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Keyhole Magazine

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The articles and viewpoints expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the Vicar or the PCC.

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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,

As a staff team we took some time mid-November to plan who was doing what over Advent and Christmas.

The services over Christmas Eve and Day were planned months ago, but it's all the extra stuff with schools and carol singing and taking Holy Communion to those who are unable to come to church. Once we had written it all down, we realised there was barely one 'empty day' throughout the whole of December.

We are fortunate to have a team who can share the load, but for many people they are the person who does it all. That might be you, or someone you know who is running ragged throughout December and Christmas to make sure everything goes brilliantly.

Menus planned, invites delivered, cards written, gifts bought and wrapped and don't forget the decorations or looking fabulous for the important party.

Here's a question – what would happen if you **didn't** do it all? There would doubtless be some disappointment in various quarters, but would Christmas still happen? Of course it would, it would just look different. We have friends who have pasta on Christmas Day because it's less stressful – along with presents and family and church. They have the meal with all the trimmings on a different day when everyone can help out.

This year will be the first year for some, without the people they love. For others it may be their last Christmas, or even their first. They may be away from their homes due to conflict or natural disaster. But for each of us – whether we have all the trimmings or not – it will be different from last year.

Time changes us, especially our expectations and what is truly important. At a funeral I never hear stories about how they wish their loved one had spent more time spent cooking or gardening or working. Rather it's the ordinary conversations, family sayings and traditions that are remembered and cherished.

I wonder what it is you truly cherish about Christmas? For me it is the wonder that God would choose to come and join us in our messy humanity. That He would risk everything to show us what life with God really looked like. A life where relationships, love, forgiveness, grace and hope mean something tangible and life changing. The arrival of that baby in Bethlehem changes everything.

So yes, we are busy as a church team – but at each service or carols, communion or conversation we get to see the true light and love of Christmas shared and cherished. Join us for a service – we would love to see you.

With blessings,

Alicia

From the November 2024 Registers

Baptism	3 Nov	Toby Barron
Funerals	5 Nov	Pat Childs
	14 Nov	Kath Baker
	22 Nov	Joyce Brown
	28 Nov	Bob Stanwell

Tiddlywinks

stay
and
play



1.30pm – 2.45pm

Mondays in term time

St Peter's Hub

Toys, songs, games, crafts and refreshments

Last session Mon 16 Dec

Back Mon 6 Jan 2025

The Crossed Keys Café

St Peter's Hub

Mondays

9.30am – 12.30pm



**Everyone
welcome**

Last session Mon 16 Dec

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Toby's Baptism

Young Toby was born in 2021 and we attempted to arrange his baptism a number of times but due to family challenges, we could never get everyone together at the same time. So, it was a joy to finally baptise him in November since Alicia also conducted the wedding of his parents and the baptism of his big brother.

To persuade a very lively three year old to cover him with water can be a challenge, so Alicia made a bargain – "I'll baptise you and then you can baptise me back".



Very grateful to Jon Cripwell for these great shots that recorded the moment.



Remembrance Sunday 2024

We had a dry day for our Act of Remembrance at the village war memorial on Sunday 10 November. A good crowd outside and over 200 people in church afterwards to continue our worship, prayers and thanksgiving.

We were delighted to welcome Deputy Lieutenant Theresa Peltier DL – on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant for Derbyshire. She also served as Derbyshire's High Sheriff in 2023. She is pictured here with Ian Allen, Chair of the Royal British Legion Littleover Branch and Standard Bearer Louise Arnold.

Our service orders also included a QR code to enable people to give to the RBL Poppy Appeal and more than £170 was raised.



THIRSTY THURSDAY



at The White Swan
Littleover

Thu 12 December
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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Bishop Malcolm visits St Peter's

With some significant ordination anniversaries among our clergy and a new reader to welcome to serve (Anne Burton), we thought it'd be great to invite Bishop Malcolm Macnoughton, Bishop of Repton to lead a service celebrating the Priesthood of All Believers. During which we could, together recommit ourselves to serve God and His Church.

The congregation remade the promises from their confirmation, the readers from their licensing and the clergy from their ordinations. Even the Bishop rededicated himself, led by Jeni Baines. The Bishop's sermon included a Lego® challenge and congregational singing, keeping us all on our toes!

Though we may have different functions, together we all work to share the love of God and help to grow His Kingdom.



Giveaway Day Success in November



Great to see so many people at the Giveaway Day at St Andrew's – best of all is seeing the children leave with some new book or game or toy. This giant teddy found a new home (see the feet underneath)!



Keiran's Testimony



Keiran shared his testimony earlier in the Autumn and we are delighted to reprint it here: “Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share my testimony. It is my hope that through my words the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is glorified and that his great works are honoured. This Autumn I will be moving to Lancaster to study Medicine and Surgery at Lancaster Medical School. Whilst it has been a dream of mine to pursue this career from a young age, the journey to get to this point has certainly been a challenging one.

Three years ago, during COVID times, when I was in Year 13, I was offered a place to study Medicine at Lancaster Medical School and although I achieved good grades it wasn't enough to secure my place at the Medical School. This was devastating, I felt humiliated and that all the hard work and preparation had been wasted.

Throughout my life, I have always been open and honest with God as He is the centre of my life. In my despair I asked God, why? Why he didn't answer my prayers and why he had seemingly abandoned me. During that time of disappointment, despair and feeling sorry for myself, while praying I was directed to Jeremiah 29:11, 'For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'. This verse along with what Jesus prayed in Gethsemane 'may your (referring to the Father's) will be done' helped me to realise that though we may go through challenging and difficult circumstances, nothing and no-one can stand in the way of God's purpose and will for our lives when we put our trust in him. Furthermore, I realised that God's will (even if the journey is tough) is ultimately the best will for our lives rather than our own.

This led me to study Medical Physiology and Therapeutics at the University of Nottingham where I developed valuable skills of writing scientific papers, problem solving and critically appraising contemporary medical research. Though there were some tough times with sleepless nights, I prayed for God's strength, wisdom and love to see me through. As a result, I was able to achieve a First Class and won two academic prizes for best overall academic performance and for best research project (which should be published in a Medical Journal soon). This meant I could continue my original offer to study Medicine at Lancaster, now restored to me through my hard work, resilience and dedication but certainly could not have been possible without the love, strength, wisdom and guidance of our Lord.

Looking back at God's plan over the last three years, I have gained so much more than I had originally lost and moving away from home to Lancaster at this point in time (being older, strong in my faith, and with my sister studying medicine there as well) is much better than it would have been if I had moved there at 18. Though challenging circumstances may occur in our lives, God is with us to help us overcome them and to fulfil his will for our lives. His will and timing are always better than our own.

I am also incredibly grateful for the love and support from my dad, mum, sister Kiara and to Irene and Dave Hargreaves for their prayers and the incredible strength they have been to our family. Through this experience I have learnt and seen the faithfulness and the goodness of God in my life. I thank God for giving me a wonderful family in the Church.”

New Library Area completed



Our new library area near the kitchen is finally complete, with the addition of new carpet. It was made possible through a generous bequest made by the late Eileen Smith, a former member of St Peter's Church family. Her son Tim and daughter Carollyn came to see the finished project

Books are available to borrow or share with others and the children's section is a big hit at the end of the service, when parents are chatting. With the table and bean bags there is somewhere for the children to sit and enjoy the books.



Would you like to join us at Lunch Club?

Our Tuesday Lunch Club is held at St Peter's Hub opposite church from 12noon to 2pm every week and is for older people to meet and enjoy a hot meal and company together

There's a main course, pudding and coffee/tea, often with chocolates to round off the meal. The menu changes each week and the team that cook and serve are very friendly and supportive. On the first Tuesday of each month there is a short service in the small hall with hymns and prayers, particularly helpful if you can't otherwise get to church.

If you, or a relative might benefit from being part of lunchclub, please call Iona in the church office on 01332 767802 or email office@stpeterlittleover.org.uk



Littleover in Bloom

Last month we gave out our results, but we also have to follow that up with our thanks for the support we have been given, by Angela for allowing us to show her work with the Hannah Fields project, and Dawn in her involvement with Carlisle against Crime, and the beautiful community garden they care for. Also the people who have very kindly donated to LIB: Brookfield Nursing home, Grange Hall Community Association, Green Room Barbers, Churches Together, A W Lymn, Pat Summers, Petrie Opticians Big thanks to the Co-op Funeral Parlour for their beautiful RNLI display and hanging baskets, for the businesses who allow us to put our water butts on their property, and for Personal Garage for water.

Finally thank you to Pater Valentine who continues to amaze us with his art work skills, and to John Warburton who keeps our grass looking so immaculate! We have now dismantled our display for this year, but for now left our seagull in place, for you to use your imagination over the Christmas period, instead of a seagull sitting on the rocks, think of him as a partridge in a pear tree!! Happy Christmas from Littleover in Bloom.

Next meeting Monday 9 December to begin making wreaths to hang in the village. 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

The ever changing shops of Littleover, as you take a look today and wonder, do we need so many barbers and fast food shops?



A look in to the past from, 'Portrait of a Village' by Ian Griffiths, takes us back to the early days of the 1900's when, the village had only three shops; The Stores, owned by Mr North, Mrs Simms, who owned the sweet shop, 'the window became a delight to the children at Christmas', and Sharp's General Store, a dingy shop with green canisters of tea, sitting on the shelves, The village also had a blacksmith, Mr Musgrove, many people were delighted to watch, as the sparks would fly as he shoed the horses in his leather apron.

In those times people would bake their bread at home and grow their own vegetables. And if you were lucky enough to afford one, your Christmas poultry would come from a local farm, as would eggs and milk delivered to your door.

Next meeting Friday 13 December 2024 10am at Littleover Grange Hall, rear entrance, Park Lane. Visitors welcome join us for a chat and mince pies. Contact: Jan on 01332 348903 or email jan.dante@virgin.net

Making Sense of Christmas 14-16 Dec

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

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 uncomfortable?
- What would a sky full of angels sound like?

Following our trail through the displays and Christmas trees, make your way through the familiar Christmas story. As you go, you can collect items for your own Christmas decoration to take home and add to your own tree.

Plus, there are activities for children and refreshments. There's even a 'make your own Christmas centrepiece' workshop on Sat 14 December at 2pm – book your place on 01332 767802. Entry to the event is FREE and everyone is welcome.

*Could you help welcome visitors or help with refreshments?
Please sign up via the church website or on the manual rota in the welcome area.*



Christmas Services at St Peter's 2024

Children's Nativity 15 December 10am



Christingle Christmas Eve 3pm & 5pm



Candlelit Carols 15 December 7pm



PLUS

Christmas Eve at 11.15pm
Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

8am Spoken Holy Communion
10am All Age Christmas Communion

Pat Childs

On November 5 at St Peter's, alongside family and friends, we had the opportunity to give thanks to God for the life of Pat Childs, and to say our farewells to a much-loved member of our church family. Although many of us might not have known Pat well, she was a central part of the story of St Andrew's Church.



Pat was born on the 24th of July 1936 in Idridgehay, and despite being born two months premature, grew and flourished alongside her two younger brothers, Raymond and Gordon. She left school at 14 and started work in a laundrette in Duffield, but soon she met, fell in love with and married Bruce in 1954. Their first child Gina, sadly no longer with us, arrived a year later, with a five-year gap before Gez, Gwen and Glenda came along.

Bruce was head of the family, but only with Pat's permission! She dedicated her life to her family, as homemaker, cook and as mum to the girls. On Sundays, Bruce was down to the pub for a pint, but he was on strict instructions to be home in time for dinner, after which a picnic was packed, and they headed off for adventures – a walk in the countryside or an outing to Markeaton Park. Once the children were at school, Pat went to work first at Qualcast and then as cook in a nursing home, eventually becoming head cook. It was from there that she retired. Pat could turn her hand to anything. She loved gardening, taught the children to bake and was a handy seamstress, making many of the girls' clothes. Her one blind spot though was crocheting, which she said she could never get the hang of. She loved a joke and a laugh and enjoyed a good party - her sherry trifle, home-made Bailey's and bonfire toffee were all the stuff of legend! The family described her in three words - strong, determined and loving. "She was just a kind person and would be willing to do anything for anyone."



Pat had a strong faith in Jesus, shown not just in how she loved others but also how she served. She was a much-cherished member of Newmount Methodist Church, where she was a part of the Women's Fellowship, and then came to St Andrew's, first in the evening service and then the morning after she retired. She served for many years as warden and did so much to see God's love shared through the church's ministry (*pictured left with Archdeacon Christopher at Alicia's licensing in 2019*). Even when her failing health meant that she could no longer attend in person, she was still very much a part of the church family, taking part through Church on the Phone and keeping in touch through friends.

Pat was a generous and loving Christian lady who showed her love through her practical action and loving care. She is held with great love and affection by family, friends and our church community, and will be greatly missed. But we can draw comfort in our sadness from the complete assurance that she is now with Jesus, freed from all frailty and pain, sharing a renewed life with her Lord. Please pray for Pat's daughters, Gez, Gwen and Glenda, their families and all who knew and love her still.

Gentle Afternoon Carols 12 December 2pm



Following our first dementia friendly service in October, we are happy to welcome people again to St Peter's for an afternoon of gentle carols, and a short service suitable for those living with memory loss. Open to everyone we will be singing familiar carols, have a Bible reading and short prayers – all to prepare us for the celebrations to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

The service is followed by refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends old and new. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you.



Dates for 2025
20 February
24 April - Easter
3 July
14 August – social
9 October – Harvest
18 December - Carols

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.



Community Carol Singing

It's great to get out and about to sing around our community and we will be in various places in the run up to Christmas

Thursday 19 December 6pm at The Oaklands Pub in Blagreaves (together with Newmount) and then **8pm** at The White Swan opposite St Peter's.

Saturday 21 December 10.30am to 11.15am outside Littleover Co-op along with friends from other churches.

We will have carol sheets with us, just need the voices to bring strength and musicality to the carols and the message of love and hope can be sung and shared with gusto.

Ray Chick

Ray was born in 1932 to Albert and Ella. As a child in the war she remembered running home from school to the air raid shelter in the back garden and having some Canadian Air Force bomber crews stay at the house. After school Ray entered secretarial college to learn shorthand, which she still used in her diary up until she fell ill. After various office jobs she then worked at Derby Playhouse where she got involved in amateur dramatics. Typical of single ladies in their 20's Ray and her friend Sheila took themselves off to London to work as office temps and had many different jobs and adventures.



Ray met David in the late 50's and soon got engaged. The only problem being she was also engaged to another gentleman, but she'd shied away from letting him down for fear of upsetting him. She subsequently spent the next 50 years dodging him in supermarkets in Derby, often to her grandchildren's amusement. David was an officer in the Merchant Navy, and after a brief courtship, they were married here in St Peter's Church in 1958.

In 1960 and 1964 Ray and David had two sons, Simon and Joe and family life included plenty of sports. As a young mum in Littleover, Ray played a lead role in the Young Wives group at St Peter's, putting on musical shows and other functions for families of the church. The musical performances were a highlight of the Littleover social calendar, and the young mothers would perform many well-known musical numbers and dance routines.

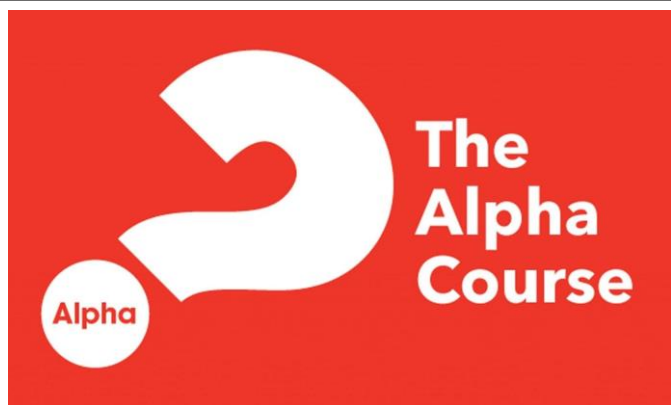
Ray's and the boys lives were turned upside down in 1978 when David died of pancreatic cancer. This meant a return to work including part time jobs at Littleover School as a lunchtime supervisor and lab technician, despite having no scientific qualifications at all!

In 1984 at the age of 52 Ray had to have open-heart surgery in Leicester for a heart condition, which had remained undiagnosed for years. After telling the surgeon she had a job to do and a mortgage to pay, she was determined to recover quickly and she did.

In 1980 Ray was asked if she'd like to apply for a job as an Education Welfare Officer. Despite having no experience whatsoever, she went on to have an unexpected career, where she made some lifelong friends and first met John, who would then go on to be her companion and partner for 45 years.

Ray was a member of a thriving 'social' and friendship club called Compass for many years. As the group expanded, she made many lasting friendships. And she was also a long standing member of a home group – her faith was important to her, and she helped out at lunchclub for many years. And she had some very strong friendships, but especially with Anne, friends for over 60 years, they would talk for hours on the phone every day. In fact one of the last conversations she had with Anne in hospital was to ask her if she'd got any gossip.

John's care for Ray over recent years was filled with love, patience and compassion and their relationship was strong. She was a woman full of love, common sense and a cheeky sense of humour. Her long life was full of friendship, good food, great style, family and faith. She will be missed.



**a great way to find out more
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**Starting Thursday 9 January
7pm-9pm
with pudding and coffee
at St Peter's Hub**

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DERBY HOSPITAL BAND 'Dickens of a Christmas'



Thursday 19 December 7.30pm
Littleover Grange Hall Community Centre
Park Lane Littleover

Admission FREE, including a light buffet

Voluntary retiring collection for Derby and
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Looking forward to your company for an
evening of entertainment!



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Let's explore our God given creativity

Fri 6 Dec: Decorating a Bottle
(bring your own clean and empty bottle)

Fri 20 December: Christmas Creative Fun
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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MISSION UPDATE

Our Mission Partners

Contact them, pray for them

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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.

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Care for the Family www.careforthefamily.org.uk

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

Derby City Mission www.derbycitymission.org.uk

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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.

Derby City Mission

Derby City Mission was established in 1989 by Geoff Holland. He was moved to action upon seeing the conditions that poverty brings – poor housing conditions, homelessness, hunger, debt, and addictions. His heart was to reach out to meet the spiritual, as well as the physical and material needs, of local people. Our mission remains unchanged: seeing our city and people flourish. We do this through our Christian faith and action, practically meeting the needs as we look to God for guidance in all we do.

Uniquely, our strength comes from an army of over 150 volunteers who, often through the love of Jesus and strong compassion for the poor and most vulnerable, bring hope and support to those who need it most.

From Jubilee debt advice clinics through to providing warm food and a safe place to sleep for the homeless, we aim to meet people wherever they are on their journey in life. Go to 'What We Do' to find out more.

We are a stepping stone in the right direction driven by prayer, compassion and action. We take a holistic approach in all we do so our partner churches and agencies are fantastic at supporting each client or guest, forging relationships and never giving up. We couldn't transform lives without doing so in partnership.



“Getting help with my debt was only one part of the help I received. To be able to talk to someone when I couldn't even admit to my family that I was struggling, gave me so much confidence. I felt so much better after a coffee and chat at the clinic”

DERBY CITY MISSION: OUR IMPACT, 2024

Take a look through some highlights from our work over the last year and click through to find out more about each of our services:

My Place

helping people stay in their homes



The Ark



Safe Space

supporting rough sleepers



Food Bank

addressing food insecurity



Community Café

food and a warm welcome, free of charge



Storehouse



hot meals and social space for homeless people

Jubilee

free debt and welfare benefits advice

£947,348.79 debts written off

Christmas Connection

making sure no child goes without

£32,000+ worth of gifts given

Street Pastors

listening, caring and helping

3300 conversations with the public

Sacha's Story: from homelessness and addiction to finding faith

"If you'd have told me then that I would be here now, I wouldn't have believed you. There's no way." Sacha had just come out of prison on a drugs charge. Her son was in foster care with a friend. Her life was in pieces, and she was homeless. Sacha came to DCM to get a food parcel because she had no way to feed herself on the streets. Volunteers in our community Café and Shop were able to tell her about Safe Space, DCM's refuge for rough sleepers, and she started going there to sleep at night, feel safe and have a shower. Sacha built trust with the volunteers the staff team who showed her that she could make choices for herself. She decided she wanted to go into recovery, and we assigned her an Advocate through the ByMySide programme. Through structured support she was able to enter rehab services who helped her to break free from her addiction. The team encouraged her to try different activities to develop her passions and interests, and build confidence, in preparation for going into rehab. She began to learn to trust herself and others, eventually finding faith and becoming baptised. Now her life is completely different. ***"They've enabled me to get away from that life: not just running away in fear but a structured escape, into a recovery house and setting, and that's how I live every day now."***

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- Diabetic footcare
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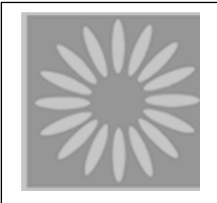
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Littleover Women's Institute

**2nd Thursday of the month
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Members new and old welcome.
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**Further information from
Margaret Williams on 767354**



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Children's Ward, Derby

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BACK PAIN

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Knit and Natter

Every Wednesday 2.15pm
In St Peter's Hub

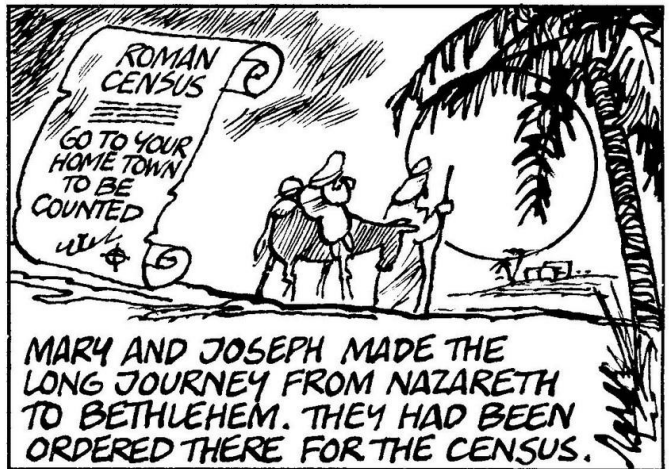
for those who can knit like
grandma and those who've no
idea - everyone welcome!
Call Di on 01332 763938

A Very Special Baby

JESUS WAS BORN ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEAR JERUSALEM.



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE A VERY SPECIAL BABY.



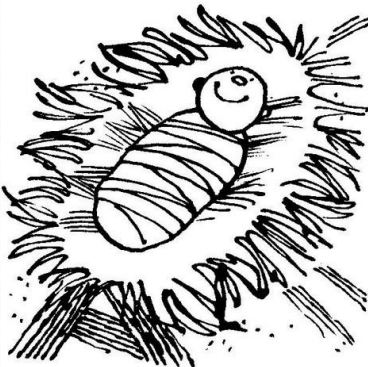
MARY AND JOSEPH MADE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED THERE FOR THE CENSUS.

BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL



THE ONLY SHELTER THEY COULD FIND WAS A STABLE...

...WHICH IS WHERE JESUS WAS BORN.



SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS NEARBY RACED TO SEE THE BABY



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAD BEEN BORN.

WISE MEN CAME FROM THE EAST. THEY TOO WANTED TO SEE JESUS. THEY HAD BEEN GUIDED BY A STAR.



THEY BROUGHT GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

BUT MARY, JOSEPH AND BABY JESUS SOON HAD TO ESCAPE TO EGYPT...



...AS KING HEROD WANTED JESUS DEAD!!

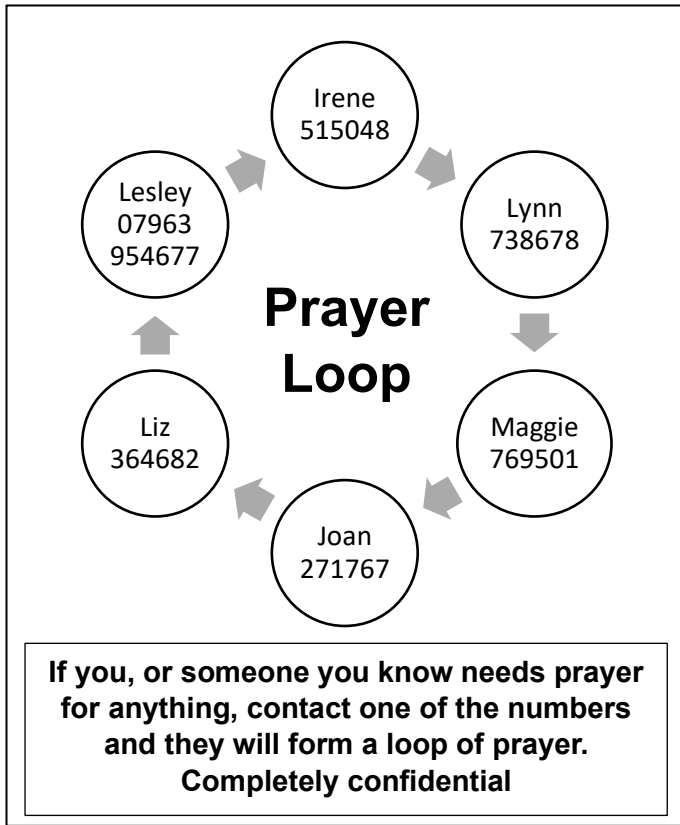
Answers to November's 'Words containing "AGE" Quiz':

1. Tragedy 2. Sage 3. Cage 4. Teenage 5. Cottage 6. Adage 7. Stage 8. Pilgrimage 9. Vicarage
 10. Vintage 11. Wage 12. Bandage 13. Advantage 14. Marriage 15. Page 16. Lineage 17. Agent
 18. Salvage 19. Rage 20. Hostage 21. Carriage 22. Language 23. Passage 24. Average
 25. Manage 26. Rampage 27. Montage 28. Luggage 29. Postage 30. Cribbage 31. Mirage
 32. Cabbage 33. Collage 34. Agenda 35. Espionage 36. Shortage 37. Beverage 38. Umbrage
 39. Plumage 40. Lovage

Christmas Quiz (some anagrams)

Questions	Answers
1. Country or festive bird	
2. Well balanced accommodation	
3. A pi moment	
4. ---- Man sung by David Bowie	
5. Spin me ice	
6. Three clever males	
7. You might find sixpence in it	
8. They watched their flocks by night	
9. EU golly	
10. German cradle?	
11. Drink put out for Santa	
12. Person found in leather oddment	
13. Trunk with hard fruits	
14. Sing with Vorderman and Klein ?	
15. Cognac dairy spread	
16. Slang police keeping warm	
17. Found in Christ in gleeful event	
18. Useful in a power cut	
19. Thought about vineyard produce	
20. Leg wear to hang up	
21. Japanese pottery to eat?	
22. Small green Belgian brassicas	
23. Kapok perhaps	
24. Sounds like father cuts up	
25. Any ----- will do by Jason Donovan in 1991	
26. Loaf cheek	
27. Linger singer with wobbly dessert	
28. An important drink?	
29. Items to pull or put cheese on	
30. Sounds like wet weather darling	
31. ----- bring my baby back home by Elvis in 1957	
32. My chine	
33. Holy birth often acted out	
34. Is Christmas preparation an adventure?	
35. Rockin' around the ----- ---- by the Jets in 1983	
36. Gifts from Santa	
37. Tavern landlord	
38. One discards these after Christmas	
39. ----- and wine by Cliff Richard in 1988	
40. O little town of -----	

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

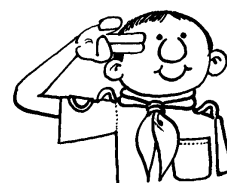
aged 6-8

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 – December 2024

1	Sunday	First Sunday of Advent		
		10.00am	All Age Worship and Gift Service	Church & Zoom
		3.00pm	Christmas Messy Church	St Peter's Hub
		6.00pm	GodSpace in person	Church
2	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
3	Tuesday	11.45am	Lunch Club & Service	St Peter's Hub
4	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
5	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
6	Friday	9.50am	Recreate	St Peter's Hub
		2.00pm	Outward Facing Prayer Meeting	St Andrew's Hub
7	Saturday			
8	Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent		
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
		9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
9	Monday	8.00pm	Raise a Glass	The White Swan
		12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
11	Wednesday	12.45pm	StAnd Homegroup	St Andrew's Hub
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	Church
		2.45pm	Youth Hot Choc & Toast	St Andrew's Hub
		2.00pm	Gentle Carol Service	Church
12	Thursday	7.30pm	Thirsty Thursday	The White Swan
		2.00pm	MAP 1 Prayer Group	St Andrew's Hub
13	Friday	2.00pm	MAP 1 Prayer Group	St Andrew's Hub
14	Saturday	10am	Making Sense of Christmas	Church
15	Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent		
		10.00am	Nativity Service	Church & Zoom
		12.00pm	Making Sense of Christmas	Church
		7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Church
16	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	Church
		10.00am	Making Sense of Christmas	Church
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
17	Tuesday	8.45am	St Peter's School service	Church
		12.00pm	Lunch Club Christmas meal	St Peter's Hub
18	Wednesday	9.30am	King George V Pre-school Nativity Rehearsal	Church
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
19	Thursday	11.00am	King George V Pre-School Nativity	Church
		5.45pm	Carol Singing	The Oaklands Pub
		8.00pm	Carol Singing	The White Swan Pub
		7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
20	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
21	Saturday	10.30am	Carols at the Co-op	Littleover Co-op store
22	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent		
		10.00am	Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
23	Monday			
24	Tuesday	3.00pm	Christingle Service	Church
		5.00pm	Christingle Service	Church
		11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Church
25	Wednesday	8.00am	Spoken Holy Communion	Church
		10.00am	All Age Holy Communion	Church & Zoom
26	Thursday			
27	Friday			
28	Saturday			
29	Sunday	First Sunday of Christmas		
		10.00am	Spoken Holy Communion	Church
30	Monday			
31	Tuesday			