



June & July
2026



Central United Reformed Church Derby Magazine



Dear Friends

This month, I have been asked to write a letter for the church magazine, which I am happy to do. Rather than regard it as a pastoral letter, I prefer to regard it as a reflection and a thank you to you for all the support that I have received from this church community since I arrived from Birmingham to begin my retirement here in Derby.

When I arrived in Derby, I was very pleased and surprised to find a URC church 5 minutes away from my flat, and I was also pleased to find 'Coffee1' on my doorstep; family and friends have described it as an extension to my flat.

I am pleased to write this letter, as it gives me a chance to thank you all for your help and friendship over the last 2 years.

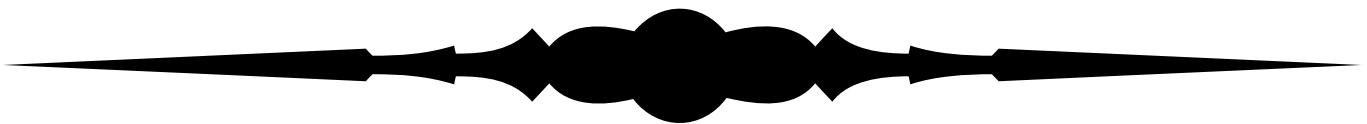
I want to thank you all for your help, support, prayers, and practical help whilst recovering from my 2 strokes, and, as most of you know, that is the reason I am leaving Derby as I need support re my health. I am moving to what is a retirement home for Anglican Vicars in Worthing near the sea.

You are all welcome to visit once I have settled in. My last Sunday with you all is Sunday 5th July, when I am leading worship and celebrating communion, which I think is the most fitting way to say goodbye to you all.

I leave for Worthing on Monday, 6th July to begin a new chapter in my life. It's not how I planned my retirement, but God moves in mysterious ways. There is the old joke: if you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans. So, once again, thank you for welcoming this strange man into your church community with his fancy waistcoats and bright orange hat. I have really enjoyed leading worship and worshipping with you all over the last 2 years.

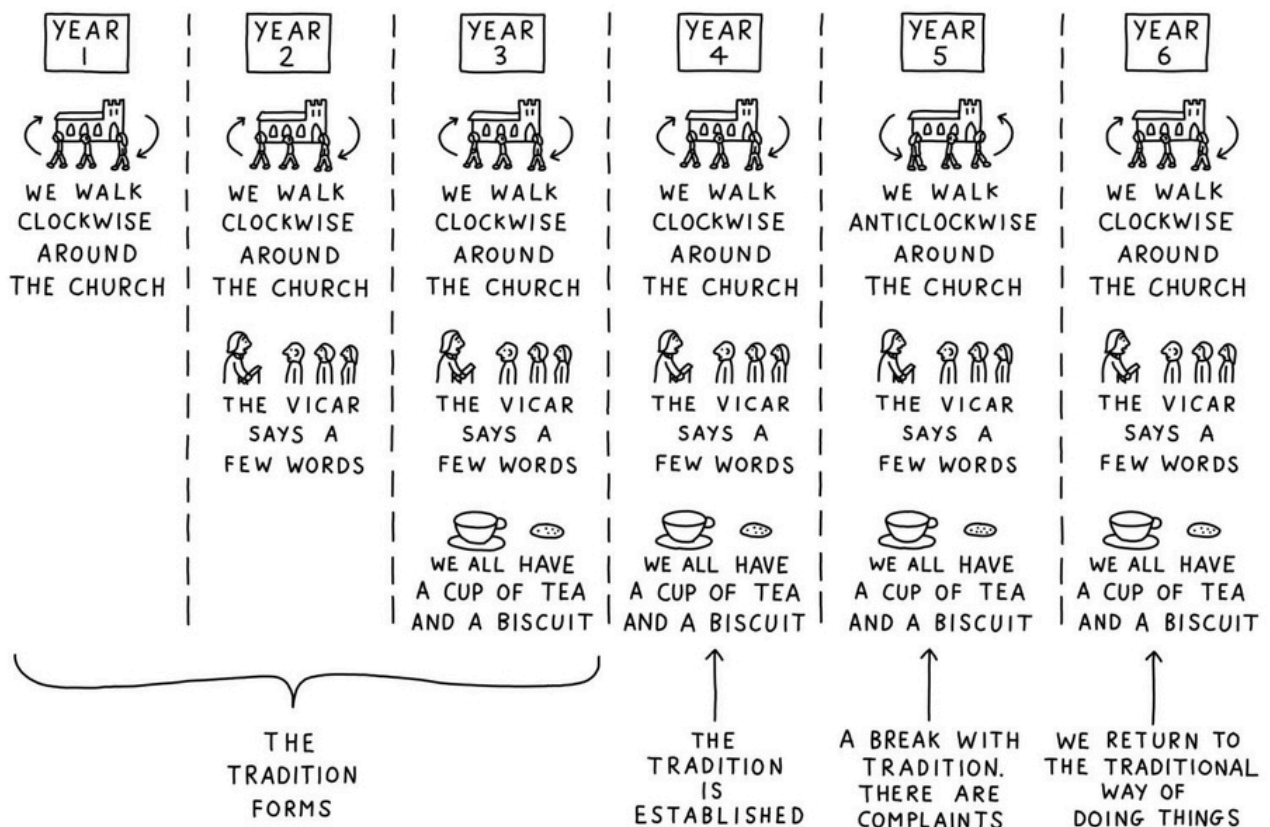
Regards

Rev Peter Little



TRADITION

HOW IT DEVELOPS





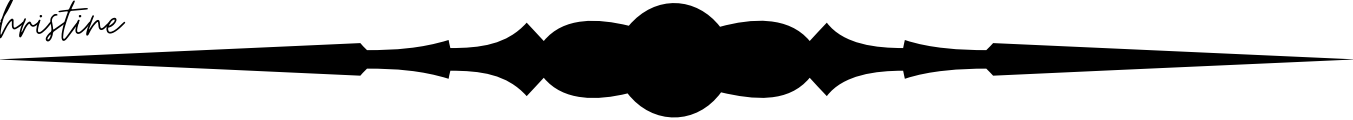
Rev Peter Little

We are very sorry to hear that Peter has decided to move to Worthing and live in a Retirement Home. He will have his own apartment and plenty of other retired ministers, so he will have plenty of company to enjoy!

We are so grateful you have led our worship services and appreciate the time you have spent planning.

We are so sad you are leaving us and wish you every blessing in your future life.

Christine



Pick of the Archives #159

In the church, there is no big or small ministry.

Every act of service is a ministry.

@saltandlightwords

Hymns
632
17
274
86
= 1009

Derek realised it had been a mistake allowing the church treasurer to do the hymn numbers!

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Pickled Beetroot Hummus with Crudites

This easy-to-make hummus is such a lush, amazing colour and packed with flavour. You can serve it with loads of things - toasted pitta bread is great to scoop it up, or just some simple raw veg, like radish, celery, carrots, cucumber or fennel, to dip. Just be sure to buy the beetroot from the chilled salad section of the supermarket- the pickled beetroot you buy in a jar is too vinegary.

Serves: 4 : Calories:600 per serving, 365 without pitta

500g cooked pickled beetroot

2x400g tins of chickpeas

1 tbsp ground cumin

2 garlic cloves, finely grated

2tbsp tahini

Juice of 2 lemons

A handful of mint leaves, roughly chopped

100g Greek yoghurt (0% fat)

salt and freshly ground black pepper

To finish

80g half-fat feta

1tbsp fennel seeds, toasted

A handful of small mint leaves

TO serve

Raw veg (small peeled carrots, radishes, cherry tomatoes, cucumber batons, celery sticks, fennel slices)

4 wholemeal pittas, toasted (optional)

Pickled Beetroot Hummus with Crudites

1. Put the beetroot into a food processor and blitz until smooth.
2. Drain the chickpeas, reserving the liquid. Add the chickpeas to the blender with 150ml of the liquid. Add cumin, garlic, tahini, lemon juice and mint. Blend again until smooth.
3. Season generously with salt and pepper, add the yoghurt and blitz again until smooth.
4. Transfer the hummus to a serving bowl, crumble over feta and sprinkle with toasted fennel seeds and mint leaves.
Serve with the raw veg crudites for dipping and toasted pitta, if you like.

The recipe makes a lot - half of it is still plenty. But it's lovely, especially when friends are round.

Monica



MURDER

AT MAYHEM LANE

CONFIDENTIAL

Tickets are £5 to include refreshments and soft drinks. Bring your own tipples!

Date: June 13th

Doors open: 1pm

Raffle draw: 1:45pm

Mystery to commence: 2pm

Join the housewives of Mayhem Lane in an afternoon filled with Murder, Mystery, and Mayhem!

Raffle tickets will be available at the door.



McDusty



Anita Fumble



Lotta Kids



Ginny Choo



Teri Hatchett



Phyllis Delphia

All proceeds are going towards the work of Central URC
Stuart-House.

Green Lane DE1 1ES

Fund Raising:

At Central, we continue to commit annually to our local and international charitable giving. This year's POTS charity for Derby Kids Camp and Children First is moving towards £600. The last Bacon Buttie Coffee Morning on 19 th June should increase that figure. Monica's Open House on 11 th July is also in aid of this charity.

We have been delighted by the success of Cinema@Central which has raised over £1,000 (next film 'Hairspray' is on 8th August). This helps fund ways we can support our local community.

We are pleased to be able to contribute to an initiative at Becket School, allowing children access to new literature. In these uncertain financial times, we are also aware of how spiralling costs to the nation are also affecting churches. As a small congregation, we are especially aware of the need to tighten our belts and to look at ways to maximise our resources.

Social Responsibility Group

CINEMA @ CENTRAL

On Saturday, 11th April, Cinema at Central opened its doors again for Singalong Grease! We transformed the space into a 1950s diner and were lucky to have many Pink Ladies come along to dance with us. We had an amazing time and raised £452.30 for Derby Central URC. This is the highest amount we've made so far! 🎉🎉🎉
Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Jess



**From a 'Quiet Day' at Dale Abbey
A sanctuary triptych
(using the tune from the Taizé song 'O Lord hear my
prayer')**

**Be still, know God's love
Stay still, feel the care
In this place, come in prayer
There's no need for words
Our prayers can be heard
Come and rest here a while**

**This place holds us safe
This sanctuary holds
Space for all, those who call
Love moves among us
God's grace lifts us up
Hope is offered to all**

**Be prayerfully here
And let go of fear
Let God's arms bring us calm
Relinquish the doubts
And let love flow out
Feel how mercy flows in**

SamG 8th May 2026

CENTRAL SPOTLIGHT

1. How long have you been coming to Central?
2. What first brought you to Central?
3. Can you share a special memory of church?
4. What is your favourite hymn or worship song?
5. What is your favourite Bible verse?
6. Do you have a hobby or an interest?
7. What is your favourite book?
8. What's your favourite song (non-church)?
9. What is your favourite film or TV show?
10. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
11. What is your favourite food?
12. What's one thing that people might be surprised to know about you?
13. What's one thing you're passionate about?
14. Do you prefer Christmas or Easter, and why?
15. Anything else you want to tell us about yourself?

Want to answer these questions and appear next time
send in your answers to Christine



Rev Paul Whiting

1. 4 ½ years (Dec 2021)
2. Looking for an inclusive church
3. The “all age” nativity on my first visit
4. “This Day” by Edwin Hawkins
5. 1 John 4:16 “God is Love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them.”
6. Poetry. Victorian social history
7. “The Practice of the Presence of God” by Bro. Lawrence
8. “O Mio Babbino Cara” (Puccini)
9. Midsomer Murders
10. Shanghai, China
11. Japanese Sushi & Tempura
12. As a school boy, I met war hero Douglas Bader.
13. Classic cars
14. Christmas - because I love Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”.
15. I can trace my ancestry back to the English Civil War and come from a proud heritage of Non-Conformists.

COULD YOU ANSWER THE QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE?

SEND ANSWERS TO TERRY OR CHRISTINE

Technology

I am the first to admit that 'technology' in all its forms frustrates me, annoys me, defeats me in many situations BUT: I follow friends on Facebook and since COVID have reconnected with friends I had lost touch with; I use the internet to research places to eat, places to stay, find a book, order a document, look up a worker and follow the news, check the weather and save articles which appear randomly on the screen. I am intimidated by all the instructions in my car, BUT the SATNAV always gets me where I want to go and, most of the time, keeps me within the speed limit. I do not want a Kindle (Jim used his constantly), but my holiday suitcase would be lighter without the spare books I carry for fear of running out. My phone is an object of dread, BUT it protects me from Spam phone calls, lets me see the family in Canada, and many other things. I can send photos to people around the world.

I am cross with those who seem to spend most of their lives looking at their screens, BUT I will turn back home if I realise I have left mine on the table. My Television remote control has a mind of its own BUT has opened up many new ways of watching programmes. I live in fear of our church screens going wrong, BUT I love singing from them and enjoy the opportunities for creative services. I am terrified of the CCTV in the church office, BUT I am thrilled when we are able to help the police solve crimes. So... perhaps, reluctantly, I had better admit that without technology, my world might be smaller, harder, and much less interesting!!!

Cathy Gould





you're invited



Open House Saturday 11th July.

Once again the estate (my garden!) will be open for tea and cakes between 10am and 4pm. If you have been before, you will know what to expect - but there are numerous changes to see in the estate (garden!).

This year's money will be divided between the two charities that Derby Central URC are supporting. They are Derby Kids Camp and Children First.

For directions etc - contact Monica on 07873 559884.



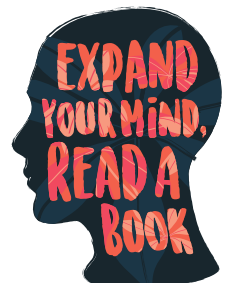
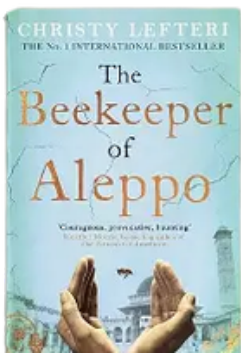
BOOK *Review*



My book. It's The Beekeeper of Aleppo. It was first published in 2019 by Christy Lefteri. The book follows a family of refugees from Syria who flee their home in 2015.

When I first read this book, before I joined Central, I had no idea of the ordeal they went through. This book really changed my opinion about refugees.

Monica



Diary

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE

7TH REV PAUL WHITING
14TH TERRY NASH
21ST SAM GOODMAN
28TH REV TIM MEADOWS

JULY

5TH REV PETER LITTLE
12TH SAM GOODMAN
19TH CHURCH FAMILY
26TH TBC

CHURCH MEETING

July 19th

ELDERS' MEETINGS

**June 11th & July 9th
@3.30pm**

Monday Fellowship:

**June 8th & 22nd
July 13th**

Derby Inclusive Fellowship

Saturday 6th June @ 4 pm: Pride discussion and planning with a bring-and-share.

Sunday 21st June @ 2:30 pm: Led by Terry Nash

Friday 26th June Share & Prayer (Online gathering)

Saturday 4th July @ 4 pm: Led by Caroline Astell-Burt

Friday 10th July Share & Prayer (Online Gathering)

Sunday 19th July @ 2:30 pm: Led by Sam Goodman

EVENTS

Murder Mystery June 13th

Bacon Butties June 19th

Open Garden at Monica's July 11th 10-4pm

Cinema @ Central: Hair Spray August 8th.

Craft Fair @ Cental September 5th

Quiz for Tear Fund November 28th

Craft Group (Crafty Fingers)

**June 3rd
July 5th**



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The August & September Magazine will be available in late July. Please send contributions (be creative) by Sunday, July 12th. to Christine Fielding, care of the church, or by email to

christinefielding706@gmail.com

Contributions to the weekly sheet should be sent to Cathy by email at cathy@cathyjim.co.uk or by phone at 07986450580

Deadline Friday noon, Please!

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