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

www.stpeterlittleover.org.uk

From the Vicarage

Dear all,

It is not even the end of October and already I am preparing plans for Christmas – not the church plans, they've been sorted since August – but all the different tasks needed at home.

First dilemma – do I write and post Christmas cards? Postage is now SO expensive it seems such a wasteful use of scant resources, so like last year many cards will be sent electronically, along with the catch up of the year's news. Those for whom I don't have an email address, or I know would prefer a card will get a snail mail version.

Second dilemma – what about Christmas dinner? For years we have done all the different church services AND cooked for a dozen people (we have the biggest house in the family AND a dishwasher) – it's been exhausting. But Covid shifted the 'always' plans and now we will be preparing a Christmas pie that can be thrown into the oven when we finish at church. It tastes of Christmas but the pressure is off to have everything perfect at the same moment. Though I think we will need to produce a brussel sprout free version for certain people...

Third dilemma, will all the people and the dogs get along? Who will attempt to eat who (the greyhounds are likely to win) and so we have sufficient sofa space for everyone to have a snooze afterwards?

These are the challenges – and many more – faced by countless families across the world. But why do we do this to ourselves? Wouldn't it be easier to serve pizza and give everyone a book token and some chocolate?

Well yes, and yes. BUT One of the joys of Christmas is gifting something to someone you know they will absolutely love, to see their faces as they tear back the paper and realise. It's sitting round a table giving thanks for the blessings we share, even though our families can sometimes drive us nuts.

But it's also the carols and the Christmas decorations and lights, the catching up with news from friends. An opportunity to pause and to be thankful.

Thankful that God loves us so much he sent Jesus to show us what life with God was supposed to look like. A child born in the midst of poverty and persecution – who would grow to be a man who would change the world forever. Who would give His life so that we could know forgiveness and restoration.

So, while the trappings of Christmas can get in the way, there's a reason we make such a fuss while our bank balances and blood pressure take a battering. It's so that we remember Jesus and all He has done and we get to share that gift, the best gift, with those we love.

With blessings,

Alicia

From the October 2024 Registers

Funerals	29 October	Ray Chick
Baptism	6 October	Bramwell Wright

Tiddlywinks

stay
and
play



1.30pm – 2.45pm

Mondays in term time

St Peter's Hub

Toys, songs, games,
crafts and refreshments.

The Crossed Keys Café

St Peter's Hub

Mondays

9.30am – 12.30pm



**Everyone
welcome**

Open the Book at St Peter's School



Left to right: Maggie, Peter, David and Richard.

Our new Open the Book team at St Peter's School just after their very first Collective Worship (the new name for Assembly) at the end of September. This was also the first day of an Ofsted inspection, and I think the link between church and school was commended.

Brandishing their Open the Book bags the team are sharing stories from the Bible with the children, and unsurprisingly they started with Genesis one at Creation – hence the watering can for the sea, the flowering shirt for the plants and vegetation. Bringing the story alive through drama and the children becoming part of the action it's really interactive and engaging.

The team will go into St Peter's every three weeks and we hope to expand into visiting other schools as the team grows in experience. Please pray for this work and give thanks for the work of Open the Book across the country – now part of The Bible Society. If you want to know more then please speak to Richard Whitehorn.

Bishop's Badges for Liz and Phil Eley

It was a joy to celebrate with Liz and Phil Eley at the end of September when they received their Bishop's Badge in recognition of years of faithful service to St Peter's through music, art, messy church and supporting children and families. It was great that two of their daughters, Rachel and Sarah were able to join them, along with friends from home group and the wider church family – thank you for all you do



Living in Love and Faith Course



We have been running the Living in Love and Faith Course every Monday since the end of September and the five week course had been attended by nearly 40 people across two sessions: one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. Particular thanks to Jon Russell and Rev Emma for managing the tech at the sessions.

The course offers a safe space to discuss relationships, sex and marriage offering a wide spectrum of real life stories, biblical interpretation and discussion, including LGBTQI Christian perspectives. There has been plenty of lively discussion on inherited teaching, societal expectation and our response as Christians and as a wider church.

THIRSTY THURSDAY



at The White Swan Littleover

Thu 13 November
7.30pm

Call Steve for more info
07790 431090

CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP



Now on snooze 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 vergers for information.



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Harvest Festival in Littleover

We held our first outdoor Harvest Celebration down at Hannah Fields Community Garden and were made very welcome by Ange and the team. We had over fifty people attending (not all from church either) and the sun shone. Phil played the keyboard and in our prayers we gave thanks for the harvest, seeds, the workers and the hospitality offered so generously to all who come to Hannah Fields. We hope to return next year!



In Church we were blessed with amazing floral displays and plenty of food which was then taken on to Derby Food 4 Thought – a food hub in the city that supplies all the foodbanks across the city. Plus over £135 was donated to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to support foodbanks across the Diocese. The instruments were put to good use during a rousing rendition of The Harvest Samba.



And Liz and Joan welcomed King George V Pre school to church to celebrate Harvest through crafts and songs. They were also very generous in bringing gifts for the foodbank.

Walking group in the Black Forest

Last year a group of nine pilgrims went to Galicia in Northern Spain to walk part of the Camino de Santiago. Having enjoyed the experience so much, we (the same nine), decided to do another long walk in The Black Forest.



The whole walk was 104km for those that grabbed an extra peak on the last day and we walked about 3,400 metres of ascent over the week.

We started well because the first 5km was mostly downhill and there were cafés beside Lake Tittensee. And most of the trees were quite green but over the week most of the deciduous ones had changed and the colours were amazing.



Our accommodation ranged from bed and breakfast pension through to a mountain alpine hütte (like a small hotel, but with limited meal choices) to regular hotels. Each morning a small suitcase was transported ahead of us and we walked with a backpack. That alpine hütte was higher than Ben Nevis!



and we chatted as we walked. Mostly the weather was dry, we had only about 20 minutes of rain over the whole week.

From there it was only a short climb up Feldberg where the Bismarck Tower flickered in and out of the clouds as we reached the summit.

Some of the walks were a slog, but the company was good

Some days we struggled to find anything to eat for lunch but the evening meals were always well proportioned (for hill climbers) with lovely strong flavours and most of us tried local specialities. The soups were gorgeous and super thick, goulashes and onion soups were the best. The meats were mainly pork (and yes, there were some vegetables) but there was veal and game too. Local fresh water fish was unusual, has anyone ever heard of Zander? With our high calorie exercise we quickly adapted to German high protein breakfasts. There were always plenty of cold meat and cheese choices.

One day was a sight-seeing wonder. We started by walking down the side of the Todtnauberg waterfall. Still photos don't do it justice, you really need the sound and the flow in a video to capture it properly.



Later that day we had to take a chair lift up out of the valley so we could continue our longest hike (23km). One of the group was scared of heights and had been dreading this part of our expedition from day one, but we all made it to the top without falling off!



One of our stays we were hosted by a couple who were evangelical protestants. This is unusual in the south of Germany, because it is mainly Catholic. We talked to her about faith for a while. English is not widely spoken in the Black Forest area so conversation sometimes required gesturing and testing alternative words. Some of us had been learning German before the trip so we got by. The only church that was open for us was in Schluchsee (by the biggest lake in the Black Forest), which had some remarkable structures. Please ask if you want to know more about the walk - maybe join us next time!

Paul Cooper

Remembrance Sunday Service 10.45am

This Remembrance Sunday will be an opportunity to recall the events of the D-Day landings 80 years ago. This allied assault on the coast of France marked a turning point in the war, while also resulting in a tremendous loss of life.

Remembrance Sunday is on 10 November and we will gather with the wider community at 10.45am at our War Memorial to sing, pray and stand in silence to honour those who gave their lives so that we and many millions of others might live in freedom.

This will then be followed by a service in church. It is the one time of the year where we are more formally Anglican to lead our village to remember and give thanks for those who shared these streets, who gave their lives in war.

The collection taken at this service will go to the Poppy Appeal via The Royal British Legion (Littleover Branch).



Bereavement Service at 4pm



Later that day, we will hold our annual bereavement service where we offer space for those who are living with the loss of those they have loved.

The service offers familiar prayers and readings as well as an opportunity to light a candle and hear the names of those who have died read out into the darkness.

Living with grief can be difficult and isolating and this service offers space with others who also need time and space to remember and give thanks for those they have loved and lost.

Whether your bereavement is recent or of many years, you are welcome.

Littleover in Bloom

The results of the East Midlands in Bloom competition are out, 'Littleover', was awarded a Silver Gilt award, and for the fourth time a silver tray awarded to the, 'Best in our Category'!

We also won a Judges Award for our initiative in our RNLI display signposting routes to the sea, they said: "The main bed in the village, commemorating 200 years of the RNLI was hosting a newly painted RNLI inspector, a signpost indicating the direction to coastal areas and a seagull. These were amongst an eye-catching area planted with perennials and shrubs with an extra splash of colourful annuals. The use of sempervivums to create the '200' was a clever idea."

Hannah Fields won a, 'Gold award', for the best Commercial premises, and the work they do with people who want to learn skills, gain experience, meet and socialise, buy and eat local produce. David and Catherine Burgess, scooped a Silver Frank Constable Award for their best front garden. The Half Moon pub was awarded a Silver Gilt award for their, well maintained terraced garden. Finally, the Co-op funeral parlour was awarded a certificate from us for the most supporting business.

**Next meeting Monday 11 November
1.30pm rear entrance Littleover Grange
Hall, Park Lane. Or just get in touch:
Jan 01332 348903 or
jan.dante@virgin.net**



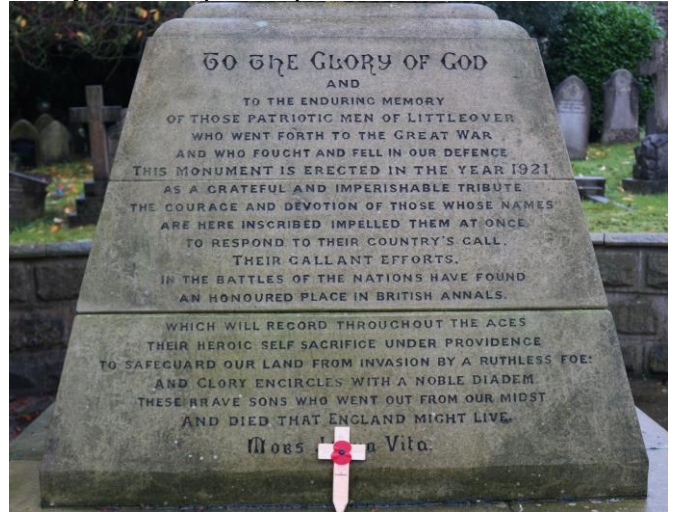
Hannah Fields Community Garden

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.

Littleover Village

Littleover Historical Society

In November as many people meet and commemorate the multitude of people who lost their lives in past wars, we also can't help but think about the countries that are in turmoil today, and hope for peace.



Two small booklets researched and written by one of our members Chris Drury, a former member of The British Legion Littleover Branch, will be on sale at Aldi at Kingsway with the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal stand during November. The books, funded by Littleover Historical Society, the first one describing Littleover War memorials, and the second, titled, 'The Cross', listing the war memorial graves in St Peter's Churchyard, all proceeds of the sale will go to the The Royal British Legion. They can also be purchased by contacting Littleover Historical Society.

**Next meeting Friday 8 November 2024 10am
at Littleover Grange Hall, rear entrance,
Park Lane. Visitors welcome £3 including
refreshments. Contact: Jan on 01332
348903 or email jan.dante@virgin.net**

December & Christmas at St Peter's

Making Sense of Christmas 14-16 Dec

This interactive event helps us to dive into the Christmas story using all our five senses – what does frankincense actually smell like? Is the wool of the sheep fluffy and cosy or rough and coarse? What would a sky full of angels sound like?

Make your way through the familiar Christmas story, via our displays, picking up items along the way to make your own Christmas decorations. Plus, there are activities for children and refreshments.

Free entry. Could you help welcome visitors or help with refreshments? Please sign up via the church website.

Sat 10am – 4pm, Sun 12noon to 4pm and Mon 10-4



Christmas Connection

This is a service run by Derby City Mission along with other charities in the city to ensure that children who might otherwise not receive many gifts, have something to open on Christmas Day. We will collect gifts to donate at our All Age service on Sunday 1 Dec at 10am – all gifts must be new and unused and you can give sweets, clothes, toys, books, games or toiletries. Everything is then delivered to the Christmas Connection Grotto for processing. At St Peter's we nominate families and deliver gifts via our Joyce Harpur Charity. Pictured is a car full of gifts from last year that came back to bless children in Littleover.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Rather than eat chocolate throughout December, why not plan a Christmas hamper and build it through the month as a blessing to a family who might otherwise struggle for Christmas treats. From snacks and chocolate, to nice coffee, tinned meat, luxurious bubble bath, your reverse Advent Calendar (like the Christmas Connection gifts) go to families in Littleover and Blagreaves who are unable to afford the Christmas luxuries we take for granted. If you are able to deliver your Reverse Advent Calendar by mid-December we can ensure it gets to people in time for Christmas.



Christmas Services

Sun 15 December

10am Nativity Service
7pm Candlelit Carols



Christmas Eve

3pm and 5pm Christingle
11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

8am Spoken Holy Communion
10am All Age Christmas Communion

Songs of Praise – dementia friendly church

We held the first of our services for those living with dementia on 17 October and we had seven people from the local community, who are not normally in church – along with those who support them – come along to join in the service. It was a great opportunity to sing familiar hymns, have short prayers and spend time together afterwards over coffee.

For some, the 'label' of dementia friendly is a stumbling block and so in future, the word dementia will not be used during the service, though the advertising will still be clear that this is an accessible service for those living with the condition at different stages. We hope that the format – not too long, not too many verses of the hymns, short prayers with a response – is easy to follow, so that anyone can join in. Don't let the title put you off. It was a friendly and relaxed service with as much time chatting as we did within the worship. All are welcome.

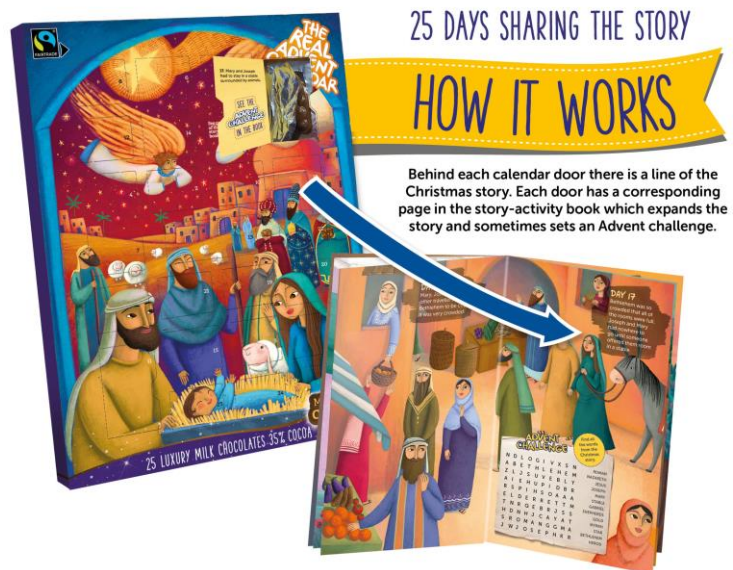
The next service will be a Carol Service on Thur 12 Dec at 2pm at St Peter's Church.

Real Advent Calendars – order now!

The Meaningful Chocolate Company is once again offering Advent Calendars – and you can order yours via church.

It's a great way to share the Christmas story with family, friends and neighbours – and behind each calendar door is a line of the Christmas story which corresponds with the activity book, expanding the story and sometimes offering a challenge.

Each calendar costs £5.50, or you can order a sharing box of gold foiled angels for £30



We also buy Advent Calendars for every class at St Peter's School (along with the staff room and office team) AND for every child who comes to Messy Advent.

If you don't want to buy a calendar for yourself, but would like to pay for one of the calendars we are sharing at school or at Messy Church, please indicate clearly on the order form. For example: Alicia Dring – 6 calendars for me, 6 sponsored. So I pay for 12 in total, but only receive six to share with my friends and family. Monies will be payable when the calendars arrive.

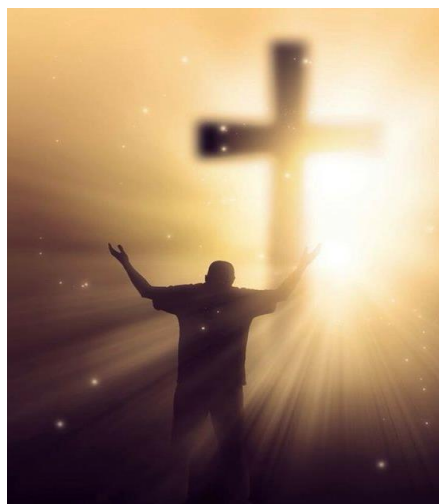
Closing date for orders is Sunday 10 November (Remembrance Sunday)

Evening Service – GodSpace@6pm

The new format of GodSpace is now happening and to avoid confusion BOTH meetings will now **start at 6pm** (previously the church service was half an hour later). With music, prayer and time for silence and personal reflection both services offer space to be with God – to worship and to intercede for the world.

GodSpace in person – is on the first Sunday of the month, in church at 6pm

GodSpace on line – is on the third Sunday of the month on Zoom at 6pm, and will include opportunities for intercessory prayer.



Vocations day with the Diocese



**Saturday
30 November
10am to 3pm
St Alkmund's
Kedleston Rd
Derby**

Vocation means what you are called by God to be and do. For some, this is a specific calling to ministry. For others, it could mean serving God through faithful discipleship in everyday life. God calls people to a wide range of ministries in our Church and in our everyday lives.

Have you ever considered how God might be asking you to serve?

Everyone has a vocation but how do we discover what God might be calling us to do in life? Have you ever wondered if God might want you to train for leadership in the Church, or to minister in the Church and community?

The Vocations Exploration Day is an opportunity to explore your gifts and how you might use these to serve God and the world. We will also look at the different vocational roles within the Church and help you think about what your next steps might be.

Call us on 01332 278172 or email vocations@derby.anglican.org to have a chat.

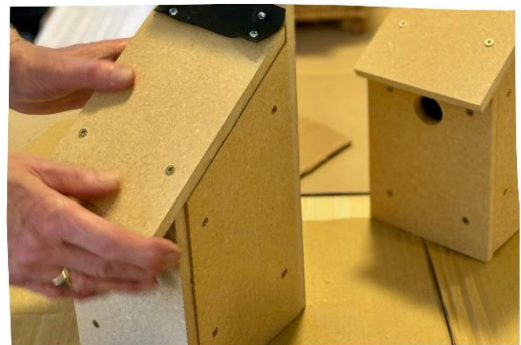
Creation Care

It's nearing the end of 2024 and we want to update you on our progress on our Creation Care MAP objectives.

At the start of 2024 we undertook to work towards contributing to the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon plan. As a church we have been looking at how we can reduce our energy use and change the way we buy and use energy.

On a much, much, smaller scale than the Biodiversity COP 16 (21 October-1 November) we are making progress with our Church Land Management Plan, which also helps us with working towards ECO Church silver award.

In September, some of the Creation Care team spent an enjoyable afternoon making birdboxes. Some of these will be put on trees in St Peter's Churchyard. The remainder have been shared with congregation members to encourage birds to nest in their gardens.



The ECO church award scheme is for churches and church buildings. We continue to encourage individual households to engage with the www.Creationcare.org national scheme as a way to make changes to care for God's earth. If you decide to sign up, don't forget to link your household to St Peter's Littleover and Blagreaves as a way for us to share our collective progress.

Of course, these objectives are all part of the bigger picture in working towards Caring for Creation. If you missed the video we shared on 20 October, you can view it here youtu.be/NtTMQnfJovU It is important to keep in mind that caring for God's Creation is also an expression of how we care for others. The effects of climate change and diminishing biodiversity disproportionately affects the poorest and most vulnerable people first. What is the gospel message? Is it purely about personal salvation? Or is it about loving one another and caring for what God has created?



COP 29 the UN Climate Change Conference 29 starts on 11 November 2024. You might like to think about engaging with Green Christian's prayer guide, and specifically during COP29 there is a daily Zoom prayer event at 8am. Every morning for 10 minutes of prayer and reflection.

www.greenchristian.org.uk/pray-with-us-for-cop29

If you would like web links for any of the above mentioned schemes or events sent to you in an email please message us at CreationCare@stpeterslittleover.org

Giveaway Day

St Andrew's Hub Blagreaves Lane
Sat 16 Nov 10am – 11.30am



all
free!

Donate good quality items you don't want anymore and take what you need.

Donations can be delivered on
Fri 15 Nov 4pm-5.30pm or Sat 9am-9.45am
www.stpeterlittleover.org.uk



ReCreate

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

- Do you consider yourself uncreative, but would like to be?
- Would you like to come to a space where "I can't" could become "I can"?
- Would you like a place where together we can explore our God given creativity in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere?

Maybe ReCreate could be
the place for you?

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

Let's explore our God given creativity

Fri 1 November: Mountains

Fri 15 November: Paint and Stitch

Bring your own project or use

ReCreate resources and maybe share yours

9.50am to 11.30am

St Peter's Hub, Large Hall

Donations to cover any materials used

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Emma's First Baptism



Since her priesting in June, Emma has been awaiting an opportunity to take a baptism – and to be honest we haven't had a lot of those recently. Suddenly, like buses, they all come along at once. And she was delighted to baptise Bramwell, brother to Rosa and son to Abi and Adam. He was very stylish in a natty kilt and although he wasn't best pleased with the water, everything went really well! Congratulations and welcome to Bramwell!

MISSION UPDATE

Our Mission Partners

Contact them, pray for them

Juan Carlos & Penny de Marces – in Peru

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Lima 33 PERU psmarcesinlima@gmail.com

Juan Carlos is the pastor for Jesús el Nazareno, Cathedral Dean and Vicar General to the Diocese; Penny is now lay leader for JEN and has diocesan responsibility for children's ministry.

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

Jigsaw Kids Ministries UK, Stonecheck,
Main Street, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7QZ

Tim and family are back in the UK but continuing to work with Jigsaw in the Philippines.

Bible Society www.biblesociety.org.uk

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

Open Doors www.opendoorsuk.org

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

PASH Kenya www.pashuk.org.uk

c/o Dave Hargreaves 2 Inglewood Ave,
Mickleover, Derby DE3 0RT

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

Tearfund www.tearfund.org

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

Care for the Family www.careforthefamily.org.uk

A national charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties through marriage, parenting or bereavement.

Derby City Mission www.derbycitymission.org.uk

10 Normanton Road Derby DE1 2GW

Phone: 01332 460346

Supporting homeless people and those on the margins of society in the City through the Nightshelter, Jubilee Centre (Debt and Advice Support) and Foodbank; also Street Pastors. Each December we support Christmas Connection at the Gift Service – providing gifts for children who would otherwise receive nothing.

Borderline Arts www.borderlinearts.org

119 Osmaston Road, Derby DE1 2GD

A Derby charity supporting people with Borderline Personality Disorder through a range of arts courses, workshops and support.

Open Doors – Arise Africa!

Millions of Christians face violent persecution for their faith in sub-Saharan Africa.

According to Open Doors World Watch List research, over 90% of Christians killed for their faith last year were in sub-Saharan Africa, and the number of countries in sub-Saharan Africa recording extremely high levels of violence against Christians rose from 13 to 15 from the previous year. This rising violence is being driven largely by Islamic extremists taking advantage of political instability in the region.

The number of people affected and the area affected are both increasing rapidly. The region is facing a displacement crisis, with millions forced to flee their homes. Most of these people are living in camps for internally displaced people (IDPs) either in their own country or in neighbouring countries. Many have lost their means of livelihood too, as Islamic militants – particularly in Nigeria – take their land. And yet the world has not noticed.



In response, the African church is calling for their brothers and sisters around the world to join them in the *Arise Africa* campaign. It aims to see that the global community acknowledges and acts against extreme violence and supports the church to persevere – and to be resilient, resourceful and influential.

How many Christians are displaced?

According to Open Doors research, 16.2 million Christians in sub-Saharan Africa are displaced by violence and conflict.

"Millions of Christians are displaced, here in Nigeria," says Pastor Barnabas, who lives in an IDP camp in northern Nigeria with his family, having been forced to flee after Islamic militants killed his brother and sister-in-law and badly injured him.

“Millions of Christians are displaced across Africa. The news doesn’t care about it, politicians don’t talk about it, governments don’t talk about it, global politics don’t talk about it. Nobody talks about it.”

Why are Christians displaced?

Persecution is one of the major drivers of this displacement. It’s not possible to say that all 16.2 million Christians have been displaced because of their faith, but there is strong evidence that many of them *have* been specifically targeted for following Jesus.

“When the terrorists come to churches and find Christians, they tell them that Christianity’s time is over, and they should turn to the Islamic religion,” says Pastor Soré in Burkina Faso. He and his family had to flee Islamic militants, and now live in two tents in an isolated area with other vulnerable members from their community. “They warn Christians to stop conducting services. After warning, when they come back later and find you in the church, they kill you.”



Pastor Soré remains confident in Jesus. “I do believe that we are displaced, but Jesus is not and will never be displaced from our lives,” he says. “He is always with us.”

Which countries are affected?

Sub-Saharan Africa includes all African countries below North Africa, though Open Doors focuses its support on sub-Saharan African countries reporting ‘high’, ‘very high’ or ‘extreme’ levels of persecution in the World Watch List – that is, Somalia, Eritrea, Nigeria, Sudan, Mali, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Mozambique, DRC, Cameroon, Kenya, Tanzania, Djibouti, Chad, Rwanda, Burundi, Togo, Guinea, Uganda, Angola, Gambia, South Sudan and the Ivory Coast.

In 2014, far fewer sub-Saharan African countries had ‘high’, ‘very high’ or ‘extreme’ levels of persecution: only 12 of the 26 countries listed above.

What is the Arise Africa campaign?

Arise Africa is a global campaign aiming to raise awareness, financial support, advocacy and prayer for Christians facing violent persecution in sub-Saharan Africa. The campaign does that by raising money for the work of local Open Doors partners, joining in prayer across the world, encouraging media to report on violence against Christians and launching the *Arise Africa* petition.

What can I do?

Pray: You can join in a [month of prayer](#) for the persecuted church in sub-Saharan Africa. When signing the *Arise Africa* petition, you’ll also have the opportunity to write a prayer to put on a virtual prayer tree.

Give: Your gifts to the [Arise Africa campaign](#) will help support persecuted and displaced Christians across the region.

Sign: You can sign the *Arise Africa* petition and share it with your church, friends and family to make sure people are talking about this displacement crisis.

What does the Arise Africa petition ask?

The global *Arise Africa* petition aims to stop the violence by calling upon the global community to ensure that Christians and other vulnerable individuals in sub-Saharan Africa are treated with dignity and respect by:

1. Protection: Providing robust protection from violent militant attacks
 2. Justice: Ensuring justice through fair prosecutions of the attackers
 3. Restoration: Bringing healing and restoration to all affected communities.
- You can sign the [petition online](#), or you can [download and print copies](#) of the petition to gather signatures in your church or community, which you can then return by post.

www.opendoorsuk.org

Mobile Footcare Service

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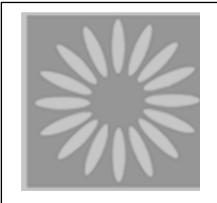
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**Further information from
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FOODBANK



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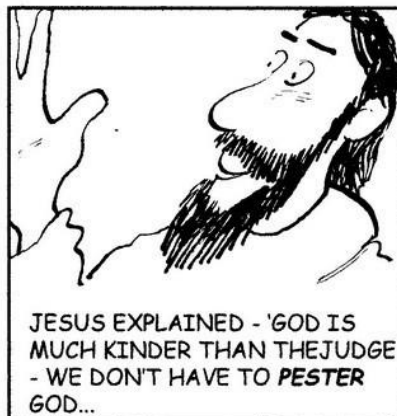
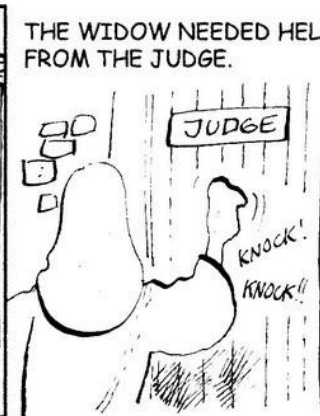
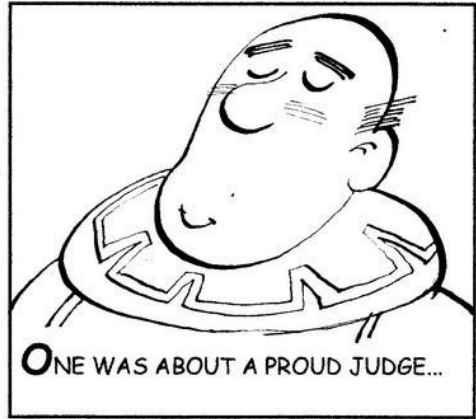
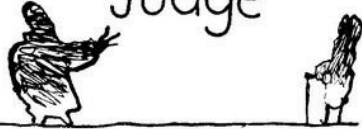


Knit and Natter

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
Tale of the
The Widow
and the Judge



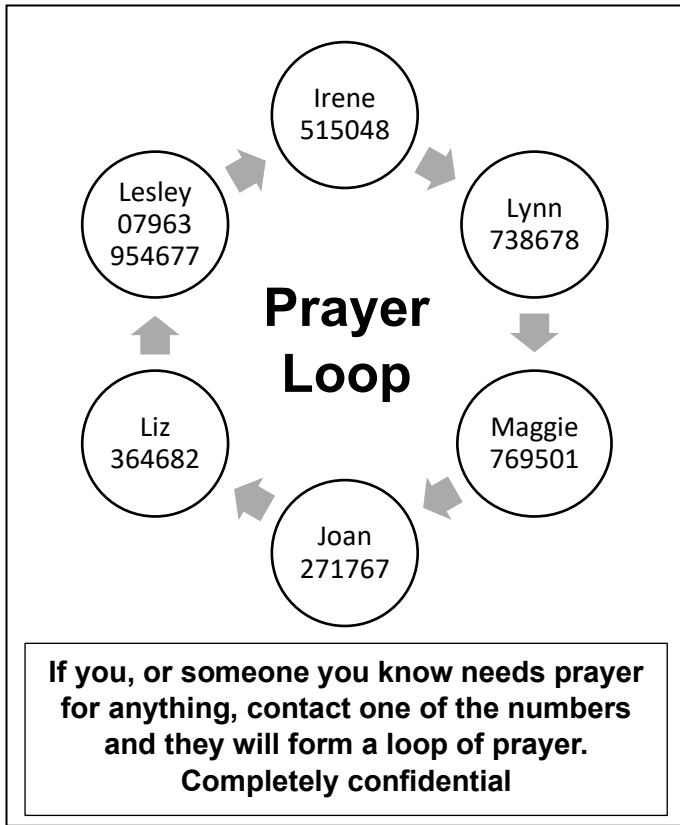
Answers to October's "Reading" Quiz:

1. Library 2. Novel 3. Sentence 4. Noun 5. Index 6. Preface 7. Chapter 8. Font 9. Story
 10. Magazine 11. Verse 12. Comic 13. Article 14. Verb 15. Letter 16. Fiction 17. Glasses
 18. Adjective 19. Poster 20. Textbooks 21. Edition 22. Report 23. Word 24. Newspaper
 25. Author 26. Poetry 27. Bible 28. Footnote 29. Paragraph 30. Text 31. Prose 32. Thriller
 33. Paperback 34. Biography 35. Phrase 36. Manual 37. Dictionary 38. Bookmark
 39. Encyclopaedia 40. Summary

Words containing "AGE" Quiz (some anagrams)

Questions	Answers
1. Sung by the Bee Gees in 1979	
2. Wise herb	
3. Metal enclosure for bird or animal	
4. Excerpt from a ----- Opera by Keith West in 1967	
5. Thatched village residence	
6. Traditional saying	
7. Floor on which to perform a play	
8. Religious journey	
9. Murder at the ----- by Agatha Christie	
10. Age of wine	
11. Salary or go to war	
12. How old is the group?	
13. Superior position following deuce	
14. Legal union of two people	
15. Wedding attendant or book leaf	
16. Ancestry	
17. Travel or property adviser	
18. Save gal	
19. Extreme anger	
20. How old is the party giver?	
21. Railway ----- or ----- clock	
22. English, French or German perhaps	
23. Corridor	
24. Mean, median or mode	
25. How old is a male?	
26. Book leaf for a Derby fan?	
27. Mat gone	
28. Suitcases and trunks	
29. Cost of stamps	
30. Card game found in crib bag exactly	
31. Desert illusion	
32. Brassica found at the Savoy?	
33. Art created by cutting and sticking	
34. List of items for a meeting	
35. What James Bond does	
36. Not a tall era	
37. Hot or cold liquid refreshment	
38. Bear mug	
39. Peacock feathers for example	
40. Amorous herb	

Prayer Requests



The Pastoral Team

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

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

Members of PCC

Alicia Dring
 Emma Mallord
 Jason Kennedy
 Chris Jones
 Helene Roe
 Lesley Edwards
 Margit Staehr
 Julie Scott

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

Home Groups

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

Learning Together Mon 2.30pm weekly
Led by: Robin & Terry Wood

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

Pilgrims Mon 7.30pm fortnightly
Led by: Doreen & John Bird

Walking together on our journey of faith.

New Beginnings Tue 9.45am weekly
Led by: Bill & Maggie Browne

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

Queen's Drive Tues 7.30pm weekly
Led by: Liz & Phil Eley

A diverse group interested in supporting people in mission.

Sticking Point Wed 6.45pm fortnightly
Led by: John Bradley

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

Route 66 Tues 7.30pm weekly
Led by: Jon & Jenny Russell

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

StAND Wed 1pm fortnightly
Led by: Jenny Cooper

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

Platform Wed 7.15pm weekly
Led by: Rachel Whitehorn

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

ReLENTless Wed 7.30pm fortnightly
Led by: Helen Homes & Deidre Cheetham

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

Parish Activities

SUNDAY

10am Service in church or on Zoom

MONDAY

THE CROSSED KEYS CAFÉ – 9.30am to 12.30pm
TIDDLYWINKS Stay and Play 1.30pm- 2.45pm

TUESDAY

LUNCH CLUB – 12 noon till 2pm

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

WEDNESDAY

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION at 10.30am in church

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

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

HOME GROUPS see opposite – some are meeting online.

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

Contributions towards the Church flowers at weekends or offers to arrange flowers are always welcome.

Contact the church office on 767802.

How can you serve at St Peter's?

We don't need volunteers in the Parish of Littleover & Blagreaves, rather we have a hope that all enrolled members of our church family will **serve** the wider work of the churches and community and not just rock up on a Sunday. How could you serve the work of our parish? Could you chat with someone who is isolated at home? Help with our children's work or help keep the churchyard looking spruce? Make refreshments? Can you pray to see God at work in our parishes? We're not asking for hours of your time – if we all do a little then the tasks are shared and we can see lives change through the power of the Holy Spirit. Talk to Alicia, Jason or Emma.

Special Occasions

Baptism or Thanksgiving

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

Marriage & Banns

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

www.yourchurchwedding.org

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

Funerals

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

Churchyard

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

UNIFORMED GROUPS

BEAVERS - for children

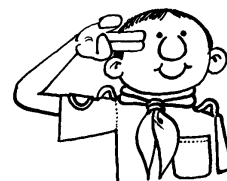
aged 6-8

Tuesday 5.45-6.45pm,

Scout HQ

on Brayfield Road Contact:

Becky 07912 658909



CUBS - for children aged 8-10

Tuesday 7.00-8.30pm, Scout HQ

on Brayfield Road

Contact: Kathryn Hallam on 07977 250576

174th (142nd/113th Littleover Churches)

SCOUTS - for children aged 10-14

Friday 7.30-9.30pm, Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Tom 07525 759602

3rd LITTLEOVER BROWNIES – children aged 7-10

Friday 5.30 -6.50pm, Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Heather Collins 01773 820119

Notice Board – November 2024

1	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
2	Saturday			
3	Sunday	Fourth Sunday before Advent		
		10.00am	All Age Worship and baptism	Church & Zoom
		6.00pm	GodSpace in person	Church
4	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
5	Tuesday	11.30am	Lunch Club & Service	St Peter's Hub
		12noon	Funeral Pat Childs	Church
		7.30pm	Standing Committee Meeting	Church meeting room
6	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		11.45am	Clergy Staff Meeting	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
7	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
8	Friday	9.00am	Sinfonia Viva Orchestra Rehearsal	Church
		2.00pm	Outward Facing Prayer Meeting	St Andrew's Hub
9	Saturday			
10	Sunday	Third Sunday before Advent		
		10.45am	Remembrance Service	Church & Zoom
		4.00pm	Bereavement Service	Church
11	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
		7.00pm	Friends of Littleover Parks meeting	St Andrew's Hub
12	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
13	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		12.45pm	StAnd Homegroup	St Andrew's Hub
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	Church
		2.45pm	Youth Hot Choc & Toast	St Andrew's Hub
14	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
		7.30pm	Thirsty Thursday	The White Swan
15	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
16	Saturday	10.00am	St Andrew's Give Away Day	St Andrew's Hub
17	Sunday	Second Sunday before Advent		
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
		6.00pm	GodSpace online	Zoom
18	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
19	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
20	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
21	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
22	Friday			
23	Saturday			
24	Sunday	Sunday before Advent		
		10.00am	Morning Worship with Findern Congregation – Renewal of Vows for Readers & Clergy with Bishop Malcolm	Church & Zoom
25	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
26	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
		7.30pm	PCC meeting	St Peter's Hub
27	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 Choc & Toast	St Andrew's Hub
28	Thursday	1.30pm	MAP Steering Group Meeting	St Peter's Hub
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
29	Friday			
30	Saturday	10.00am	Findern Christmas Fair	Findern Village Hall