



Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy (DRC) Prayer Update November 2022

The seasons are changing rapidly, many of the leaves are now down from the trees and the clocks have gone back. Working closely alongside our farming community we know that this is a time of year when things also change on our farms and in the fields. More livestock comes inside and into the sheds for the winter months and the farmers dearly hope they'll have enough bales and grain stored in the barns to keep everything fed. Those buying corn will hope the prices do not continue to soar.

By the end of November most Derbyshire sheep farmers will have introduced the tups to the ewes and will be hopeful of a fruitful and straightforward lambing season next spring. However hard the farmers work and plan ahead - and they do - some things are out of their control: the weather, the price of their essential supplies and the price they get for their stock or milk. They need our prayers and support as they spend their days (and sometimes their nights) dutifully caring for their fields and stock to provide us with good quality food and a well looked after landscape.

The Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy is bound together by our central purpose to walk alongside the agricultural community in Derbyshire as a Christian presence. Please join us as we seek God together in prayer.

We give thanks for

- A good attendance at the recent farmers' harvest festival service in the Agricultural Business Centre
- The DRC's weekly presence at the Agricultural Business Centre to meet farmers
- The DRC 'Away Day' in Tissington Chapel
- For new DRC team members who are finding their feet
- A very positive response to the latest DRC News magazine that we sent to farms in September
- A very successful day at the Brailsford Ploughing Match providing hospitality, despite the weather!
- Contacts with farming families new (and ongoing) to the DRC team
- The opportunity to work closely with the Citizens Advice Bureau who have a worker dedicated to the Derbyshire Dales rural community.



Prayers please for the following farming situations

- For R recovering from a broken knee after a nasty fall
- For D recovering from a broken hip after a nasty fall
- For a family situation where there are some generational issues and decisions to be made over accommodation
- For the recently bereaved farming families we are supporting, praying specifically for those who are trying to negotiate how best to split the farm assets.

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