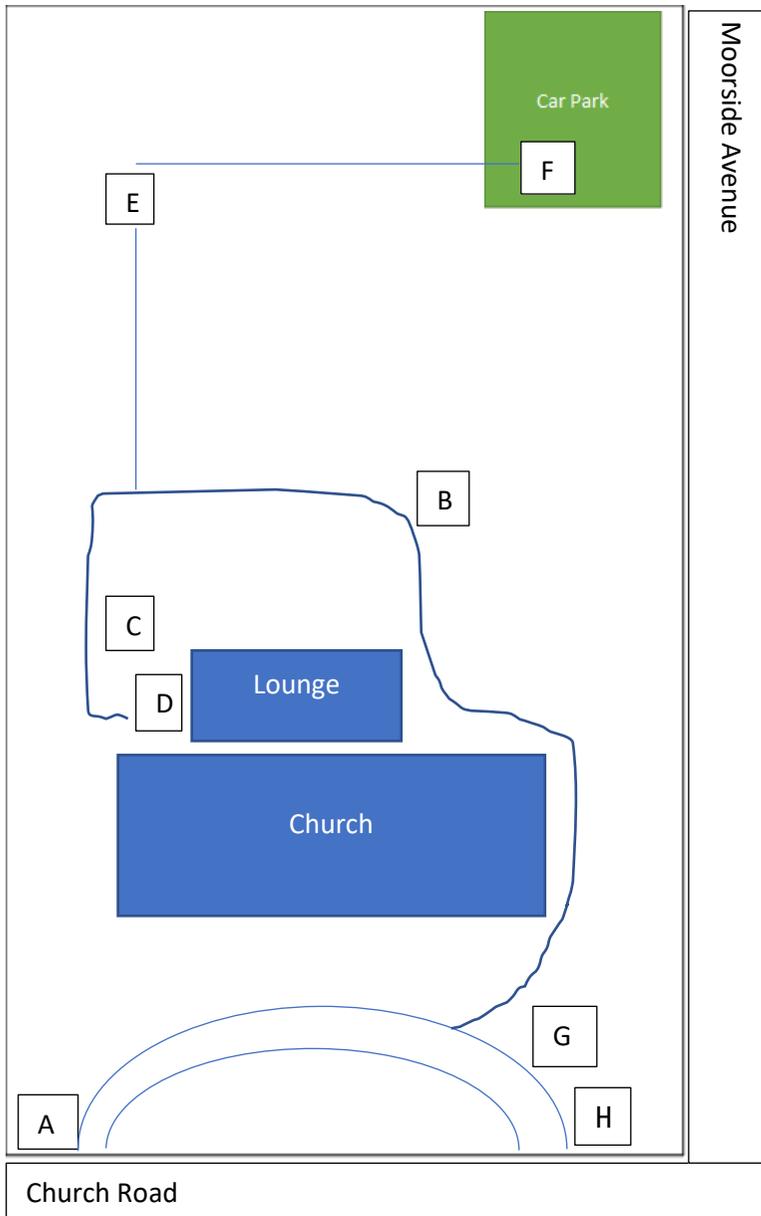




## St Peter's Prayer Trail

*We hope you will find this prayer trail helpful. There is a map on the back of this leaflet. Please take care as you walk around the graveyard as in some areas the ground is uneven and can be extra slippery when wet.*

- A. Begin at the Church Road entrance. Pause just inside the wall and spend some time praising God. Use Psalm 8 or 150, or look around thanking God for what you can see. There is a pile of pebbles just behind the wall. Pick one up and carry it in your hand as you pray. 
- B. Walk up past the church and into the churchyard. Choose a spot and look around at the graves, each one representing someone with a family and friends who loved them. Some you may know, most you won't. Take a moment to remember people who have been bereaved, those you know and those you don't. Remember people struggling with their health, those you know and those you don't. Those affected by Covid 19 and those suffering from other illnesses. Those who care for them in hospital and in the community. People of all ages in care homes, those who care for them and their families who have limited access to visit them. 



C. Take the path that runs along behind the Church lounge, then turn left again heading back towards Church Road. As you walk, you will reach a point where you can see Church Road School if you look to your right. Stop where you can see the school. Pause to pray for primary schools, particularly Church Road, St Peter's and Johnson Fold, and for high schools.



D. Continue along the path and walk along the side of the church towards the lounge. You will see a wooden cross. Pause by the cross to thank Jesus for all he endured on the cross for our sakes and worship Him as our Risen Lord. Talk to God about yourself, as to a loving father or mother, a dear friend or a trusted brother or sister. He wants to hear all your news, all your worries, all your fears. Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you. Sanitise your hands, then take a piece of wool from the box and tie it round the cross as a reminder that you may walk away from this time with God, but he will still be with you. It will then show others that they are not alone. Sanitise your hands again before moving on.



E. Head down the path towards Captains Clough, stopping where you have a good view of the trees. Thank God for the natural world. Look up in the sky, take a moment to watch any birds you can see or clouds passing over. If it is raining, pay attention to the raindrops falling on the grass and trees around you. Pray for our planet, for people to do a better job of taking care of it, for governments to be able to agree the steps needed to reduce the damage being done to the climate. Pray for farmers as they work with the land to produce our food.



F. Turn and walk to the car park next to Moorside Avenue. Let the passing cars serve as a reminder of the outside world. Pray for wisdom for our national and local governments, for local businesses and other employers.



G. Return to the front of the church, stopping somewhere you have a good view of the church building. Pray for the church as we continue to pray and worship, to serve our community and bear witness to the Gospel within current restrictions. Pray for any church members you know of in particular need, remembering especially those who live alone. Pray for our church leaders, nationally and locally. Pray for any ministry you are involved in, support or benefit from, or were before lockdown began. Pray for everyone involved, especially those with responsibility for deciding what shape it should take in future and how to continue safely now.



H. Before you leave, pray this prayer:

**Lead us this day, Lord Christ, that we might walk its paths  
In the light of the hope of our coming redemption.  
Amen**

You will see a pile of pebbles behind the tree by the gateway. Add yours to the pile, as a reminder that as you leave this place you remain connected with God our Father and, through his Spirit, with your brothers and sisters in the Church, the body of Jesus Christ his Son.