

# LITTLEOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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Hello Everybody

My name is Rev Ellie Ake, this letter is to introduce myself as the new Minister of Littleover Baptist Church. Most of you I will have met when I came to preach at the church at the beginning of the year, maybe there are some of you who I still have the pleasure of meeting. I never would have imagined introducing myself by letter to a new church, although the Apostle Paul did just that. We are living in unprecedented times with our church buildings closed and our daily lives disrupted. As many of you know my start date was delayed and moving was put on hold because of the lockdown situation. But I thank God that I am able to begin as your Minister on the 1st July, although we will still be living in the West Midlands and I will be working from home, we pray that a house will soon become available in Littleover.

So you might be thinking how can a Minister begin a new ministry with a church during this time of lockdown? This is a very good question. Over the last few months of lockdown, myself and Samson have discovered different ways of being church and although this is far from ideal we have found it has united people.

The first thing I am going to be doing is bringing an online service for Littleover Baptist Church which you will be able access every Sunday at 10.30am from the church website. Tony has been working hard to make this possible. The first service will be on the 5th July. If you have already been following our services from the West Midlands church's you will have noticed different people taking part, by singing, reading bible passages and poems, as well as leading prayers. If you feel you are able to record anything that might be useful for our services please get in touch with me I would love to hear from you. I pre-record services in the week so there is no pressure from live recording!

In the coming weeks I would like to start online interactive bible reflections and a prayer meeting. More detail about these will follow, if you are interested please contact me or one of the Deacons.

I am very aware however that not everyone is connected to the internet and will not be able to access online services or groups. Every Monday I will be sending out a weekly reflection where I will give a summary of the Sunday Service, some Prayers that we have used etc. It will also give me an opportunity to be able to keep you all posted with how ministry at Littleover is progressing, and of course it will be a good place to keep the church updated as the regulations on lockdown for churches change.

## **Pastoral Care:**

Another very important aspect of church life is pastoral care. As a new Minister it is also important for me to get to know you individually and for you to get to know me. I would like to thank those who have already sent me photos as well as a few email conversations this has been really helpful to me. I will contact everyone by telephone but of course this will take me some time to get around everyone. You will still have your deacon who is assigned to you who you can contact and who will send out the weekly reflection to you. However if you need to talk to me please feel free to ring or email me at any time, you don't have to wait for me to contact you first.

## **A word of encouragement to you from Philippians 1:6.**

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

**God Bless you all  
Ellie.**

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