

**In September we welcome Rev Dr Gary Watt to the position of minister here at LMC.  
Please see the greetings from him below.**

Blessings to our new church family and circuit

As a family (Gary, Luzia and Isabella) we are very much looking forward to coming to the Derby Circuit in September and looking forward to entering into this next stage of ministry which God has planned for us. I am originally from Coatbridge on the outskirts of Glasgow, Scotland. I have had some form of ministry in the Methodist Church for the past 17 years as a youth and children's worker and as a Presbyter. I have served as a Presbyter and as co-superintendent in the North Kent Circuit, (in the Maidstone section of the circuit and the Sittingbourne and Medway section of the circuit) for the past 10 years. It has been a fantastic 10 years for us in North Kent, however as a family we felt God was calling us to something new, in our ministry, and God led us to the Derby Circuit.



Luzia is originally from São Paulo, in Brazil, and has worked for the past 10 years as a Spanish teacher. Over the last year and a half, Luzia has been working as a Family and Community worker in Maidstone, working with local secondary schools and local churches. Isabella is 7 years old and moving into year 3 at School. She is very excited about coming to Littleover and she is hoping that she is going to make many new friends. We love God's creation and nature and spending time together, walking, cycling and enjoying the great outdoors and we are especially excited about exploring Derbyshire, which is famous for its beautiful countryside. We pray God will bless us all over the coming years in Derby and that he will pour out his Holy Spirit in abundance upon Littleover, St Martins and the Derby Circuit and bless us with the revival and renewal of God's church.

Blessings

Gary, Luzia and Isabella Watt

### **Summer prayer pointers**

Over the month of August, we pray for all those involved in our services of worship. For our preachers, we pray that your Holy Spirit may inspire them and that we might be open to what you want to tell us. Help us to apply all that we hear to our lives, that we might grow spiritually.

We pray for the worship leaders, that they would know your anointing, for the welcome team, that they may give a friendly greeting, for the prayer ministry team, that they would speak a word in season as they intercede, for the worship band, that they may lead us into your presence, for those giving technical support, that they would enhance our time together through their skills and for those serving tea and coffee, that their ministry would facilitate good conversations. We thank you for the time and energy that people offer each week that form part of the ministry in this place.

We pray for those who are struggling in any way—through ill health, through financial or work concerns, through relationship problems and family stress. May they know your comfort and your peace, as we seek to support those known to us in our church family and beyond.

We thank you for times over the summer to relax and be refreshed. Whether home or away, help us to all know the rest and peace that you promise us when we take time to “be still and know that you are God.”

We thank you for all the summer activities that will take place over this coming month in this place and ask that you give the leaders energy and vision.

We remember our young people, waiting for exam results and ask that you guide them into the next stage of their lives, whether going to college or university or starting work, that they would make wise choices as they move on in life.

We thank you for the work of your kingdom across this city and nation. Thank you for the many opportunities that your people have to make a difference to the lives of those they come into contact with. Help us to all look for opportunities to speak a word in season and to respond as you direct us, as we seek to share your hope and love with others.

*Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **Romans 12:10-12***