



# What's On

January 2026

## A New Year

### A word from Elsie

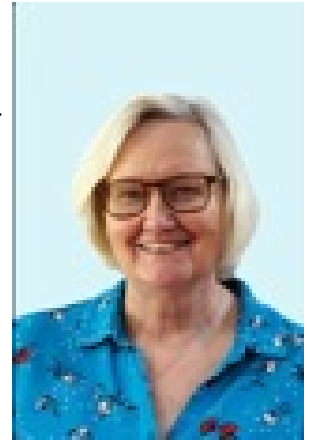
I wonder how you feel about January? Do you feel buoyed up, excited about the start of a New Year? Have you been able to put last year behind you, and look forward with confidence to the year ahead? Or is January really bad news? Horrible weather – horrible bills to meet after Christmas – perhaps just the natural sense of a bit of a slump after a time of great celebration.

We sometimes have to work hard in January to remind ourselves that there is much still to celebrate, and to look forward to. In 2026 at church in the year ahead we'll be celebrating 100 years since Violet Hedger, the first woman Baptist Pastor was ordained.

When we stand at the cusp of a new year with all the possible hopes, dreams and changes that may be ahead of us, it's good to allow ourselves time to reflect on the unchanging things in our life - the things we can always rely on.

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever."

We can all rely on the unchanging love of God for all his people. I pray as we move into 2026, we do so with trust and confidence in our faithful, loving God.



### Upcoming Events

## January 2026

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-12.00	Breakfast in Community Hall. Cost £5. Booking not essential.
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	TBC	Safeguarding Training at LBC. See below

## February 2026

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Anniversary – Salvation Army concert. At church hall. Tickets £5 from Hilary 07791 538078 or Sheila 07988 3656542. Refreshments available.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Anniversary – Roast meal & dessert. <b>Names needed.</b> Contact Events Team. Donation £7.50.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am	Pancakes – savoury and sweet, includes a drink. From £1. Contact Events Team.

## March 2026

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 for 6.45pm	Beetle Drive with Fish & Chips. Contact David, Janet or Hilary.
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## **Regular Activities**

Sunday	9.30am-10.00am	Prayer time (meet in the prayer room in the Community Hall)	All Welcome
Monday	5.30pm – 7.00pm	Brownies – in the Community Hall For more information contact Christine Malcolm at: <a href="mailto:camalcolm16@outlook.com">camalcolm16@outlook.com</a>	For girls aged 7 – 10 years old
Monday	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Guides – in the Community Hall For more information contact Gemma or Sheila at: <a href="mailto:eighthlittleoverguides@yahoo.co.uk">eighthlittleoverguides@yahoo.co.uk</a>	For girls aged 10 and above.
Wednesday	10.30am – 1pm	Tranquility Café – in the Community Hall. <a href="http://littleverbaptists.org/tranquility">littleverbaptists.org/tranquility</a> <b>Starts back on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	All welcome to come along for coffee, chat, crafts and games
Thursday	10.00am – 11.15am	Bible Study Group – in the Community Hall. Contact Sandra for a copy of the study guide. <b>Starts back on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	All welcome, regardless of how much bible knowledge you have.
Thursday	7.30pm	Bible Study on Zoom. Zoom Link: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j88594081033?pwd=3yceBQxTyejEgcZAFGFkDOdOZZfyvb.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j88594081033?pwd=3yceBQxTyejEgcZAFGFkDOdOZZfyvb.1</a> Meeting ID: 885 9408 1033 Passcode: 353700	All welcome
Friday	5.45pm – 6.45pm	Rainbows – in the Community Hall For more information contact Sophie at Rainbows-8thlittleover@outlook.com	For girls aged 5 – 7 years old

## **Safeguarding**

Don't forget to book your place for the Safeguarding Training on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026. This is provided by East Midlands Baptist Association (EMBA) and trains up to Level 3. Speak to Elsie or Graham.

## **Ways to get involved at LBC**

There are many ways you can get involved at Littleover Baptist Church. These are a few examples:

- Welcoming on a Sunday Morning
- Caring Committee
- Serving teas and coffees
- Reading or Praying in a service
- Setting up or serving communion
- Praying for or with others
- Updating notice boards

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above or explore other ways your skills and gifts can be used to serve in the church, please speak to Elsie.

## **Giving**

If you would like to make a general donation to the Church, please use the collection plate at the front of the church on a Sunday morning. If you would like to set up a standing order to give to the church, or set up gift aid giving, please contact Janet or Christine who can give you more information.

## **Contact Us**

By phone – Church Office 01332 435959 – Please leave a message on the answering machine if no reply.

Elsie Fraser (Minister) – [elsie@littleverbaptists.org](mailto:elsie@littleverbaptists.org) or call 07989 563 147