

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21st 2025

Present

Members 20 non-members 7
Apologies 8

Reverend Elsie Fraser opened the meeting with a reading from Mark's Gospel and prayer

The minutes of the last meeting were received and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

The card reader is on hold.

More people are still needed to operate the IT system on a Sunday morning.

Daniel's Den has not been able to restart.

A thanksgiving service will be held later in the year for Roger Bown.

Prayers were requested for Andrea, Rita, Janet and Harvey, Ruth and Allan.

New deacons and church members

It was agreed by the meeting that the following four people be removed from our membership roll as they no longer attend this church, Helen Naylor, Angela Barker and Andrew and Karen Minto.

Graham Falgate And Tony Salt were accepted by a ballot of all members present as new deacons. Stephen and Holly acted as scrutineers.

Tracy Houtchin had requested church membership and had been interviewed by Sandra and Tony who recommended her to the meeting and was accepted by all the members present.

Safeguarding

Graham Folgate and Maggie Archer were appointed as safeguarding officer and deputy this was accepted by all with just one abstention.

A safeguarding summary and policy were presented and accepted. The names of those appointed will be added to these documents before they are published.

Christmas Events

The agreed days of the events for Christmas will be added to the news sheet and put on the website; the time of the carol service will be 6:30 p.m.

The chosen Christmas charities will be for three from six of those suggested, people were asked before leaving to stick a star by their chosen three. The three with the most stars will receive the church donations.

Dates

Littleover churches together will be holding a Prayer event for Littleover on the 31st of January 2026 at Littleover Methodist Church. Each church will organise one or two interactive prayer stations suitable for all age groups based on a specific topic. The day will end with a churches together worship service.

2026

2026 will be the centenary of Violet Hedger who was the first woman Baptist minister with her first church being Littleover Baptist. We will celebrate this at our church anniversary on the 7th and 8th of February. There will also be other events here at LBC during 2026 in conjunction with East Midlands Baptist Association. Lynn Green (General Secretary of the Baptist Union) has been invited to speak at LBC later in the year to celebrate this significant centenary for women in ministry.

At our church anniversary in February, we will have a thanksgiving offering towards the baptistry repair. £1,000 has already been received.

Bible study

Elsie will be starting an in-person bible study on Thursday mornings from the 2nd of October at 10:00 a.m.

The zoom bible study will recommence on Thursday October the 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Middleton Lodge

St Peter's and little over methodist churches will do a fortnightly Sunday service in turn at Middleton Lodge. Elsie will do a monthly mid-week Communion Service.

Room bookings

We still require someone to replace David and Margaret to do the bookings for the room hiring. We record our thanks to David and Margaret for all the years they have been doing this job.

Information

If anyone has any documentation at home relating to LBC business matters, please give a copy to Tony as we are trying to get all records stored electronically. All agendas and minutes of members meetings will be saved onto the website for easy reference. Both the members area and Trustees areas are password protected on the website. If you are unsure how to access this please speak to Tony.

Fabric

The heater has been removed from the baptistry ready for the lining which is due to be done on Tuesday including the steps. The lining of the baptistry will be a blue colour.

Manse

Alex has repaired the leak in the bathroom at the manse. The new electrical circuit board is to be installed within the next two weeks. The building insurance is due for renewal.

Church Hall

The roof lights in the church hall need replacing. The decorating of the hall will be left until the spring of 2026. Elsie has produced a monthly chart of tasks to be done by the deacons or the fabric group.

Church policies

Elsie is looking through the Church policies at the moment. We need to review our health and safety policy.

Baptism

Tracy Houchin will be baptised on Sunday the 12th of October.

Finance

Christine Martindale would like somebody to work alongside her to learn about the church finances.

Janet reported that everything was ok at the present time. She also expressed thanks to those who have updated their giving. People were asked to consider setting up a standing order as this would help the church when planning the yearly budget.

Allan Child is now doing the Baptist birthday scheme.

A.O.B.

Sandra will prepare a list of those not able to access or print church documents sent by email. If you would like paper copies, please speak to Sandra who will ensure you don't miss any important information.

Derby City mission is to be considered for receiving the harvest gifts next year.

The Derby City Mission is still needing towels if anybody has any to donate.

Janet has now received the Operation Agri envelopes for the harvest collection.

Date of Next Meeting

Sunday December 7th following the service.

Elsie closed the meeting with prayer.

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Date -----