MINUTES OF THE DEACONS MEETING FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7th 2025

Present
Rev Elsie Fraser, Graham Falgate, Janet Aukett, Tony Salt Sandra Henchliffe, Hillary Robinson
Apology
Paul Gardner

Elsie opened the meeting with a reading from psalm 46 and a prayer.

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

Actions from previous minutes
The prayer diary to be reorganised/reviewed in January 2026.

- Church bookshelf, David Ballard as this in hand.
- Tony reported that the contract with Daisy who supply our broadband is fixed for another 17 months. He also brought along a list of charges of other broadband suppliers. The possibility of Sky was also suggested. It was agreed to terminate the contract with Daisy as it does not meet our needs. Tony will do further research and he and Elsie will make the final decision of the way forward based on the best deal available to meet our needs. When the Daisy contract ends, we will no longer have a phone line to the church.
- Paul has had several challenges within his family to deal with as well as moving house. To help relieve the pressure he is under, we will cover or defer as many of his duties within the Diaconate as possible. This includes non-urgent fabric team matters. The hall clean up will be postponed but Elsie and Pam will sort out some of the storage areas in the hall and prayer room. The hall decorating and fixing of skylights, and outside notice board update will all be postponed.
- Updating our website is still ongoing.
- Elsie to remind other churches in the Littleover group about a shared first aid course.
- It was decided not to pursue advertising in the Littleover little book.
- Elsie's contract still needs to be updated to full time.
- Elsie asked Graham to be involved with leading our 2026 Anniversary service and she has got Jenny Few to come as speaker.
- Janet and Hilary have still been unable to get Hilary's name included as a signature on the bank account.
- Hilary agreed to be a backup to Christine for both finance and gift aid.
- Getting someone to take on room bookings is still ongoing.
- Sandra has completed an updated list of church officers.
- Discussion about welcome packs and also the storage of new peoples information to go on the next agenda.
- The repainting of the baptistry railings in white was discussed with mixed views. Hilary suggested that blue might be a better choice. This to be taken to the church meeting.
- Alex has added our CCLI number to the slides we use and will do the reporting to CCLI.

- Tony or Elsie will speak to Ali about the trimming of the car park tree.

Christmas Cards
Tony brought along a sample of a proposed Christmas card to put through our neighbours' doors. The cost for 50 cards if we print them ourselves would be £1 each or £75 to have them done professionally. It was agreed to have them printed and distribute them on November 30th.

Event for Violet Hedges
October 10th & 11th 2026 will be the date for a celebration involving the East Midlands Baptist Association. Lynn Green, the General Secretary of the BUGB has agreed to come along to this event.

Notice Boards
It was agreed that Elsie could go ahead and order two wall mounted notice boards at a cost of £77 for both. These will replace the free-standing ones now in use in the church.

Sunday December 21st
Elsie will be leading an all-age worship service on 21st December. People will be encouraged to bring children along to this service and the uniformed organisations will be given invitations to come along.

Room Hire
It was agreed that we would increase the charge for hiring the church hall to £20 per hour.

White Swan Meal
Elsie to book a lunch time meal for the deacons at the White Swan on Monday December 8th at 12 noon.

March Meeting
Sandra requested that we change the date of the march meeting from the first Friday in March to February 27th because of it clashing with the annual World Day of Prayer service.

Dates of Next Meetings
January 2nd and January 30th in place of the first Friday In February.

Elsie closed the meeting with prayer

Signature —----------

Date —----------