise - we deliver a range of training and mentoring to support refugees in finding work. This support is tailored to the needs of the participants and delivered flexibly to ensure engagement.

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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**

BACK PAIN

If you are suffering from low back
pain or neck pain, you should consider
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and joints.

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by a rehabilitation plan
which may help to improve
flexibility and assist in
preventing a recurrence of
the problem.

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Build For Living

Small Building Works
Let's Discuss Your Options



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

Who are Build For Living?

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

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

FOODBANK



Please drop any food off at The Vicarage and it will be taken to the Derby Food4Thought Hub to be distributed across the city.

priority semi skimmed milk

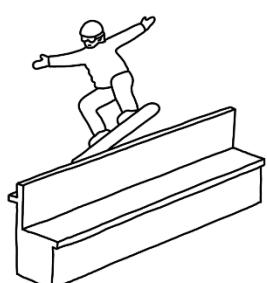


**Every Wednesday 2.15pm
In St Peter's Hub**

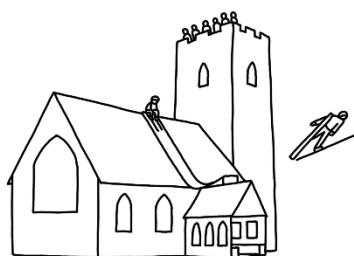
for those who can knit like grandma and those who've no idea - everyone welcome!
Call Di on 01332 763938

THE WINTER GAMES

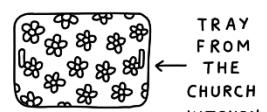
AT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH



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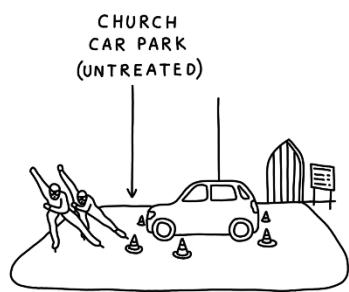
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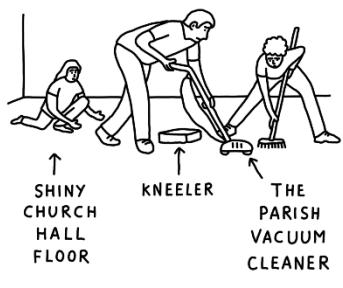


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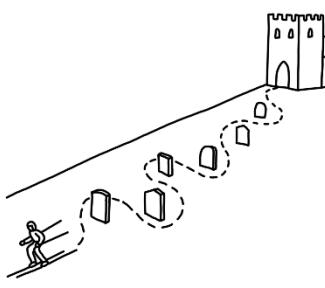
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SPEED SKATING



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SHINY
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Answers to December's Word containing "ATE" Quiz:

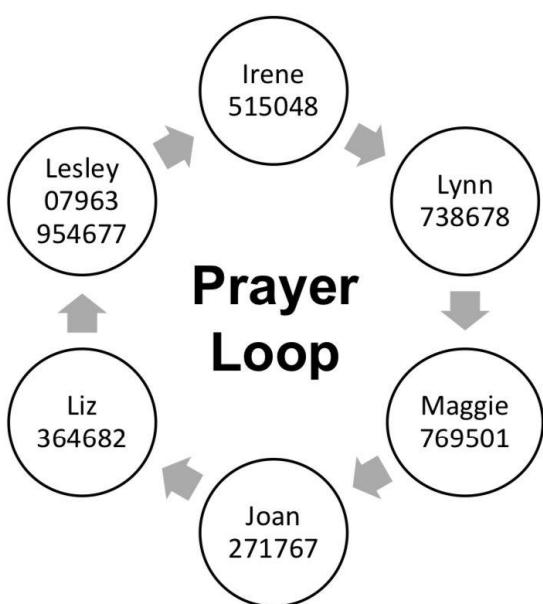
1. Calculate
2. Tolerate
3. Gateau
4. Rate
5. Estate
6. Considerate
7. Date
8. Climate
9. Accelerate
10. Chocolate
11. Caterpillar
12. Tate
13. Strategy
14. Plateau
15. Stimulate
16. Gate
17. Material
18. Commemorate
19. Migrate
20. Belated
21. Create
22. Category
23. Elated
24. Amateur
25. Cater
26. Water
27. Debate
28. Waterloo
29. Elaborate
30. Stagnate
31. Appropriate
32. Elevate
33. Kate
34. Late
35. Indoctrinate
36. Equate
37. Impersonate
38. Maternal
39. Pirate
40. Manipulate

Airlines (old and new) Quiz (some anagrams)

Questions	Answers
1. Atmosphere routes belonging to the UK	
2. Like a ----- by Madonna in 1984	
3. Fair crane	
4. 11 th , 12 th and 13 th letters	
5. Rise mate	
6. Found in try an aircraft	
7. Not a difficult plane	
8. Fast plane, even prime	
9. Fourth Greek letter	
10. Body mass index infant	
11. French pronouns in reverse	
12. Initially travel ultimately interesting	
13. Found in river Tiber I adore	
14. Axe ice room	
15. Atmosphere, modern, eagerness, conjunction	
16. Initially quick and nifty to Australian shores	
17. Not a north breeze	
18. Found in avian canary	
19. Transgression, space, mineral deposit	
20. Breakfast or shelf	
21. Larry is awake	
22. Found in chair can a dad sit on	
23. Frozen water country oxygen	
24. Doubting disciple chef	
25. Found in gee wizz air travel	
26. Cooking pot before midday	
27. In a hot pie	
28. Initially big old aircraft company	
29. King or Queen	
30. ----- roll, fresh ---	
31. Style of dance or kitchen sink part	
32. Found in fox cub, a nature animal	
33. Flash Tuna	
34. Fair inn	
35. Ate floor	
36. Sing a rule	
37. Across the globe	
38. Found in butterfly beauty	
39. Is a no hill area	
40. Miss Marple had a mystery here	

Prayer Requests

Prayer Loop



If you, or someone you know needs prayer for anything, contact one of the numbers and they will form a loop of prayer. Completely confidential

The Pastoral Team

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

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

Members of PCC

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

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

Home Groups

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

Learning Together Mon 2.30pm weekly

Led by: Robin & Terry Wood

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

Pilgrims Mon 7.30pm fortnightly

Led by: Doreen & John Bird

Walking together on our journey of faith.

New Beginnings Tue 9.45am weekly

Led by: Bill & Maggie Browne

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

Queen's Drive Tues 7.30pm weekly

Led by: Liz & Phil Eley

A diverse group interested in supporting people in mission.

Sticking Point Wed 6.45pm fortnightly

Led by: John Bradley

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

Route 66 Tues 7.30pm weekly

Led by: Jon & Jenny Russell

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

StAND Wed 1pm fortnightly

Led by the group

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

Platform Wed 7.15pm weekly

Led by: Rachel Whitehorn

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

ReLENTless Wed 7.30pm fortnightly

Led by: Helen Homes & Deidre Cheetham

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

Parish Activities

SUNDAY

10am Service in church or on Zoom

MONDAY

THE CROSSED KEYS CAFÉ – 9.30am to 12.30pm

(last café 15 Dec, back on 5 Jan 26)

TIDDLYWINKS Stay and Play 1.30pm- 2.45pm

(last group 15 Dec, back on 5 Jan 26)

TUESDAY

LUNCH CLUB – 12 noon till 2pm

(last lunch 16 Dec, back on 13 Jan 26)

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. Final 17 Dec, back 7 Jan 26

HOME GROUPS see opposite

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 Returns 16 Jan 26

How can you serve at St Peter's?

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

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

Talk to Alicia, Jason, Emma or Lianne.

Special Occasions

Baptism or Thanksgiving

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

Marriage & Banns

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

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

Funerals

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

Churchyard

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

UNIFORMED GROUPS

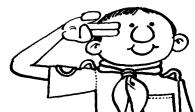
SQUIRRELS – for children aged 4-6

Tuesday 4.45-5.45pm at

Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Stephen Hallam on:

174derbyscouting@gmail.com



BEAVERS - for children aged 6-8

Tuesday 5.45-6.45pm at Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Kathryn Hallam on: 174derbyscouting@gmail.com

CUBS - for children aged 8-10

Tuesday 5.45-6.45 at Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Kathryn Hallam on: 174derbyscouting@gmail.com

SCOUTS - for children aged 10-14

Tuesday 7.15-8.15 at Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Kathryn Hallam on: 174derbyscouting@gmail.com

BROWNIES (3rd Littleover St Peter's) - for girls ages 7-10

Fridays 6.00 – 7.15pm at

174 Littleover Scout Hut on Brayfield Road

Contact: Heather Collins on: 01773 820119

Notice Board – January 2026

1	Thursday		New Year's Day – Bank Holiday	
2	Friday			
3	Saturday			
4	Sunday	Second Sunday of Christmas		
		10.00am	All Age Breakfast Church – Epiphany	St Peter's Hub
5	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Clergy & Wider staff meeting	Church meeting room
6	Tuesday	7.00pm	Ashmore Team meeting	Vicarage
7	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
8	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
		7.30pm	Thirsty Thursday	The White Swan
9	Friday	11.30am	Drop in Café	St Andrew's Hub
		2.00pm	MAP Prayers	Jenny C's House
10	Saturday			
11	Sunday	Baptism of Christ		
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
12	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Bereavement Course	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
13	Tuesday	9.00am	St Peter's School Service	Church
		12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
		7.30pm	Standing Committee	Vicarage
14	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
15	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
16	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
		11.30am	Drop in Café	St Andrew's Hub
17	Saturday			
18	Sunday	Second Sunday of Epiphany		
		10.00am	Morning Worship	Church & Zoom
19	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Bereavement Course	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
20	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
21	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
22	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
23	Friday	11.30am	Drop in Café	St Andrew's Hub
24	Saturday			
25	Sunday	Third Sunday of Epiphany		
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church
26	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Bereavement Course	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
27	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
		7.30pm	PCC meeting	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
		2.45pm	Youth Hot Chocolate & Toast	St Andrew's Hub
29	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
30	Friday	11.30am	Drop in Café	St Andrew's Hub
31	Saturday			