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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

Harvest Festival is a fixture in any church calendar and while the rest of the world seems to lurch from Christmas to Easter Eggs, then Back to School, the singing of 'We plough the fields and scatter' still resounds from every church at this time of year.

As well as an opportunity to give thanks to God for all He gives to us, we are also able to give thanks for all those in the food supply chain – from farmers to lorry drivers – who ensure we have the food we need. But this year has been particularly tough due to the very hot weather and lack of rain. According to BBCs Countryfile, our farmers are all experiencing huge drops in both yield and quality because of the extreme weather – there has not been as much 'soft, refreshing rain' as usual.

The cycle of the seasons is something that most of us just live with – whether it's raining or shining, it only seems to impact our clothing, but for our agricultural industry the domino effect of too much or too little sun or rain is profound. For the people who scoff at those who are passionate about the impact of climate change, surely they can see that our world is shifting and changing? No more seasons, just weather, and as we saw in the appalling landslide in Nepal, the impact from the coldest to warmest places in our world is becoming catastrophic.

As Christians we are called to take care of God's world and it can seem a small thing to repurpose, reuse and recycle in our own homes but gathered together, these things can have a bigger impact. We can also make our voices heard, when we write to our councillors and MPs asking for positive action in their decision making to take care of God's earth. And we can pray for His miraculous intervention, while not forgetting that our own actions and voices can contribute to make any change a reality. Join us this Harvest Festival on 4 October – give thanks, bring a gift for the foodbank and pray for climate justice in our demanding and changing world.

Yours in Christ

Alicia

Occasional Services in September 2026

Baptism	6 September	Kai Gouldbourne
Funeral	9 September	Jean Tomlinson

Dementia Choir Sponsored Sing 8 October

Rachel and Jim who lead the dementia choir that sing at St Peter's every Thursday are holding a 24 hour sponsored sing to fund the future of the choir and anyone and everyone is welcome to come along – you may be particularly welcome if you like to sing at 3am! Singing from 1pm on Thursday 8 October to 1pm on the Friday – you can support the event in three different ways:

- Sponsor a singer
- Make a donation
- Be part of it and get sponsored.



The hope is to raise £3,000 to secure the future of the choir for the coming year. For more information, to participate or donate please use the QR code or contact rach@brightfuturesunltd.org or call 07754 561031.

The choir gathers people from across the city who are living with dementia, alongside those who care for them – it's an opportunity for fun, laughter and companionship and it makes a huge difference to those who attend. Please support if you can.

Crossed Keys Café Mondays

9.30am – 12.00pm



no session 26 Oct during half-term

St Peter's Community Hub
everyone welcome

Tiddlywinks stay and play



Mondays
1.30 – 3pm

Toys, songs,
games, crafts &
refreshments
no session 26 Oct
during half-term

at St Peter's Community Hub

Harvest Festival Sun 4 October 10am



The first Sunday in October is always our Harvest Festival where all food collected goes to Derby Food4Thought who distribute food across the city to 14 different foodbanks.

Priority Foods:

UHT Milk – semi skimmed

Any meal in a tin – meat or veggie – curry, stew, chilli etc. These can easily be paired with pasta, rice or potatoes. (Please avoid tinned pies as they require an oven).

Please bring your donation to the service or leave on the Vicarage doorstep (in the tin) and everything will be delivered later in the week. The school Harvest service is on Tuesday 6 October, so we won't have the usual pile of donations at the Sunday service. Everything will be packed and sorted on Thursday morning, before being taken to Derby Food4Thought.

If you do not wish to bring food items, you can always make a donation to Derby Food4 Thought– please put your donation in an envelope, or if giving online, ensure the office know that it's a harvest donation.

ALPHA - find out more about Christianity



The Alpha course started on Sunday 27 September to help people explore the Christian faith and what it might mean for them. But you can still join in if you would like to learn more. Alpha is a ten week course with space to explore what it means to know that God loves you and how you can respond.

Taking place early on a Sunday evening in St Peter's Hub (next to The White Swan) we will meet at 6pm for tea and cake, followed by a short film and time to chat through what we've seen. This is a great course if you are new to church, exploring what it means to have faith, or just want to brush up on the basics.

Go to www.stpeterlittleover.org.uk/alpha for more information.

Thirsty Thursday



at The White Swan Littleover

8 Oct 2026 at 7.30pm

catch up with the fellas

Call Steve for more info 07790 431090

Church Yard Clean Up



and end of
term
barbecue!

Sat 17 October 9.30am – 12noon
Everyone Welcome!

Community Litter Pick 7 November

10am

St Peter's
Church



Access for all at St Peter's Church



- Level access to the building via the jitty/drive from Church Street and then level access throughout the public areas, with carpet
- Level access disabled friendly toilets - unisex
- Blue fittings in the toilets to assist those living with dementia and lever taps on sinks
- Loop System throughout the nave – just switch to T
- Two wheelchairs available to borrow
- Backfriends (support frames for aching backs) available to borrow
- Blankets to sit on or wrap up in if you feel the cold
- Communion can be brought to you in your seat if you let us know. Gluten free available.

Speak to the welcome team if you or your family have specific needs.

We will do our best to help.

Paul and Fiona get Bishop's Badge



Paul and Fiona Taylor have served St Peter's faithfully for many years and are familiar faces to many. Paul serves as a reader and duty warden and together with Fiona they run the Crossed Keys Café every Monday morning over in St Peter's Hub. Both are also part of the Messy Church team and Fiona is an enthusiastic and dedicated leader of Diddy Disciples, our under fives Sunday School.

Supported by family and friends it was great to be able to celebrate with them and give thanks for their many years of willing and loving service to so many.



Sermon series on racism and the Church

This autumn our sermon series and home group studies will focus around racism and the church. Whether that is historical issues around memorials to those who advocated the slave trade, or to our stained glass windows where we have recreated many Bible stories showing key characters with white skin. The catalyst for this is one of the windows on the south side of the church from 1964 of Phillip with the Ethiopian eunuch –look and see what you think.



News from Littleover

Littleover in Bloom

The rain when it came was most welcome, just as we were feeling guilty for watering the places that don't have water reservoirs! Just the respite we needed. Time to let the rain fill up the water butts, whilst we continue to tidy and weed.

At the top of our agenda at our next meeting will be a discussion on planting more drought tolerant plants. Although to be fair, we haven't lost many, and the ones we have were just scorched, but we need to cut down the watering.

We owe The Village Grill a huge thank you, for putting up with us using their water, they always have a big smile and a nod when we ask if it's okay to turn on their tap. One thing we have noticed this summer, is the amount of litter that is just discarded.

The council cleaners clean up the village every morning but we shouldn't need to have this done. The people in cars throwing things out of the windows, people discarding food and drink wrappers.

What could we do to stop people doing this? Any ideas please let us know.

If you have any spare time just for half an hour you are welcome to join us, it's amazing how just a little helps.

The next meeting is Mon 5 October 1.30pm
Littleover Grange Hall Community
Association, rear entrance or contact Jan
on 01332 348903 or jan.dante@virgin.net

Littleover Historical Society

In 1841 Littleover had four Public Houses: The White Swan, on Shepherd Street, written evidence leads us to believe, more of an eating house, a meeting place; The Plough Inn, on Uttoxeter Road; and the Half Moon and Rising Sun on opposite sides of Burton Road. The Half Moon catered for overnight stays and is recorded as having a large garden and bowling alley. The Mercury records that many auctions were held there. The location of The Plough was on the verge of the Littleover Boundary at Huffin Heath. To give you an idea of the location, the order in which they were recorded were, The Plough, then The Toll House followed by Chain Lane, bearing in mind, there would be a generous space in between, not as today. The Mercury tells us, The Plough could be a lively pub, under various landlords, in 1824 Thomas Pyewell was fined £2 for allowing two cart men to become incapacitated whilst taking delivery of the barrels, and in 1857 William Greatorix was fined £1 for selling beer at 11.20am at the time of the church service. Another landlord was accused of a punch up with a local farmer. The pub was put up to auction several times. Finally In 1866 the old licenced pub called The Plough Inn was put up for auction once more. It was described as having cowsheds, a stable, piggeries, and house comprised of having two parlours, a bar kitchen and five bedrooms.

Join us for our next meeting, Fri 9 October 10am. Rear entrance, Littleover Grange Hall Community Centre, Park Lane. Visitors £3 members £1 including refreshments. Contact; Jan on 0113 348903 of jan.dante@virgin.net

Hannah Fields Community Garden

Just down Normanton Lane from St Peter's Hub is the wonderful oasis of Hannah Fields – with a café, opportunities to volunteer, workshops, fresh seasonal veg, space for you and your family just to be in the beauty of nature. All are welcome.

www.hannahfields.co.uk



Knitted Bishop Jackie



Di Learman, part of the Knit and Natter team here at St Peter's, knitted a version of Bishop Jackie as a special gift. Modelled on the robes she wore at Lianne's priesting earlier in the year, Di presented the 'mini-me' to Bishop Jackie after the Bishop's Badge service in September.



Greener Derby win Radio Derby Award



Greener Derby (formerly Greener Littleover) has won the environmental award at the BBC Radio Derby Make a Difference Awards. Headed up by Ali Davies Marsh, the group which was only created a few years ago has made a tremendous difference across our community working with many different people, including our own Creation Care team here at St Peter's.

The awards ceremony was at Pride Park on Sunday 13 September and Ali is pictured here with Ian Skye from BBC Radio Derby and her wife, our own Ali Marsh Davies. Huge congratulations!



Jenny welcomed back!

Rev Jenny Cooper, one of our retired clergy, has been very unwell, so it was a delight to welcome her back to St Peter's and the Wednesday morning service which was her regular service. While she is still not back to full strength, it was great to see her in such good spirits and catching up with friends. A real answer to prayer!



Support Our Local Parks with Friends of Littleover Parks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email: parks@derby.gov.uk

Telephone: 01332 640789

or the Police on 101 if appropriate



ReCreate

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

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

Would you like 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 October
Bring your own project

16 October - Wild Art Deep Faith
Part 4 - Images and Words

9.50am to 11.30am
St Peter's Hub Large Hall
Please bring your own drink

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Parish of Littleover & Blagreaves

St **Peter's** Church

Creation Care

Building a Home for Nature in St Peter's Churchyard

A big well done to the children from St Peter's Church, who recently got stuck into creating a wonderful bug hotel in the churchyard with help from Creation Care and Chris Jones. Their hard work has provided a safe and welcoming home for all sorts of wildlife, helping nature thrive right on our doorstep.

Many people are surprised to learn that an average garden can support more than 2,000 different species of insect. While a few may nibble our favourite plants, most play an important role in keeping gardens healthy. Ladybirds help control pests, bees pollinate flowers, and countless other insects support the wider web of life.



The new bug hotel at St Peter's has been built using natural materials that create shelter for insects and other small creatures. Features such as dead wood, hollow stems, leaves, bark and sticks provide places to rest, nest and hibernate through the colder months. Stones and tiles can even create frost-free spaces for amphibians during winter.

As autumn approaches, now is the perfect time to think about how we can all help wildlife at home. You do not need a large garden or a grand project. A small pile of logs, a patch of fallen leaves left undisturbed, some hollow stems, or a simple bug hotel made from recycled materials can make a real difference. Leaving seed heads standing and planting nectar-rich flowers can also provide valuable food and shelter.

The children at St Peter's have shown that small actions can have a big impact. What could you do in your garden or outdoor space this winter to give nature a helping hand?

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

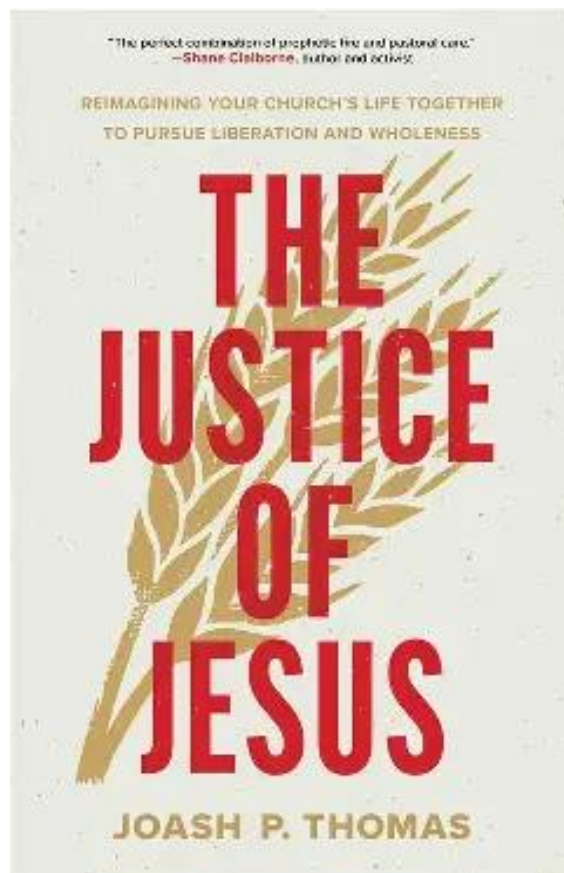
Book Review - The Justice of Jesus – by Joash P Thomas

by Revd Lianne Green, Curate of St Peter's and All Saints, Findern

I was kindly sent this book by a good friend, who is the UK director for Musana (an awesome African social enterprise charity – go check them out!). At first I was a little put out, thinking that my friend thinks I need to challenge my own ethics when it comes to justice, which I actually thought I was really clued up about!

I am glad I pushed through my bruised pride and let this book educate and challenge me to ask afresh: 'as a follower of Christ, what do I really think about justice?'

Joash's book challenges something he says has become quite normal in parts of the Western Church: separating people's spiritual needs from their physical lives. He observes that most of the Western churches' time, effort, and finances go into evangelism and discipleship. He argues that we cannot separate our faith from the realities of poverty, hunger, racism, inequality and conflict. It also made me realise how much of the theology I have encountered has been written by white, Western theologians, with far less exposure to the equally rich voices of theologians from the Global South, Asia and the Far East.



The effects of colonialism have not simply disappeared

Although European colonialism officially ended across much of the world in the mid-twentieth century, Joash reminds us that its effects have not simply disappeared. "They can still be seen in extreme poverty, global hunger, racial inequalities and conflict in many countries that were once under European rule".

This can be uncomfortable for us to think about, particularly when we are part of the Western Church. We may feel that colonialism is something that happened a long time ago and has little to do with our lives today. But Joash asks us to look more honestly at

the world (and church) we have inherited and how those old patterns can continue. This might show up in who has power and whose voices are heard, in whose history and culture we regard as important, and even in how we understand what a “normal” church looks like.

This is where Joash introduces the idea of decolonising our Christian faith. In simple terms, this means being willing to look again at what we have taken for granted and ask whether we have allowed Western ways of thinking to become the measure of what is right or “normal”. It means making space to listen to people from different cultures and communities, particularly those whose voices have historically been ignored or pushed aside. It is not about rejecting everything that comes from the Western Church, or feeling guilty about history. It is about being humble enough to recognise that we do not have all the answers and that we have much to learn from Christians whose experiences and ways of understanding God differ from our own.

As a church leader, I particularly liked Joash’s encouragement on ways a church can prioritise prayer in a justice-oriented way by using The Lord’s Prayer, incorporating prayer for justice into our worship services, and hosting or joining prayer services with other churches to pray about local and global justice issues. This helps because it reminds us that justice is not something we only campaign for, it is something we bring before God together.

Overall, I really appreciated how Joash doesn't leave us simply recognising injustices; he encourages us to do something about them. He calls Christians to begin with prayer and a willingness to listen and learn, then move beyond that into action. This might mean changing how we spend our money. How our churches use their money and resources, building genuine relationships with communities different from our own, speaking up when we see injustice (I personally think this also includes the effects of global warming, which disproportionately affects some of the world’s poorest communities), and reflecting on the choices we make in our everyday lives.

For Joash, pursuing justice is not about doing everything perfectly or trying to fix the world on our own. It is about taking the next step toward the wholeness and freedom Jesus came to bring, and letting that shape how we live, worship, and love our neighbours.



Michael and Julia's Diamond Wedding



Michael and Julia Furniss celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 3 September and at the Wednesday service of Holy Communion they were blessed by Rev Jason Kennedy. Following the service (where Michael was also duty warden) they shared lots of lovely chocolate with the congregation over coffee.

They were also presented with some roses from church along with the heartfelt congratulations of their friends. They also received a card from the King.



Kai is baptised

Carolyn and Jon Marc Gouldbourne were married at St Peter's in 2015 with their children Alex and Jayda in attendance. And we were thrilled to be able to baptise Kai ten years later when he arrived as an unexpected blessing. Following the baptism, the family enjoyed a party in the Community Hub.

Messy Harvest Celebrations

Messy Harvest welcomed families on Sunday 20 September to consider Ruth, Naomi and Boaz – who together created a new life out of tragedy and how sharing harvest builds community. There was bread baking, vegetable hoopla, prayer, singing and plenty of food to share.



Walking Group on the South Coast Path

'I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber;'
Psalm 121: 1-3 A song of Ascents

Well, maybe not mountains but certainly ascents! Our recent walk took us up and down dale traversing the south Devon coast path from Dartmouth to Seaton. We walked nearly 65 miles over five days and what a walk it was. The scenery was amazing, the weather was kind and the company wasn't too bad either! Breathtaking cliff top views, woodland paths through trees of all shapes, sizes and ages and rolling hills painted a patch work of green and gold.

Equally beautiful, the sea scape and sky set the scene; sparkling with blues and silver or muted with grey and white.

Sadly, we did see evidence of climate change. Some paths had been closed and diverted due to landslip and the cliff edge was fenced off in places because of being unsafe and unstable. Crops had already been harvested and soil was cracked and dry.

Some of the walking was challenging with very steep ascents and descents. Lots of steps to climb up and down and I was very appreciative of the help I was given to enable me to negotiate them. It was certainly team work!

Each day was different, apart from the steps and slopes of course – they were always there! Sometimes our walk was through the countryside, sometimes through seaside towns and villages, sometimes a mix of both. Memories include seeing the 'Prayer Cairn'. Thought provoking because it was first created at the time we were all put in 'Lock Down' due to Coronavirus. Seeing a group of Grey Seals playing in sea below us, only to realise when the tide went out that they were merely rocks, but it had been great to imagine! All in all, a great walk.

Julie Scott



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Juan Carlos & Penny de Marces – in Peru

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PASH Kenya www.pashuk.org.uk

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

Open Doors www.opendoorsuk.org

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

Bible Society www.biblesociety.org.uk

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

Care for the Family Supporting strong family life and helping those facing challenges through marriage, parenting or bereavement.

www.careforthefamily.org.uk

Derby City Mission or DCM – supporting those on the edge of life in our city – homeless support, debt advice, Street Pastors, etc

www.derbycitymission.org.uk

DerbyFood4Thought – food, furniture and clothing hub for the city

www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk

Upbeat Communities – empowering refugees to thrive in Derby

www.upbeatcommunities.org

Green Christian – supporting churches to care for God's creation www.greenchristian.org.uk

Borderline Arts www.borderlinearts.org

Supporting those in Derby with borderline personality disorder through a range of arts courses, workshops and support.

What does it mean to be a refugee in the UK?

Our media is full of reports about illegal immigration, often sparking fear and resentment. As a church we support the work of **Upbeat Communities** here in Derby who support our refugee communities. Here are some facts about how the system operates.

What's the difference between a refugee and an asylum seeker?

Before we look at the process, it helps to understand the terms. Often, the words "asylum seeker" and "refugee" are used interchangeably, but they mean different things in law:

An asylum seeker is someone who has arrived in the UK and formally asked the government for protection, but is still waiting for a decision on their application.

A refugee is someone whose claim for asylum has been accepted by the government. They have been granted "Leave to Remain," meaning they are legally recognised as needing protection and have the right to stay. There are also official **Resettlement Schemes** run by the UK government. People arriving through these official routes are usually granted a specific type of visa immediately upon arrival. A very small number of people are eligible for these schemes; most people have to use other methods to get to safety, and the journey is often much harder and more uncertain for people in this position.

Step 1: Arrival and Initial Accommodation

When a person arrives in the UK and claims asylum, they are entirely dependent on the Home Office (the government department responsible for immigration). Because asylum seekers are not legally allowed to work while waiting for their decision, they rely on government support for their survival. This amounts to just £9.95 per week for those living in hotels or hostels—which has to stretch to clothing, transport, phone credit, and other necessities.

Step 2: Waiting for The Interview

The core of the asylum process is the "substantive interview." This is a rigorous, deeply detailed interview with the Home Office where the person seeking sanctuary must explain exactly why they fled their home and provide evidence of the danger they face. This process requires immense courage. Participants are often asked to recall deeply traumatic memories, and having accurate translation can sometimes be problematic.

Step 3: The Decision and The 'Move-On' Period

If the Home Office approves the claim, the person is granted refugee status. This is a moment of immense relief — but it also triggers one of the most challenging phases of the journey to safety.

When a person receives their refugee status, they are given a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP), which gives them the right to work, rent property, and access public funds. However, their Home Office financial support and accommodation ends just **28 days** after their decision is granted.

This 28-day window is known as the "move-on period." Within just four weeks, a newly recognised refugee must:

1. Open a bank account
2. Apply for Universal Credit (which takes five weeks to process)
3. Find a private landlord willing to rent to them, often without a guarantor or a deposit
4. Secure employment.

Because this timeline is incredibly tight, many people are at risk of experiencing homelessness during this transition. Without immediate intervention, individuals who have finally been granted safety can find themselves sleeping rough and entirely destitute.

Step 4: Building a Life in the Community

This is where the true meaning of integration begins, and where Upbeat's work is most vital. Truly integrating in a new country is not just about having a legal document; it is about belonging. **For a more detailed version of this article go to www.upbeatcommunities.org**

Prayer Priorities

UC would value prayer for the following issues:

Refugee homelessness

A couple of months ago, we shared that refugee homelessness has reached a devastating high in the city of Derby. We need the Church to pray for solutions. At Upbeat, we run a couple of projects providing emergency accommodation in both voluntary and paid capacities. We urgently need more hosts to join us in offering a safe place to stay for refugees. **Could you help us spread the word?**

Upbeatcommunities.org/hosting



Finances

The financial landscape across the UK and the world right now is really tough. We would love it if you could pray for God's provision as Upbeat seeks to continue meeting the needs of refugees in our city through our projects. In particular, please pray for success with a number of significant Trust and Foundation funding applications that have recently been submitted, wisdom as we develop new funding opportunities, and for the resources needed to sustain and grow projects such as our Integration Hub.

Big Give

The Big Give Christmas raised over £25,000 last year to support our projects for much of 2026. This year, we need to raise £28,000 to keep up with increasing needs. Please help if you can.

www.upbeatcommunities.org

Mobile Footcare Service

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Littleover Women's Institute

2nd Thursday of the month

Littleover Social Club at 7.30pm

Members new and old welcome.

Come along and see what we do!

Further information from

Margaret Williams on 01332 767354



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

BACK PAIN

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

Many people are turning to chiropractic for the treatment of these and other muscle and joint problems.

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

Chiropractic aims to improve the function of your muscles and joints.

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

**MJ Whatling, DC, MSc, FCC
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Find us at:

493 Burton Road,
Littleover, Derby,
DE23 6FQ
Tel. 01332 774583

Opening Hours:

Mon to Fri: 9am – 4.30pm
Saturday: 9am – 3.30pm
Sunday: Closed



DERBY DEMENTIA CHOIR 'LITTLEOVER VOICES!'



We are back to lead more glorious singing, with lots of fun and laughter and a lovely performance to invite friends and family to! Open to those living with dementia or caring for those who are. Familiar songs, friendly faces and making new friends.

Newcomers are welcome at any time!



Please join us:



Every Thursday from
10th of September 2026.
St Peter's Church Littleover
1-3 pm



If required contact Rach on 07754561031 or email
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Derby, UK.

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Small Building Works
Let's Discuss Your Options



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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.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?



CartoonChurch.com

FOODBANK



UHT milk needed, please
deliver to Church or the
Vicarage. Thank you.

priority semi skimmed milk



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

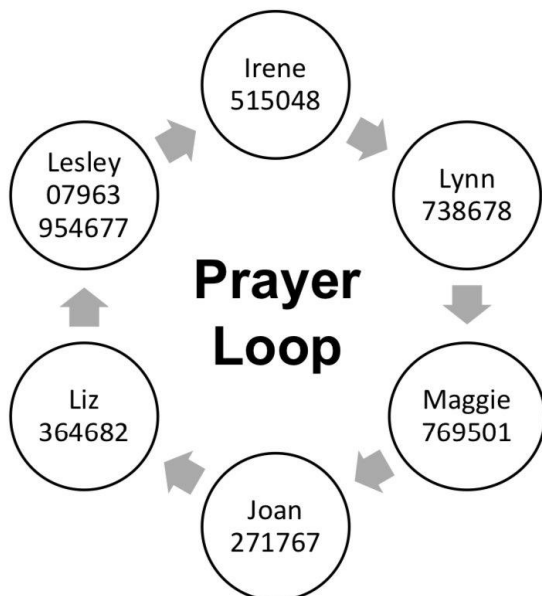
**for those who can knit like
grandma and those who've
no idea – everyone welcome!
Call Di on 01332 763938**

1. BBC British Broadcasting Corp 2. EMA East Midlands Airport 3. ABC Murders 4. BST British Summer Time 5. ATM Automatic teller machine 6. IRA Irish Republican Army 7. NFL National Football League 8. MMR Measles, Mumps & Rubella 9. CID Criminal Investigation Dept. 10. RIP Rest in Peace 11. ITV Independent Television 12. USA United States of America 13. QED Quod erat demonstrandum 14. COD Cash on delivery 15. RAF Royal Air Force 16. FIB Fellow of the institute of Bankers 17. GMT Greenwich Mean Time 18. ETA Estimated time of arrival 19. NUM National Union of Mine Workers 20. VIP Very important person 21. PTO Please turn over 22. FAQ Frequently asked questions 23. GCE General Certificate of Education 24. IOW Isle of Wight 25. POW Prisoner of war 26. IOU I owe you 27. TNT Trinitrotoluene 28. HRT Hormone replacement therapy 29. RHS Royal Horticultural Society 30. DIY Do it yourself 31. DNA Deoxyribonucleic Acid 32. BEd Batchelor of Education 33. OBE Order of the British Empire 34. IWD International Women's Day 35. HCF Highest common factor 36. OAP Old Age pensioner 37. PIN Personal identification number 38. WBA West Bromwich Albion 39. NHS National Health Service 40. MOT Ministry of Transport

Entertainment Quiz (some anagrams)

Questions	Answers
1. Found in music on certainly	
2. Tone is vile	
3. Place to see the ice man?	
4. The performance must go on	
5. Live fast at Glastonbury maybe	
6. ----- Gaga by Queen in 1984	
7. Article	
8. Rate the play here	
9. ----- Youth sang Pass the Dutchie in 1982	
10. Oxford or Picadilly tube stations	
11. Excerpt from a teenage ----- by Keith West in 1967	
12. A movie to fulfil me	
13. Prance for me	
14. Found in funny person welcomed you	
15. ----- on by the Shadows in in 1962	
16. Fizzy drink band	
17. One who performs alone	
18. Rice ink	
19. Dance for Cinderella	
20. Dodgems, Helter skelter etc	
21. Used to wash in Corrie or Eastenders	
22. Tom and Jerry perhaps	
23. Physical activity found in his ports	
24. Ridiculous comedy	
25. Questions in the tavern	
26. The velodrome is also called Derby -----	
27. Arrows often in the pub	
28. Carry all to this event	
29. Swan Lake for example	
30. Velocity path	
31. Slim copy	
32. Spaniels or poodles perhaps	
33. Small parky tune	
34. Satirical magazine and Mrs Finnegan	
35. Rake oak	
36. Mystical see through light case	
37. Inferno factory?	
38. Tate Modern or National Portrait maybe	
39. Sung by Ottawan in 1980	
40. PC matches	

Do you need Prayer?



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, Jason, Lianne, Joan or
David Ditch

Your PCC members

Alicia Dring
Jason Kennedy
Lianne Green
Helene Roe
Julie Scott
Tim Standley
Bill Browne
Jim Britland
David Barker

Heather Newstead
Ann Vincent
Peter Vincent
Ali Marsh-Davies
Robyn Dewis
Peter Maybury
Sharon Batten
Lynn Hamblin
Steve Dring

Church 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 01332 767802 or contact a leader directly.

Learning Together Mon 2.30pm weekly

Led by Robin and Terry Wood: we enjoy lively discussions as well as social events and fundraising.

Pilgrims

Mon 7.30pm fortnightly

Led by Doreen and John Bird: walking together on our journey of faith.

New Beginnings Tue 9.45am weekly

Led by Bill and Maggie Brown: our aim is to encourage one another to grow in Christ as we read the Bible, share, pray, worship and laugh together.

Queen's Drive

Tue 7.30pm weekly

Led by Phil and Liz Eley: a diverse group interested in supporting those in mission.

Sticking Point

Wed 6.45pm fortnightly

Led by John Bradley: a group of mature Christians who support each other spiritually and through hospitality.

Route 66

Tue 7.30pm weekly

Led by Jon and Jenny Russell: named after the 66 books in the Bible and taking the journey with Jesus together.

StAnd

Wed 12.45pm fortnightly

Led by the group: primarily those who were once St Andrew's and now part of St Peter's: learning and growing together.

Platform

Wed 7.15pm weekly

Led by Rachel Whithorn: supporting each other in our walk with God, with an emphasis on practical application of Scripture.

ReLENTless

Wed 7.15pm fortnightly

Led by Pete & Helen Homes: after a one off Lent course (hence name) this group is loving, plain speaking and full of laughter

Parish Activities

Sunday

Parish Prayers in Church 8.30am

Service in Church and on Zoom 10am

Monday

Crossed Keys Café in the Hub

9.30am – 12.30pm NOT on 26 Oct

Tiddlywinks for under 5s in the Hub

1.30pm – 2.45pm NOT on 26 Oct

Tuesday

Lunch Club for older people in the Hub

12noon to 2pm

Wednesday

Holy Communion in Church 10.30am

Knit and Natter in the Hub

2.15pm -4pm

Hot Chocolate and Toast St Andrew's

After school drop in fortnightly 2.45pm

Home Groups – see list opposite

Thursday

Friday

ReCreate in the Hub fortnightly

1st and 3rd weeks of the month – see advert

Being part of St Peter's

Our Church Family is a crucial part of our life here at St Peter's – with Jesus at the centre.

And we hope that everyone will find a way to serve the church with their time, skills and finances. Join us for worship in person or online on a Sunday, or midweek in person. That you will offer your time and expertise to bless the wider life of the church, by being part of a home group, helping out with our many different ministries, or if your health keeps you at home, praying for all that goes on.

We prefer not to ask for volunteers but rather offer what you can so that all the tasks are shared and we are not expecting just a few people to do everything. Have a chat with someone about how you could help – it's often easier to start alongside someone you know.

Special Occasions

Baptism or Thanksgiving

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

Marriage and Banns

Congratulations! You can get married at St Peter's if you have a qualifying connection to the church. For more information call the office, look at the church website or take a look at

www.yourchurchwedding.org We are happy to talk about dates, including midweek weddings.

Funerals

Arrangements are normally made through your funeral director and it doesn't have to be in church, we are happy to take services at the crematorium or local municipal cemeteries.

Churchyard

There are no longer any new grave spaces but you can still bury ashes in the Garden of Remembrance if the deceased lived in the parish. No memorials are permitted in the GOR but an entry will be made in the Book of Remembrance in church. Please inform your funeral director as early as possible of your wishes. Please be aware the maintenance of the churchyard is done by volunteers and Community Payback teams. You are welcome to care for your own area.

Uniformed groups

At the Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Email: 174derbyscouting@gmail.com

Squirrels – for children aged 4-6

Tuesday 4.45pm-5.45pm

Beavers – for children aged 6-8

and **Cubs** – for children aged 8-10

Tuesday 5.45pm-6.45pm

Scouts – for children aged 10-14

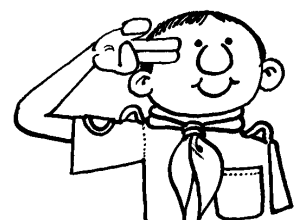
Tuesday 7.15pm-8.15pm

Brownies – Girls aged 7-10

Fridays 6pm –7.15pm

Contact Heather Collins:

01773 820119



Notice Board – October 2026

1	Thursday	1.00pm	Dementia Choir	Church
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
2	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
3	Saturday			
4	Sunday		Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	
		10.00am	All Age Harvest Festival	Church & Zoom
		6.00pm	Alpha Course	St Peter's Hub
5	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Clergy & Wider Staff meeting	Church
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
6	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
7	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
8	Thursday	10.00am	Safeguarding Team meeting	Church
		1.00pm	Dementia Friendly Community Choir	Church
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
9	Friday			
10	Saturday	10.00am	Litter Pick	St Andrew's Hub
11	Sunday		Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
		6.00pm	Alpha Course	St Peter's Hub
12	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
13	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	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 HC&T	St Andrew's Hub
15	Thursday	1.00pm	Dementia Friendly Community Choir	Church
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
16	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
17	Saturday	9.30am	Churchyard Clean Up and barbecue	Churchyard
18	Sunday		Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	
		10.00am	Morning Worship	Church & Zoom
		6.00pm	Alpha Course	St Peter's Hub
19	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	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	1.00pm	Dementia Friendly Community Choir	Church
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
23	Friday			
24	Saturday			
25	Sunday		Last Sunday after Trinity	
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
		6.00pm	Alpha Course	St Peter's Hub
26	Monday			
27	Tuesday			
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	1.00pm	Dementia Friendly Community Choir	Church
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
30	Friday			
31	Saturday			