



What's On

August 2026

A word from Elsie



Listen

Have you been enjoying the sunshine, or has the heat been too much for you? Summer is a time when many of us arrange a holiday, whether it is travelling and getting away, or a change of pace and routine at home. We might meet new people, gain new perspectives, or see and experience different places.

Holidays give time to relax and an opportunity to reflect on what God has been doing. They also give us time away from our busy routines to listen to God and hear what He is saying to us.

What is God saying to you about your life, and what He may want to do in you, or through you, to build His Church? As we continue our series on the Book of Nehemiah, let's be willing, like Nehemiah, to listen and be obedient to God and work together, led by the Holy Spirit, to rebuild any areas of brokenness in our lives, our community, and our world.

Upcoming Events

August 2026

Tuesday 4th	12pm	Booking has now closed. For any changes, please speak to Janet A.
Wednesday 5th	10.30am	Guest speaker at Tranquility Café. Mr Satz Johal from St. John's Ambulance, who will be talking about First Aid.

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Tuesday 1 st	7 – 9 pm	Discipleship Course in the Community Hall. All welcome. For more information speak to Rob or Sandi
Saturday 12 th	4 – 6 pm	Sing a New Song. Come together to learn new songs and sing some familiar, or not so familiar songs.
Saturday 19 th	6.30 for 6.45pm	Dominoes and a light snack. £5. Contact Hilary, Janet or Sheila.
Wednesday 23 rd	7pm	Members Meeting. All Welcome.

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Saturday 3 rd	9.00 – 12.00	Harvest Breakfast or coffee and cake – £5 each. Speak with the Sheila or Hilary.
Saturday 10 th	3pm onwards	Sandra Henschliffe will be celebrating her 80 th birthday with a party in the community hall. All her friends from Littleover Baptist Church are invited.
Sunday 11 th	3pm Service	Church Centenary Anniversary – Violet Hedger – followed by Tea and cake. More info to follow. NO MORNING SERVICE ON 11TH OCT.
Wednesday 21 st	6.45 for 7pm start	Skittles at Burton Bridge. (Note: the venue is up steep stairs). Speak to Paul G for more information

Regular Activities

Most regular activities have stopped for the summer break and will be shown in the next Newsletter.

Tranquility News

Members and supporters of the Tranquility Café team recently attended an event organised by The Derby City Council Littleover Community Partnership, where they were presented with certificates in appreciation of the volunteer work which they do "in support of the people of Littleover, helping to make the area a better, stronger, and more connected community".

(From the Left: Danny Giles:

Neighbourhood Manager, Derby City Council, Tony Salt:

Tranquility Manager & Church Deacon, Maggie Archer: Church Safeguarding Officer, Zarina Salt: Tranquility Volunteer, Tracy Houchin: Church Secretary, Elsie Fraser: Minister, Amanda Jenkins: Church First Aider and Tranquility Volunteer).



LBC in Print

Littleover Baptist Church has recently appeared in an article for the Baptist Times, a copy of which is attached.

Transport

As we have several attenders who are struggling to make their own way to church for the Sunday Service or other activities, if you have a spare seat in your car, and are willing to give a lift to someone on a regular or occasional basis, please speak to Elsie.

Discussion on Disability Sunday

Sun 23rd August – 12pm (after Sunday Service) Please join us if you would like to be involved in planning or participating in our Disability Sunday service on Sunday 27th September.

Donations/Gifting for Christmas

As a church our practice is to give 3 charities a Christmas donation of £200. If you would like to suggest a charity, please pass the information to Elsie by 24th August. We will vote on all the charities suggested at our church meeting in September.

Church Vision

What does God want us to focus on over the coming 5 years? Please take time to pray prior to completing the questionnaire and fill it in individually. All completed forms should be given to Tracy by Sunday **30th August**. If you do not have a questionnaire, speak to Elsie. The Deacons will be reviewing your responses during their away day on the 17th October.

Knitting Group

Sun 30th August – 12pm onward (after Sunday Service)

If you would like to get involved in knitting figures to be used in the Churches Together Christmas Trail in Littleover Village, come along to find out more.

Discipleship Course

New group starting in September. Are you unable to study the Bible during the day? Are you interested in learning more about God's word? Then join us every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in the community hall from 7 – 9pm. Rob and Sandi will be leading the group, starting on **Tuesday 1st September**, where we will learn What is a disciple? (commitment to hearing and obeying, becoming like Jesus).

Baptism & Communion

Please pray for Rodney Dennett as he prepares for his baptism on the **6th September**. Communion in September will be held on the **13th** rather than the 6th. All welcome to join us for these special services.

The Big Conversation

Friday 25th September 2-8pm at St. Peter's Community Hub, Normanton Lane. Volunteers needed to help with refreshments. If you are able to help for a time slot, please speak with Elsie. Information about the event is on the notice board.

Harvest Weekend

Harvest Breakfast in the Community Hall on Saturday 3rd October from 9 – 12pm.

Harvest Service on Sunday. All donations collected over the weekend and proceeds from the breakfast will go to Operation Agri. To find out more visit www.operationagri.org.uk

If you would like to bring an item of food or a food parcel for Derby City Mission, this can be brought to the breakfast on Saturday or to the Sunday Service. No fresh produce please.

Contact Us

By phone – Church Office 01332 435959 – Please leave a message on the answering machine if no reply. Please note that Elsie will be away between 7th Aug – 21st Aug. Please contact one of the Deacons.

Encouragements at Littleover Baptist Church

Littleover Baptist Church, the Derby church where Violet Hedger held her first pastorate, has celebrated its first baptisms in over 20 years



The church welcomed the Revd Elsie Fraser as its minister last year, and soon found itself in preparation for its first baptism since 2004.

'When I arrived, I found God had been preparing the ground and one gentleman asked to be baptised,' said Elsie. 'It was such a delight to hear how God had been at work in Stephen's life and we planned for him to be baptised on Easter Sunday.'

Given that the baptistry had been out of action since the mid-noughties, 'in the weeks before the service we checked the baptistry by cleaning it and filling it a couple of times and were delighted it appeared to be in good working order', explained Elsie.

Everything seemed to be going smoothly... until the night before the baptism.

'On the Saturday evening, I received a call from one of the deacons to say the baptistry had developed a small leak, and water was trickling into our basement,' said Elsie.

This left the team with two options; either cancel and rearrange to a later date, or to 'go ahead in faith'. They went with the latter.

Even though the baptistry had to be continually topped up with buckets of hot water, it was an 'amazing service', said Elsie.

'The church was full and we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus and the new life He brings to individuals.'

But the baptisms didn't stop there. With a second one on the horizon, another tricky decision faced the small congregation: to fix the leaking baptistry, or hire one out when required?

As before, the decision was simple: they would fix it.

'We believed God was at work, and we should step out in faith and trust Him,' said Elsie.

There have been a further two baptisms, including one at Pentecost this year, and another planned for September.

There have been further encouragements: four new people came into membership in 2025, and so far another seven have joined this year.

