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St Peter's Church

Keyhole

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

The noise of Christmas, with the demands of gifts, decorations, parties and family expectations can often mean this can be a hugely stressful time of year. But it's not meant to be like this. Rather we are called to calmly approach the advent of Christmas with penitent and thoughtful hearts, anticipating the arrival of Emmanuel, God with us.

Instead, it's a cacophony of overspending, over-eating and general mass-indulgence that lasts all the way through to the new year sales that bizarrely often start on Christmas Eve.

My step-father had a mug that said: "I shop, therefore I am" – he loved shopping, finding bargains, and lots of "I saw this and thought of you." Careful and thoughtful gifts are lovely to receive – I particularly like homemade gifts when I know that the person who has made it has taken time and care in preparing the present – it makes it all the more special. Trouble is my list can be a frenzy of making sure I don't buy the same thing I gave the year before….

I wonder what God makes of all the excess? "I know you want to celebrate the lad's birthday, but haven't you somehow missed the point?" Rather than feel guilty for getting caught up in all the hype I wonder if our gifts can be more considered – a promise of a meal out, or time together. Something handmade with them in mind. A gift that reflects love and care, rather than consumption. So that as we remember those we love at Christmas, so in turn we can give thanks for the One who showed us what love really looks like – Emmanuel, God with us.

Please come and celebrate with us this year – pick a service from our diary on the back page of the magazine – it will be great to see you.

Yours in Christ
Alicia

Occasional Services in November 2026

Funerals	**12 Nov**	**Irene Cooper**

Special Bereavement Service



Every Remembrance Sunday we hold a special service for all who have been bereaved. We invite the families we have conducted funerals for over the previous year along with invites to those who have attended in previous years.

With familiar hymns, readings and prayers we gather to share our grief in a safe place. Each person then has the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance and in the dark, with the flickering candles the names of those we have loved and lost are read aloud and we remember together.

Crossed Keys Café

Mondays

9.30am – 12.00pm



St Peter's Community Hub

everyone welcome

Tiddlywinks

stay and play



Mondays

1.30 – 3pm

Toys, songs, games, crafts & refreshments

at St Peter's Community Hub

Community Remembrance Sunday



Once again, we gathered as a community to remember all who died during the nation's wars. On a cold and foggy morning, we welcomed representatives from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Balwant Bubber, Ian Allen from the Royal British Legion as well as local police, representatives from local scout groups and others remembering family and friends.

Following our time outside which included the two-minute silence we went into church for the remaining part of the service.
All donations given that day have been given to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.











Thirsty Thursday



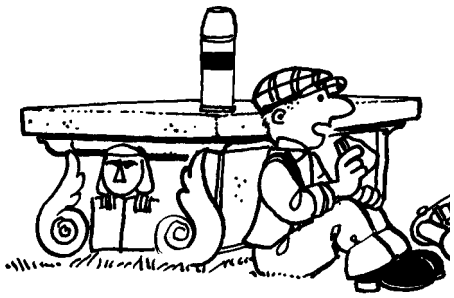
at The White Swan Littleover

10 Dec 2026 at 7.30pm

catch up with the fellas

Call Steve for more info 07790 431090

Church Yard Clean Up



on a rest now for Winter



...no I don't think you're the real Father Christmas!
I think you're up there pinching lead off my roof!!

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.



Christmas at St Peter's Church in 2026

29 Nov	3pm	**Messy Church** in St Peter's Hub, families welcome
6 Dec	10am	**Gift Service** – bring new gifts for children in need
7 Dec	8pm	**Raise a Glass at The White Swan** – remembering those who have died
9 Dec	2pm	**Dementia Friendly Carols and Holy Communion**
12 Dec	10am	**Community Carols** outside Insomnia Café
13 Dec	10am	**Nativity Service** – everyone dress up and join in
	7pm	**Carols by Candlelight** – with mulled wine & mince pies, collection for Christmas Lunch on Jesus
17 Dec	6pm	**Community Carols** at The Oaklands Pub
18 Dec	7pm	**Community Carols** at The White Swan

Christmas Eve

3pm & 5pm	**Christingle Service** – great for families with a collection for The Children's Society
11.15pm	**Midnight Holy Communion**

Christmas Day

8am	**Holy Communion** – spoken service
10am	**All Age Holy Communion** suitable for the family







News from Littleover

Littleover in Bloom

Time to do those last minute jobs before the ground gets too hard to work with.
Our barrier baskets have been re-planted for winter, and our begonia corms are tucked up and put to bed, our winter pansies are happily smiling in the late watery sun.

This year we have to have a big rethink on our main bed, our beautiful lavender, appreciated by us and the bees over the years has unfortunately grown woody and needed to be taken out. Our backdrop of clematis and buddleia too needs to be cut back dramatically, or taken out and the ground needs replenishing with more compost. Dug over and left to winter.
We then have to make the decision to plan a more drought tolerant garden for future years.

Thank you to the person who took a liking to our buzzy bee and exchanged it for a pumpkin, now that Halloween is over, could we please have our happy bee back, we may need him again.
The next meeting is Mon 7 December 1.30pm Littleover Grange Hall Community Association, rear entrance or contact Jan on 01332 348903 or jan.dante@virgin.net

Littleover Historical Society

All the latest talk of stockpiling food is quite unnerving, but of course it isn't new, my mother in law always had a suitcase full of tinned salmon and sliced peaches under the bed for years, no doubt she wasn't the only one. Christmas 1946, people were probably just feeing more secure, most of the menfolk, who had survived the war were probably safely back home. As things were slowly getting back to normal, although, many foods were still rationed, and would be for some time, what would your pantry, or larder consist of? No popping down to your local supermarket for a couple of boxes of mince pies. Everyone in the 'forties', made their own, mincemeat, Christmas cake and Christmas pudding, some people still do, but in the years of rationing, you would have to be a very clever cook to produce the Christmas fare that is readily available today, although from 8 Dec 1946 to 5 January 1947 the ration of butter and margarine were increased every other week from 2oz to 4oz, likewise a similar amount of sugar and dried fruits were increased. These had to be purchased through ration books. Every man woman and child were issued with these. If you can remember, the taste of Christmas past please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.
Join us for our next meeting, Fri 4 December 10am. Rear entrance, Littleover Grange Hall Community Centre, Park Lane. Visitors £3 members £1 including refreshments and mince pies . 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



Show love by giving this Christmas



Gift Service Sun 6 December 10am

Buy a gift for a child under the age of 16 and we will pass your gift on to families who have very little this Christmas. Particularly welcome are chocolate, toiletries, batteries, wrapping paper, tags and Sellotape.

Reverse Advent Calendar: *deliver to Vicarage (preferably in long life bags) by 17 Dec*

Instead of eating chocolate everyday, consider buying an item to create a Christmas Hamper for a family who might otherwise miss out on treats at Christmas. No fresh food or alcohol, but plenty of lovely items for all the family.





Christmas Lunch on Jesus

Run by St Peter's in the City, this great project delivers Christmas dinner to families across the city – turkey and all the trimmings, crackers, chocolate and even grape juice. We take a collection for this project at the Candlelit Carols on **Sunday 13 December at 7pm** – you can give by cash or card. Families in Littleover benefit from this project.

The Children's Society at Christingle

Every year we receive encouragement and resources from The Children's Society to hold our Christingle service – they even supply the candles and the tape. In acknowledgement we take a collection for their work at both of our Christingle services on Christmas Eve at 3pm and 5pm. You can give through the QR code on the service order, via your card or in cash. Their work gives hope to children across the country through many different projects.

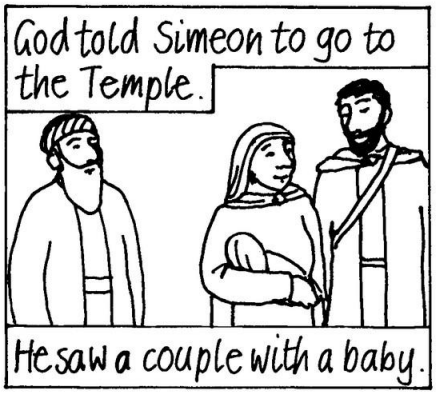


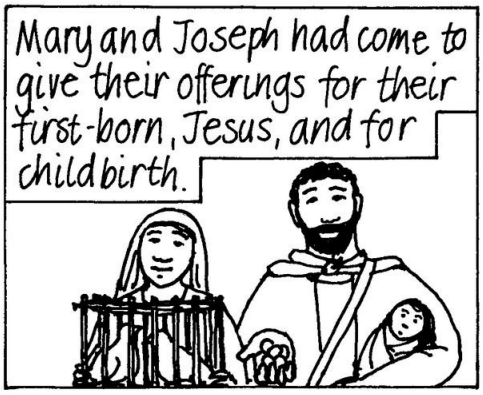
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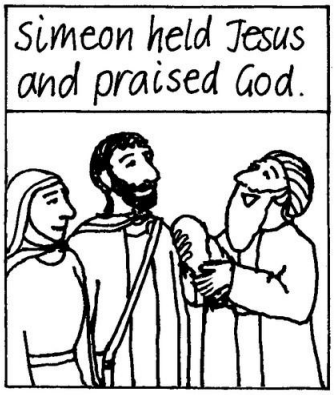
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke 2 verses 22-38

God promised the Jews that when times were bad, He would send a Leader to save them. He told Simeon it would happen in his lifetime.

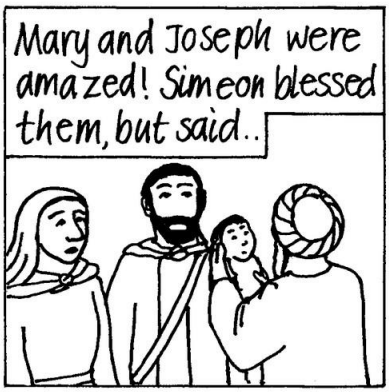












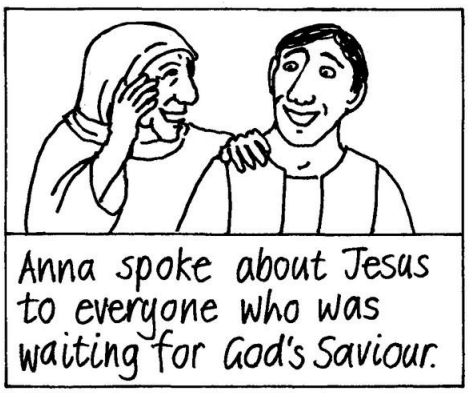












Hope the Duck for Diocesan Centenary



Next year will see the centenary celebrations of the Diocese of Derby and they have invited Hope the Duck to help with the party.
"Ay up me duck" is a real Derbyshire greeting and so Hope the Duck seemed a natural choice to assist churches, schools and the wider community in the celebrations. Any plans, events or services can include Hope and immediately be identifiable as a Centenary celebration.

Ali Davies-Marsh, Centenary Programme Manager said: "We want the whole community to be part of it. Alongside our main diocesan social media, we're launching @DioceseofDerby100 on Facebook and Instagram. It will be a lighter, more informal way of following our Centenary Year through the adventures of Hope the Diocese of Derby Centenary Duck.
Hope (and her friends!) will be travelling across the diocese, visiting churches, schools and communities, meeting people, discovering stories and joining in with celebrations throughout the year. And if Hope turns up where you are, make sure you get a photo and share it with us!"

At St Peter's Church our church duck has blue wellies and the St Peter's School duck has green wellies!!

End of the Dementia Services

Following the success of the weekly dementia choir (who recently made over £5,000 with their sponsored sing event in October), the bi-monthly dementia service has struggled with numbers. So, the difficult decision has been made to stop these services and instead, invest our energies in offering support and encouragement to the choir. Huge thanks to the volunteers who invested time, prayer, energy and love into the dementia services over the last two years. The final service will be on Wednesday 9 December at 2pm, offering carols and a short service of Holy Communion.

Anna Chaplaincy Update: from Jason Kennedy



I've been serving as Anna Chaplain at St Peter's now for nearly nine months at the time of writing. Time has flown! These first months have been about listening and learning, building relationships and getting involved.

Each month I visit four care homes with a specially crafted, memory-friendly service, and my colleague Lianne visits a fifth. Each service has a seasonal theme – we cover major festivals like Easter, Christmas, Harvest and Remembrance, but we also touch on God's love for Valentines in February, rest and peace at holiday time in August, new starts for the New Year in January. As we go, we also make individual visits to those who are nearing the end of their lives or who just need a little extra friendship and support.

It's also a privilege to be involved in Lunch Club, supporting the amazing team there every Tuesday lunchtime in offering conversation, friendship and care to our guests. Each month I offer the same seasonal service with Lunch Club guests as I do with our care homes. Each of these is its own congregation, a worshipping community, with prayer, teaching and fellowship.



I also support the Derby Dementia Choir, known by many as Remini-sing, that meets weekly at St Peter's – see picture on previous page - I have become their chaplain, and I love singing with them, getting to know them and forming friendships.

I'm learning a huge amount – not only what we can offer to love and serve those who are older, but also how God is gifting and using them powerfully in lots of unsung, beautiful ways. One guest at Lunch Club, outwardly frail, told me recently of people who just quietly come alongside her for support and conversation as she offers the gentle wisdom of years. 'I really believe I'm doing what God is calling me to do,' she said. I agree.
It's exciting work. As relationships are built, trust is built too – and I'm starting to have deeper conversations about the joys and struggles of getting older. People are asking for individual support and help. My work is often joyful, occasionally hard, but always a privilege. I love doing what I do.



But there is so much more. There are nine care homes in our parish. Huge numbers of older people are lonely, anxious, isolated and in need. There are so many options for ways we could help. I've thought of many, and regularly someone suggests something new that hasn't even crossed my mind!

Accordingly, my focus over these last few months has been to build a new team. Some have already said 'yes', others are prayerfully considering. These new 'Anna Friends' will be carefully selected, trained and commissioned in the new year to work alongside me and develop the work that God has given us.

I am so excited for what God might do in and through us in 2027 and beyond. Please do keep us in your prayers. If you're interested in the work of Anna Chaplaincy, please do ask me, or go to https://www.annachaplaincy.org.uk/.

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FRIENDS OF LITTLEOVER PARKS
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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

4 December
Wild Art Deep Faith part six
Listening with Journalling

18 December – Stars

1 January – NO ReCreate

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

Please bring your own drink

For more information contact:

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Carol H carol.harper1961@gmail.com
Joy joypomroy@yahoo.co.uk

Visit from Tim and Kate Lee – Jigsaw Kids

On the 15 November at our morning service we had the pleasure of a visit from Tim and Kate Lee from Jigsaw Kids' Ministries. Jigsaw was started by Tim and Kate in 2004 and now operates under the umbrella of CMS (Church Mission Society) to offer support and help to some of the poorest children and families in and around Manilla in the Philippines. St Peter's has supported its work since it began over 20 years ago.

Jigsaw's vision is to offer life in all fullness for all children, and provides food, shelter, adult and child education, welfare support and so much more to some of the most vulnerable across the city. The teams go out each day from their base to a range of centres across the slums and streets of Manilla, sharing the Good News of Jesus in both word and action.

Tim shared some inspiring stories with us of the fruits of decades of hard work and faithfulness, including the fact that they are beginning work on building a permanent centre for Jigsaw right in the centre of the city. It has taken them years of patience to get to this point, but God has been faithful! He spoke about the words of Jesus we find in Matthew 28: 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' Matthew 28:19-20 NIVUK

The story of Jigsaw reminds us of some important lessons as we are involved in sharing God's love at home and abroad. First, that we need to be involved for the long term and results don't always come quickly. Jesus promised to be with you always 'to the very end of the age'. Sometimes we don't see the fruit of our work for many months, even years. We might need to keep giving and seeing little return. However, that doesn't mean God isn't working. God's economy isn't measured with balance sheets but with love.

Second, getting involved in God's mission isn't just about one thing. Jesus asked us to 'make disciples'. But he also promised good news to the poor, freedom for prisoners and the oppressed, and sight to the blind (Luke 4:18). He said he'd come so that people may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10). God's mission involves serving and helping, seeking justice, teaching and training, as well as telling people about Jesus.

You can find out more about Jigsaw Kids' Ministries, and donate to its work, at https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/tim-lee-philippines/



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Juan Carlos & Penny de Marces – in Peru
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Tim and Kate Lee with Jigsaw Ministries
timkatelee@yahoo.com The Lee family live in the UK but work closely with Jigsaw Kids Ministries in the Philippines.

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.

UK BASED MISSION PARTNERS

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

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

LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

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

Borderline Arts www.borderlinearts.org
Supporting those in Derby with borderline personality disorder through a range of arts courses, workshops and support.

Mission Partners

De Marces in Peru

We were fortunate to see Penny and Juan Carlos earlier this year when they visited the UK on their final mission partner trip before retirement.
While they were here their son Jonny married Sharon at a ceremony in London and then their daughterBecky announced her engagement to Alejandro – so another wedding to plan!



Penny said:
"On arriving back in Peru it has been lovely to actually be working together in one church after many years of serving in different churches. Since Juan Carlos turned 70, he is no longer allowed by the Anglican Church to have overall responsibility for a chruch, so now, technically, Penny is in charge of Jesus el Nazareno. However, Juan Carlos remains fully involved and one of the recent innovations has been a new Prayer Room.



There is also a group of young teens doing Bible study each week and while there is a steady stream of coming and going, there is one participant who takes it very seriously, referencing three Bibles to explore the Scriptures thoroughly. Very impressive for a child whose parents are not churchgoers!



We continue to hold occasional 'Almuerzos para Abuelitos' – lunches for senior citizens – and since it is now 43 years since the El Nazareno area was founded, the original residents are increasingly reaching the 70 year age mark, so last time it was encouraging to have some new people. It is an open invitation and we decided to cater for 30 – having no idea if there would be 15 or 50. There were 29 and we felt God was saying "I will provide, and with extra at the end."



Our church is a small converted house and this picture is straight, as the church in on a hill, so one door is much higher then the other, while the floor inside is level.



The outside had not been painted for years, so it was with great pride that we finally managed to have it painted last month, in time for the anniversary service. The previously painted ancient paintwork was no different from most of the houses around, so is it lovely to have a church that looks rather more worthy of being a place of worship

Upbeat Communities Every Donation Doubled

Right now, refugees and people seeking asylum are facing significant challenges. At a time like this, a warm welcome, a friendly face, and a strong community can make all the difference. You can help by taking part in the **Big Give Christmas Challenge –** where any donation given between 1 – 7 December will be automatically DOUBLED by generous donors offering match funding.
The aim is to raise £28,000 to keep the integration hub open, ensuring access to English classes and community activities.
https://www.bit.ly/upbeatsbiggive2026
www.upbeatcommunities.org

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We've got online carol-singers again!

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

BACK PAIN

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

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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 rach@brightfuturesunltd.org

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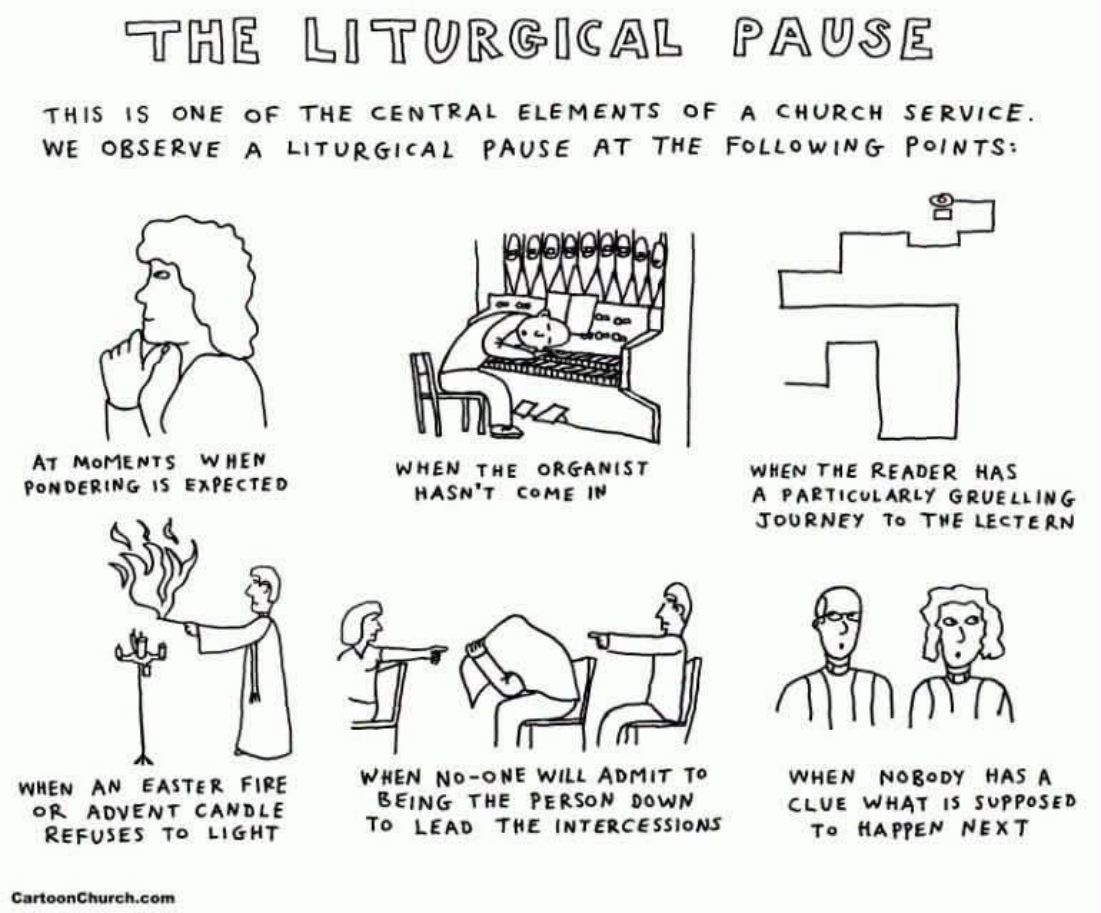
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Who are Build For Living?

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.



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

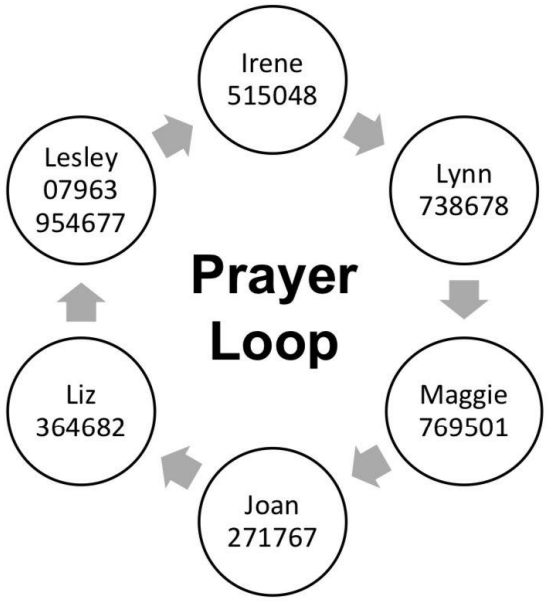
for those who can knit like grandma and those who've no idea – everyone welcome!
Call Di on 01332 763938

Answers to November's Shopping Quiz:
1. Precinct 2. Assistant 3. Handbags 4. Sale 5. Mall 6. Basket 7. Superstore 8. Market 9. Brand 10. Till
11. Jewellery 12. Window 13. Change 14. Café 15. Purse 16. Mail order 17. Receipt 18. Cosmetics
19. Personal shopper 20. On line 21. Fitting room 22. Credit card 23. Charity shop 24. Perfume 25. Customer
26. Heel bar 27. Refund 28. Discount 29. High Street 30. Escalator 31. Food court 32. Gift 33. Self-check out
34. Carrier bag 35. Boutique 36. Voucher 37. Book shop 38. Chain 39. Deli 40. Tag

Books of the Bible Quiz (some anagrams)

Questions	Answers
1. Group who sang I can't dance in 1992	
2. Correct school work	
3. Integers	
4. Mr. Bond	
5. Does it make the message clear?	
6. What met	
7. Bond actor ------- Dalton	
8. Found in she brews beer	
9. I cut lives	
10. Found in a saint it usually is	
11. Saint known as the rock	
12. People leaving	
13. Expressions of grief	
14. Hey ---- by the Beatles in 1968	
15. Lemon hip	
16. Found in woman who told the truth	
17. Was this doctor a fluke?	
18. O sonic lass	
19. Beatle Mr. Lennon	
20. Sum ale	
21, Found in those angels	
22. Those who preside in court	
23. Parts of a play	
24. Occupation or career	
25. Ransom	
26. Found in poetry perhaps almost plasms	
27. Early bird catches the worm for example	
28. No rich saint	
29. Found in a mosquito	
30. Tail Santa	
31. Sung by Elton John in 1973	
32. Male monarchs	
33. Found in Formica hard wearing	
34. A John in a whale	
35. Found in normal a child was	
36. Aha gig	
37. Mixed up human	
38. Billy ---- sang Uptown girl in 1983	
39. I jam here	
40. Found in she's there	

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 a 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 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 ends 14 Dec
Tiddlywinks for under 5s in the Hub
1.30pm – 2.45pm ends 14 Dec

Tuesday

Lunch Club for older people in the Hub
12noon to 2pm ends 15 Dec

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

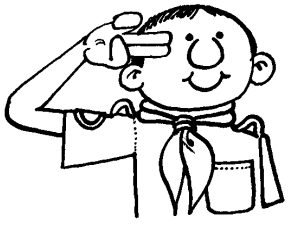
Arrangements are normally made through your funeral director and it doesn't have to be in church, we are happy to take services at the crematorium or local municipal cemeteries.

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 – December 2026

1	Tuesday	11.45am	Lunch Club & Service	St Peter's Hub
2	**Wednesday**	**10.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**Church**
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
3	Thursday	1.00pm	Dementia Friendly Community Choir	Church
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
4	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
5	Saturday			
6	**Sunday**	**10.00am**	**All Age Gift Service**	**Church & Zoom**
	2nd of Advent	**4.00pm**	**Bereavement Service**	**Church**
7	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
		8.00pm	Raise a Glass	The White Swan Pub
8	Tuesday	11.30am	Lunch Club Christmas Meal	St Peter's Hub
9	**Wednesday**	**10.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**Church**
		12.45pm	StAnd Homegroup	St Andrew's Hub
		2.00pm	Dementia Friendly Carols & Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
		2.45pm	Youth HC&T	St Andrew's Hub
10	Thursday	1.00pm	Dementia Friendly Community Choir	Church
		7.30pm	Thirsty Thursday	The White Swan Pub
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
11	Friday			
12	Saturday	10.00am	Community Carols	Outside Insomnia Cafe
13	**Sunday**	**10.00am**	**Nativity Service**	**Church & Zoom**
	3rd of Advent	**7.00pm**	**Carols by Candlelight**	**Church**
14	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
15	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
16	**Wednesday**	**10.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**Church**
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
17	Thursday	9.00am	St Peter's School Christmas service	Church
		2.00pm	Dementia Friendly Choir Christmas Concert	Church
		6.00pm	Community Carols	The Oaklands Pub
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
18	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
		7.00pm	Community Carols	The White Swan Pub
19	Saturday			
20	**Sunday**	**10.00am**	**Holy Communion**	**Church & Zoom**
	4th of Advent			
21	Monday			
22	Tuesday			
23	**Wednesday**	**10.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**Church**
		12.45pm	StAnd Homegroup	St Andrew's Hub
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
24	**Christmas Eve**	**3.00pm**	**Christingle**	**Church**
		5.00pm	**Christingle**	**Church**
		11.15pm	**Midnight Holy Communion**	**Church**
25	**Christmas Day**	**8.00am**	**Spoken Holy Communion**	**Church**
		10.00am	**All Age Holy Communion**	**Church & Zoom**
26	Saturday			
27	**Sunday**	**10.00am**	**Spoken Holy Communion – Joint service with Findern**	**Church**
	1st of Christmas			
28	Monday			
29	Tuesday			
30	**Wednesday**		**NO service**	
31	Thursday			