

# Keyhole

Part of Littleover & Blagreaves Churches Together

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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](http://www.stpeterlittleover.org.uk)

# From the Curate's Desk

Spring is one of my favourite times of the year, especially as we start to see all the new growth coming through.

This sign of new life begins with the snowdrops and soon blooms into glorious and colourful life with tulips and daffodils taking centre stage. After what has felt like a long and dark winter, these blooms seem to speak of new, better, more colourful times to come.

I'm sure we haven't seen the last of the winter yet, as there are rumours of snowstorms to come, and of course April will probably bring its usual showers. But these flowers are glimpses of hope. Things can change, there is light emerging from the darkness.

Sometimes life can feel a bit like winter where nothing seems to change, and it just keeps on going bleakly. Maybe because of illness, or a bad situation, financial worries, or other problems. We know we have to keep going, but it's hard work.

The sight of a snowdrop pushing its way out into world speaks to me of hope in the midst of the troubles. In Luke we read about Jesus and his disciples on the Lake of Galilee in a storm. Jesus contentedly sleeps through, but the disciples panic and call out to Jesus for his help.

As he awakes Jesus speaks out 'quiet, be still' and the storm stops, and the water is calm. What I love about this story, is not just that Jesus could, and did, calm the storm, but that he was there with the disciples in the midst of the storm.

Just as it is with our lives, Jesus is with us in the midst of everything we go through. At any point we can turn to him and cry out for help, knowing that he has the power and authority to help us.

When the disciples asked for Jesus' help they didn't know what he could do, and hadn't grasped at the point that he had the authority to calm the wind and the waves, but they knew he would help, they knew he was the one to turn to.

So, I want to encourage you this spring, that whatever your current circumstances, whether they are bright and wonderful, or if they feel like they are dragging along like the longest winter, to know that Jesus is right there with you, in the midst of the situation with you. Turn to him, and ask for his help, and know his peace with you.

With blessings,

*Emma*

## From the February 2025 Registers

<b>Funerals</b>	<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>Audrey Elliot</b>
<b>Burial of Ashes</b>	<b>21 Feb</b> <b>22 Feb</b>	<b>Joyce Hamilton</b> <b>Graham &amp; Kathleen Dominey</b>

# 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**

## MAP Teams Celebrate 2024

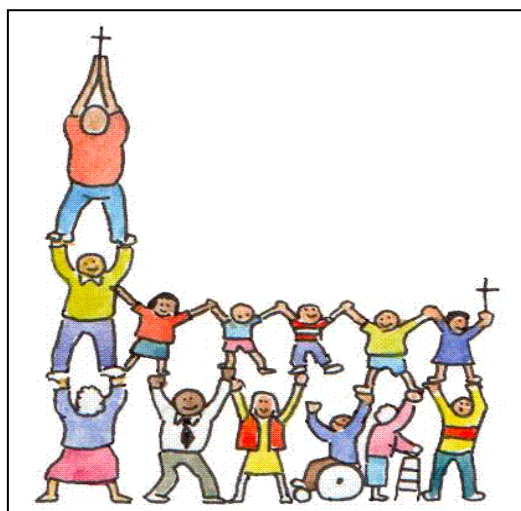
We have five Mission Action Plan (MAP) teams at St Peter's; **Outward Facing, Community Needs, Children, Youth & Family, Communications and Creation Care**. Each works on their own objectives and also work together across the teams to make things happen. Why do we do this? Well, our Mission Vision summarizes it like this:

*'Our mission is for St Peter's Littleover and Blagreaves to be an outward facing and compassionate church that welcomes all.*

*Jesus loves all and our aim is to love one another, our environment and our local community as He loves us.*

*We will actively worship, build relationships, support those in need and work hard to be a church at the heart of its community.*

*This is OUR vision and we each commit to doing our bit to make it happen.'*



# MAP Teams Celebrate 2024

So, what did we do in 2024? The short answer is lots of great things! Here are just some of them;

Development of 'Messy Youth' activities, Hot Choc & Toast – for local youth -now 40 children calling in for drinks and biscuits, Easter Egg hunt for St Peter's School, 'Open the Book' activity for St Peter's School, regular prayer support including physical prayer walks in Blagreaves area, 'Welcome Bags' for new people moving into the neighbourhood, outdoor Harvest Festival at Hannah Fields Community Garden, regular 'Give Away Days' at St Andrew's Community Hub, 'Support Café' at St Andrew's Community Hub for the pre-school, regular litter picks around both Littleover and Blagreaves, over 80 of items of school uniform redistributed, supported 'Great Big Green Week' with a swishing event, sent thousands of empty pill strips for recycling, organised a bird nest box building session and placed Hedgehog boxes in the churchyard.



## THIRSTY THURSDAY



## at The White Swan Littleover

**No Meeting in March, but  
we'll be back in April!**

Call Steve for more info  
07790 431090

## CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP



**Back for the Spring!**  
**Sat 15 Mar 9.30am – 12noon**  
**Everyone Welcome**

## 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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# Creation Care

## What's a Carbon Footprint?

A carbon footprint measures the greenhouse gases (like carbon dioxide and methane) that our actions produce.

### Everyone and everything has a Carbon Footprint.

Our personal footprint includes the emissions from what we eat, how we travel, what we buy, and what we throw away. The more we consume (food, resources, products), the bigger our footprint gets.

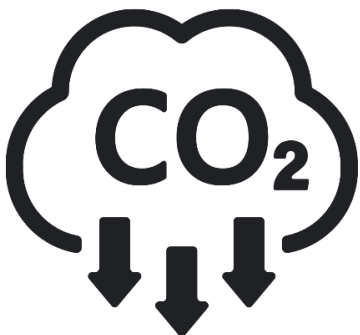
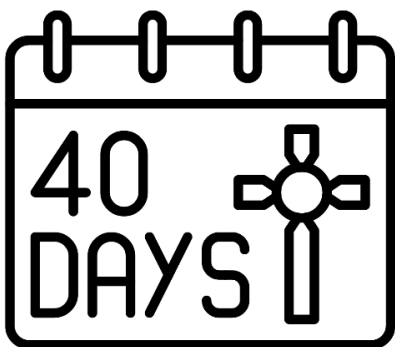
To check your or your household's carbon footprint, you can use a carbon footprint calculator. such as this one [www.climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators](http://www.climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators)

Groups like Climate Stewards (part of the A Rocha family) are dedicated to caring for God's creation by helping us measure our footprint and encouraging us to cut back where we can.



## Carbon Fasting:

### Being mindful of what we consume and cutting back on it.



### Carbon Fasting for Lent:

Christians often give something up for Lent, following Jesus' example of fasting in the wilderness before starting his public ministry. Lent can also be a time for self-reflection, where trying something new or different might help us give something up.

From Ash Wednesday (5th March) to Easter Saturday (12th April), consider giving Carbon Fasting a try.

Creation Care has pulled together resources from Climate Stewards and others to share ideas for weekly 'fasts' and daily challenges. Each week, Interlink will include a short prayer focusing on a fast suggestion. Daily, we'll post ideas for reflection and prayer in the Church Family Facebook group, and we'd love to hear about the actions you've tried.

Join us in focusing prayers on what we can do and change to help save God's creation from further climate change effects.

If you're interested in joining our Creation Care group or would like more information, talk to Peter, Sharon, Julia or Ali. Or email [creationcare@stpeterlittleover.org.uk](mailto:creationcare@stpeterlittleover.org.uk)

# Faith Pictures: A Journey of Testimony and Witness

During Lent, a time of reflection and spiritual renewal, Haven Christian Centre in Littleover will be hosting and leading the Faith Pictures course. This enriching six-week program, held on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm starting on the 6 March, is designed to empower every Christian with the confidence to share their faith stories with others.

Faith Pictures is not just another course; it is a transformative journey that aligns with the command of Jesus to be His witnesses in the world. Jesus said (Acts 1.8), "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Jesus' command is reflected by the apostle Peter in 1 Peter 3:15, where he encourages believers to "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

## Understanding Faith Pictures

Faith Pictures is an innovative and interactive course developed by the Church Army, an organisation dedicated to evangelism and social action within the Anglican Church. The essence of the program is to help participants articulate their personal faith experiences in a relatable and impactful manner.

Throughout the six-week course, participants engage in a variety of activities and discussions that focus on developing and refining their ability to share their faith stories. The course material is designed to be accessible to everyone, regardless of where they are on their faith journey. It encourages a deep and thoughtful exploration of one's personal experiences with God, and how to communicate these experiences effectively to others.

## Why Faith Pictures Matter

Faith stories are powerful tools for evangelism. They provide a personal and authentic testimony to the transformative power of Christ in our lives. In a world that often values personal experience over abstract concepts, sharing our faith stories can make the message of the Gospel more relatable and compelling.

When we share our personal journeys of faith, we are not just recounting events; we are witnessing to the work of God in our lives. These stories can inspire, encourage, and challenge



others, providing a tangible example of God's love and grace. They remind us that the Christian faith is not just a set of beliefs, but a living and active relationship with Jesus Christ.

## Course Content

Each session of Faith Pictures is carefully structured to build on the previous ones, creating a coherent and comprehensive learning experience. The sessions include:

- Introduction and Icebreakers: Establishing a welcoming and supportive environment where participants can feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and experiences
- Exploration of Faith Stories: Participants are encouraged to reflect on their own faith journeys and identify key moments and experiences that have shaped their beliefs
- Communication Skills: Practical exercises are provided to help participants develop their storytelling skills, including how to structure their stories and make them engaging and relatable
- Biblical Foundations: Each session includes a focus on relevant Bible passages that provide a theological foundation for sharing our faith stories
- Group Discussions: Encouraging participants to share their stories with the group, providing an opportunity for feedback and mutual encouragement
- Prayer and Reflection: Each session concludes with a time of prayer and reflection, seeking God's guidance and empowerment for the task of witnessing.

## Practical Information

The Faith Pictures course at Haven Christian Centre, Hollybrook Way, Littleover, will take place every Thursday evening from the 6 March, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, for six weeks. We encourage all members of the congregation to register, as it promises to be a deeply enriching and empowering experience. For more information and to register, please pick up a flyer at church or contact Lianne Green at [lianne.green@havencc.org.uk](mailto:lianne.green@havencc.org.uk). There is no cost to attend the course, but we do ask participants to register beforehand and commit to attending all six sessions to gain the full benefit of the program. Light refreshments will be provided.

## Conclusion

As we prepare our hearts for Lent, let us remember the call of Jesus to be His witnesses. Faith Pictures offers us a unique opportunity to grow in our ability to share the hope that we have in Christ. By participating in this course, we are not only deepening our own faith but also equipping ourselves to share the Good News with others in a meaningful and impactful way. We look forward to embarking on this journey together and seeing how God will use our stories to touch the lives of those around us.

## Littleover in Bloom

We have just received the entry form for East Midlands in Bloom competition, in July.

If anyone has any thoughts on showing their front garden, it does not have to be immaculate just tended with thought and care, you have two months to let us know, closing date end of April!

On Saturday 29 March Littleover in Bloom will be holding a Table Top sale, at Littleover Grange Hall, Park Lane. DE23 6FX. We will have a table selling plants in time for Mothering Sunday 30 March.

This will replace our usual fund-raising plant sale in the village this year.

We would like to invite members of the community to hire a table and have a chance to sell their unwanted goods, maybe duplicated Christmas gifts, or just unnecessary household items.

If you wish to hire a table, please ring Georgia on 01332 764993 or email Jan.dante@virgin.net There will be a charge of £10 to hire a table, drinks free to stallholders.

Doors open to members of the public at 3pm. Entrance fee £1 Please book by Sunday 23 March.

**Our next meeting will be Monday 10 March 1.30pm.**

**Anyone is welcome to join us.**

**Littleover Grange Hall, rear entrance, Park Lane. Contact Jan on 01332 348903 or jan.dante@virgin.net.**

# Littleover Village

## Littleover Historical Society

As we walk or drive around Littleover today we don't see many cows. In 1865 it would have been very different, Littleover was very rural with many farms, not all having livestock, but many did.

Many of you will of course have seen the photographs of Albert Lane driving his cows up the Hollow on his way back to his farm.

The cattle plague of 1865-1867 was the most severe ever recorded in Derbyshire, caused mainly by drought conditions making the cattle population weak. It was thought that this particular outbreak had been caused by cattle being imported into the country.

Justices of the peace were given the power to close down markets and fairs where farmers mainly traded. This must have been a very anxious time, for both farmers who relied on providing milk, cheese and beef and the shortages for the populace.

This sounds so very familiar to the foot and mouth outbreaks of 1967 and 2001 and proves just how precarious farming is, both then and now.

**Next meeting Friday 14 March 10am.**

**Rear entrance Littleover Grange Hall, Park Lane, DE23 6FX**

**Visitors welcome. Join us for a chat and refreshments £3.**

**Contact Jan; on 01332 348903 or jan.dante@virgin.net**



## Hannah Fields Community Garden

offers great support for those who are feeling isolated, children who want to get muddy and explore or just for those who want to sit and enjoy a coffee surrounded by nature. Situated on Normanton Lane just down from the church they are open Tues and Thu-Sat for you to explore, buy a veg box or and enjoy their vegan café. Find out more at the Hannah Fields Community Garden Facebook Page or see the notice boards on their gates.

# Audrey Elliott

## 1942-2025



Audrey was born to Bernard and Florence Shepherd and was one of five children. She went to Bentinck Road Girls school where one of the classrooms was an annexe in the forest (now the park and ride for Nottingham trams) and during the first week in October all the fairground vehicles would arrive to set up for Goose fair. This could be seen from the classroom and caused lots of excitement.

Audrey was in the Brownies, Girl Guides, attended Sunday school and later the youth club at All Saints Church Nottingham. Audrey joined the Church choir (she loved singing as we all know) and during that time she was confirmed. She enjoyed Netball and was a good table tennis player.

On leaving School Audrey went to work in the fabric dept of Ashmore's a shop which seemed to sell everything. In her spare time, she loved Ballroom Dancing and Rock and Roll, and it was at a dance in Nottingham, in December 1960, that she met her husband to be, John. They danced all evening and were soon dating regularly. John and Audrey got engaged at the Goose fair in 1961 and were married in 1962 at St Martins Church Bilborough.

Their son Robert was born in 1974, they moved to Mickleover, and daughter Helen was born in 1976. Their family was complete. Audrey was a wonderful Mum who lived for her family, she loved cooking and enjoyed housework, she was never bothered about material things.

Audrey absolutely loved her work as a lunchtime supervisor at Ravensdale Infants school in Mickleover. She was gentle and kind but firm and any misbehaving children were sent to the lamppost in the playground to stand for a few minutes. When Audrey eventually retired the children presented her with a model lamppost.

Audrey's faith was very important to her. She and John attended church for many years, firstly at St Alkmund's, and later here at St Peter's, where they were part of the Worship Group, Ministry and Pastoral teams for many years.

John and Audrey were so blessed with children and grandchildren and to have 63 years together. Even when Audrey was diagnosed with Alzheimer's they were still able to enjoy life. 'It's just my memory' Audrey would say, "bound to happen at my age."

Audrey was truly loved by so many, and we are very thankful that she was part of our church family.

# PASH Charity Concert

In February an evening of entertainment was provided by Derwentio Brass and special guest Jonny Salt, pianist and vocals performing Jazz, Blues & Easy Listening. There was a broad variety of music which was thoroughly enjoyed by an audience of approximately one hundred and fifty people.

The concert was organised by Dave Hargreaves in aid of the PASH Charity and it was announced at the end of the evening that an amazing sum of just over £3,000 was raised from both ticket sales and very generous donations.



# PASH Charity Concert

Dave Hargreaves, Patron of PASH Christian Organisation has since explained his involvement with the charity and how the money raised at the concert will be spent.

The charity is based in Kachieng, near to Lake Victoria in Western Kenya. It has been a very poor area for many years. Local people in this area are peasant farmers earning meagre money from selling vegetables, chickens and other produce from their small parcel of land, at the market in Oyugis.

In the 1990's, Dave was sponsoring a young man, Benard, from the Muga homestead whose father was the Pastor of the local Church. Benard and his college prayer group friends decided they would form a charity to improve the standard of living in the area. They named it 'PASH Christian Organisation'. Dave was asked to be Patron and form PASH UK who would raise money through monthly giving by friends of PASH, sponsorships for climbing mountains, walking ultra long hikes, summer garden parties, car boot fairs and by arranging concerts.

Any money raised goes towards the following; Normal annual support of orphans, widows and the impoverished with food parcels & other necessities. Also, provision of medicines for all types of illnesses including Malaria, Yellow Fever & Typhoid. There is no NHS in Kenya!

Every four months PASH organises Bible Teaching Conferences and gives bibles to those who don't have one (including new converts, usually up to 100). After the conference, classes are held with the new converts who then have the option of being baptised, sometimes in the local river.

The local community of Kachieng farms two plots of land (purchased by PASHUK). They farm 2.5 acres and grow maize, potatoes and tomatoes. Financial assistance is required and some support will be provided from the concert money to purchase seeds etc, manure, hire of labour for weeding, harvesting and transport.

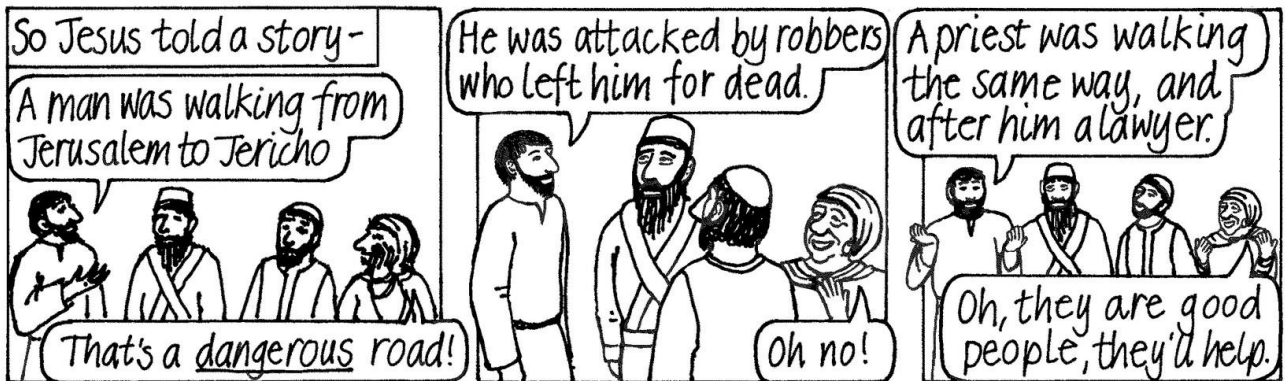
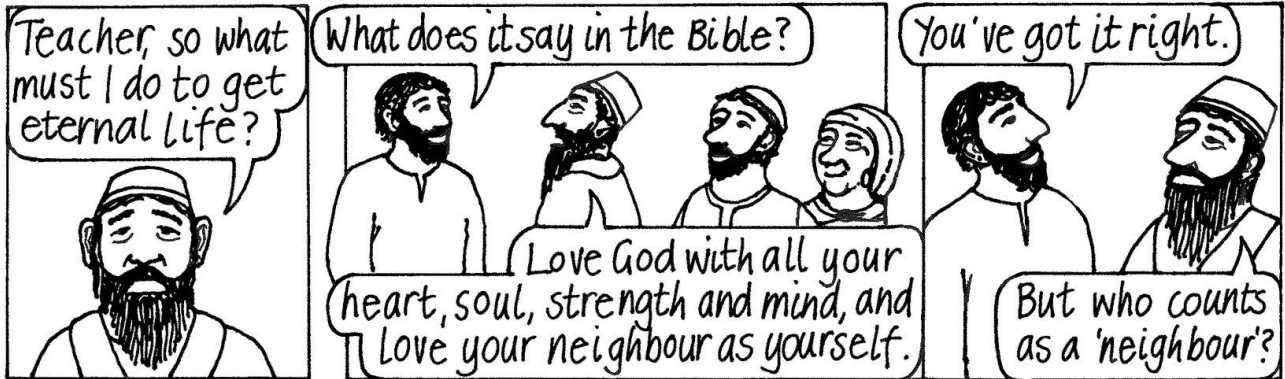
If anyone is interested in joining PASHUK as a supporter and possibly becoming a monthly donor, however small this may be, please talk to Dave Hargreaves.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the Law of Moses wanted to test Jesus' knowledge of the laws in the Bible, so he asked Jesus a question.



# Easter Eggs with the Easter Story

We are delighted to continue to offer eggs from The Meaningful Chocolate Company, which are not only Fairtrade but also have plastic free packaging. It includes the Easter Story – a perfect gift for your grandchildren, Godchildren, friends and neighbours, or for anyone who loves chocolate!

There are a variety of Eggs to choose from. The original egg is £6.20 and the dark chocolate version of this is £6.90, the fun pack with six eggs is £6.50. You can also choose a mug with 3 midi eggs for £9.99 or a Easter Blessings bar for £3.20.



Please order by Friday 21 March, using the form in the coffee area or email [office@stpeterlittleover.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterlittleover.org.uk). Payment on delivery.

Derby Bible Week

Mon 28th April - Thurs 1st May, 2025  
7:30pm - Woodlands Church

## JESUS' HEART FOR UNLIKELY PEOPLE

(FROM MARK'S GOSPEL)

**Speaker: Mark Ellis**

Mark is married to Joanne, and they have three adult children. He has been a pastor, worked in cross-cultural mission in Asia, and led teams in student ministry. He now leads the Keswick Ministries team. In everything, his desire is to help people see the beauty of Jesus, that they might desire him and walk more closely with him so that Christ is formed in them.

**LIVESTREAM**  
Watch live online and catch up at [youtube.derbybibleweek.org.uk](http://youtube.derbybibleweek.org.uk) or scan QR Code.

[www.derbybibleweek.org.uk](http://www.derbybibleweek.org.uk)

## Derby Bible Week

Book the 2025 Derby Bible Week in your diaries now!

Mark Ellis will be speaking on the theme of 'Jesus' Heart for Unlikely People', from Mark's Gospel.

This will be hosted at Woodlands Church from Monday 28 April – Thursday 1 April, 7.30pm – 9pm with refreshments served afterwards.

Please visit [www.derbybibleweek.org.uk/2025](http://www.derbybibleweek.org.uk/2025) for more information.

# Mission Update

## Our Mission Partners

Contact them, pray for them

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Lima 33 PERU [psmarcesinlima@gmail.com](mailto: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) [timmkatelee@yahoo.com](mailto:timmkatelee@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](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk)**

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

**Open Doors [www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org)**

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

**PASH Kenya [www.pashuk.org.uk](http://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](http://www.tearfund.org)**

100 Church Rd, Teddington TW11 8QE  
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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

# tearfund

*'A kindhearted woman gains honour, but ruthless men gain only wealth.'*  
(Proverbs 11:16)

## Supporting Syria earthquake survivors: two years on

Two years ago, on 6 February 2023, Firas's\* home in Aleppo, Syria, collapsed when a massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake shook the region, levelling buildings, destroying infrastructure and costing lives. A few hours later, a second quake of 7.7 magnitude compounded the disaster.

Firas received support from Tearfund after his family lost their home in the major earthquakes that struck the region. For him, the ability to earn an income through input he received from our partner has been crucial, but it is also the kindness of our local partner staff that has really impacted him.

Firas's family were among the thousands of people who no longer had a place to live. Years of conflict and disasters in the country had left buildings weakened and poverty widespread, damaging the resilience of both members of society and the structures they lived in. To protect his wife and five children, Firas set about looking for shelter and work wherever he could find them.

## Blow after blow

For a time, the family lived squashed together in a single room in a relative's house, but even there, financial struggles led to their eviction. It was a double blow for Firas – the practical difficulty and distress of losing a physical shelter for his family alongside the deeply painful psychological battle he fought with himself and his confidence. To be a worthy man in Syria is to provide for one's family, but Firas was unable to place a roof over his children's heads.

Feeling utterly desperate, Firas moved his family to a different part of the country, but his parents urged him to return to be near them. He returned to Aleppo, but soon the family was left with nowhere to live.



### **Refuge in a place of ruins**

They finally found refuge in his brother-in-law's home – a building in dire need of cladding and repairs. Exposed to the elements and vulnerable to insects and reptiles, their living conditions were appalling. They had to cover the doors and windows to keep out the weather and the wildlife. After a while these temporary solutions were no longer usable. The weight of these hardships took a toll on Firas and his family. 'I felt helpless and extremely exhausted,' he tells us.

### **Illness, loss and despair**

Firas's son, Rafiq, developed severe anaemia and vitamin deficiencies which resulted in kidney failure and he tragically passed away, which plunged Firas and his wife into what he describes as deep depression and a nervous breakdown. Soon after this, their youngest child began suffering from a chronic blood protein deficiency which means he can't eat solid food and has to survive solely on liquids. Firas and his wife frequently have to take their son to hospital.

### **A new solution: a new hope**

While working as a cleaner one-day Firas came across a large crowd gathered outside a building. Curious, he asked what the place was and discovered it was a Tearfund partner organisation offering vocational training. Desperate for an opportunity to improve his family's situation, Firas enrolled in a home electricity installation course run by the centre. Here was a skill he knew would be in constant demand and this opportunity gave Firas hope!

### **The experience was transformational**

In addition to vocational training, Firas took part in activities and practical exercises at the centre that helped him regain his self-confidence. The psychological support sessions were particularly powerful offering a safe space to share his story and hear from others facing similar struggles. He found he

was not alone. 'My family witnessed how much I loved being at the centre,' says Firas. 'My mental health significantly improved because of the kind treatment I received and the excellent trainers.'

Before long, Firas was able to start taking on small electrical jobs in his community, which provided some much-needed income. This financial improvement allowed him to continue his youngest child's medical treatment, and he remains optimistic about making further progress once he receives his toolkit, which will enable him to take on more substantial work.

### **Being truly seen**

'This is the first time someone has truly seen me as a human being,' Firas tells us. 'I've often felt weak and exploited, but with you, I rediscovered my humanity. You embrace everyone, regardless of sect or religion, driven solely by the desire to help others. My wife, my children and I are profoundly grateful for you.'

*\*Names have been changed for protection.*

### **Pray for Syria**

- For all those still rebuilding their lives after the earthquakes
- For all those who lost homes and loved ones in the earthquakes that happened two years ago. Ask God to give them comfort and to provide for their needs
- Lift up all those who are struggling with all the repercussions of the earthquake
- For a strengthened economy and more opportunities for people to earn a living
- For stable and ongoing peace in Syria so that all people can rebuild their lives and have opportunities to thrive.

# Church Electoral Roll 2025

This year an entirely new church Electoral Roll must be prepared.

Members of the previous roll, together with those new to St Peter's Littleover & Blagreaves, interested in becoming a church member, will need to complete an application form. This will enable you to vote at the forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 30 April.

Application forms can be obtained from Iona in the Church Office or from the Welcome area in church.

Completed forms to be returned to Iona by **6 April** please. Thank you.



**J26 Sinfonietta**

Conductor:  
Mat Davis

Leader:  
Helen Hitchcock

Haydn - Overture Il Mondo Della Luna  
Tchaikovsky - Arabian Dance  
Williams - Across the Stars &  
Princess Leia's Theme  
Debussy - Clair de Lune & Nuages  
Mozart - Symphony No. 41 "Jupiter"

7.30 pm, SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025

St Peter's Church, Church Street, Littleover, Derby - DE23 6GA  
Tickets available on the door and in advance from our website or via QR code  
General admission £13, concessions £11  
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www.j26.org.uk

QR code and social media icons (Facebook, Instagram) are also present.



## 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 7 March

Fri 21 March

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

For more information contact

Carole lesncarole15@gmail.com

Joy joypomroy@yahoo.co.uk

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## Littleover Women's Institute

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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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Chiropractic aims to improve the function of your muscles and joints.

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**Saturday 8:30am till 12:30pm**

**4 Normanton Lane Littleover DE23 6GP**  
**(next to the church gates) Tel: 07903 761151**



## MayDay Solutions

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## Organization

# FOODBANK



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

Please drop any food off at  
The Vicarage and it will be  
taken to the Central Food Hub

**priority semi skimmed milk**



## 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

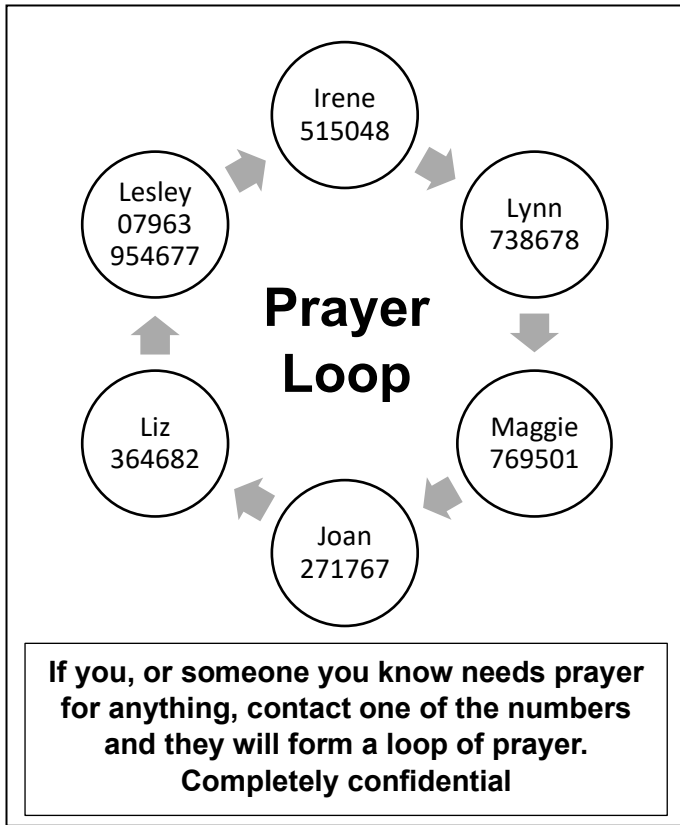
**Answers to February's "Afternoon Tea" Quiz:**

1. Tablecloth 2. Assam 3. Éclair 4. Scone 5. Fruit cake 6. Biscuit 7. Milk 8. Macaroon 9. Butter  
 10. Napkin 11. Gateau 12. Camomile 13. Pastry 14. Hotel 15. China 16. Plate 17. Earl Grey  
 18. Preserve 19. Cream 20. Leaves 21. Muffin 22. Crumbs 23. Quiche 24. Lemon 25. Sandwich  
 26. Mousse 27. Crumpet 28. Saucer 29. Cucumber 30. Shortbread 31. Strawberries 32. Cupcake  
 33. Jam 34. Teapot 35. Cutlery 36. Waitress 37. Tray 38. Darjeeling 39. Sugar 40. Doily

**British Artists Quiz (some anagrams)**

Questions	Answers
1. Policeman	
2. Found in all slow rye grass	
3. Sounds like wine type and leg joint	
4. Dorothy ----- sang Misty Blue in 1976	
5. You can view her work in St Ives	
6. Found in a full English breakfast	
7. Glory me	
8. Found in groundhog Arthur	
9. Were his paintings bleak?	
10. Nail moth	
11. Sounds like a council area	
12. Colon shin	
13. Works you can view rightfully in Derby Museum	
14. Found in seemingly untidy bed	
15. ---- Tall Sally sung by Pat Boone in 1956	
16. Tina ----- sang The Best in 1989	
17. See pint	
18. Do her geometric designs rile you?	
19. Country wise person	
20. ----- Davis Group sang Keep on Running in 1965	
21. Lady's beer	
22. Cheque book counterfoils	
23. Lee ----- sang Crying in the chapel in 1953	
24. Sauté in a pan	
25. Darn sleuth	
26. Sounds like lie down with heavy weight	
27. Profits council area	
28. Only reds	
29. Was he right in the money?	
30. Precious metal deserving	
31. A mixed sticker	
32. Make of car or type of dancing	
33. Did he paint with a rusk in his mouth?	
34. Group: Crosby, Stills, ---- and Young	
35. Found in Eros set time	
36. Do you know if oil was used in his work?	
37. Would he put a shirt in formaldehyde?	
38. Pam rose	
39. Crispian St Peter's sang The Pied ----- in 1966	
40. Sounds like sunbeam scorch	

# 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  
 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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

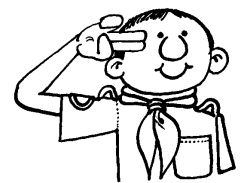
aged 6-8

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

**174<sup>th</sup> (142<sup>nd</sup>/113<sup>th</sup> Littleover Churches)**

**SCOUTS** - for children aged 10-14

Friday 7.30-9.30pm, Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Tom 07525 759602

**3<sup>rd</sup> LITTLEOVER BROWNIES** – children aged 7-10

Friday 5.30 -6.50pm, Scout HQ on Brayfield Road

Contact: Heather Collins 01773 820119

# Notice Board – March 2025

1	Saturday			
2	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>		
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>	<b>Church &amp; Zoom</b>
		3.00pm	Lent Messy Church	St Peter's Hub
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>God Space</b>	<b>Church</b>
3	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
4	Tuesday	11.30am	Lunch Club & Service	St Peter's Hub
		7.30pm	Standing Committee Meeting	Church meeting room
		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		
5	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion with Ashing</b>	<b>Church</b>
		12.00pm	Clergy staff meeting	Church
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion with Ashing</b>	<b>Church</b>
6	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
7	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
		11.30am	Support Café	St Andrew's Hub
8	Saturday	10.00am	Litter Picking starting from St Peter's Churchyard	St Peter's Church
9	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>		
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Church &amp; Zoom</b>
10	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	Church
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
11	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
		7.00pm	MAP Steering Group meeting	Zoom
		7.15pm	J26 Sinfonietta Rehearsal	Church
12	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Church</b>
		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
13	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
14	Friday	11.30am	Support Café	St Andrew's Hub
		2.00pm	MAP 1 Prayer meeting	St Andrew's Hub
15	Saturday	9.30am	Churchyard Cleanup	St Peter's Churchyard
		2.00pm	J26 Sinfonietta concert	Church
16	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>		
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Church &amp; Zoom</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Prayers</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
17	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
18	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
		7.30pm	PCC meeting	St Peter's Hub
19	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Church</b>
		2.15pm	Knit & Natter	St Peter's Hub
20	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
21	Friday	9.50am	ReCreate	St Peter's Hub
		11.30am	Support Café	St Andrew's Hub
22	Saturday	10.00am	Give Away Day	St Andrew's Hub
23	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>		
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Church</b>
		12.00pm	Ashes Burial of Janet Orme	Churchyard
24	Monday	9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	St Peter's Hub
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub
25	Tuesday	12.00pm	Lunch Club	St Peter's Hub
26	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Church</b>
		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
27	Thursday	7.30pm	Worship Group	Church
28	Friday	11.30am	Support Café	St Andrew's Hub
29	Saturday	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Posy Prep – Men Only!	Church
30	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>		
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>	<b>Church &amp; Zoom</b>
31	Monday	9.00am	St Peter's School Service	Church
		9.30am	Crossed Keys Café	Church
		1.30pm	Tiddlywinks Stay & Play	St Peter's Hub