

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

Wednesday 25th February
7.30pm Lent Course at Emmanuel
Session 1

Saturday 28th February
8:00 Lent Breakfast in the Church
Hall
Session 1

Sunday 1st March
10:45 Morning Worship
Led by Sean O'Toole
The theme is "Welcoming the out-
sider" Matthew 25:31-46

Wednesday 4th March
7.30pm Lent Course at Emmanuel
Session 2

Saturday 7th March
8:00 Lent Breakfast in the Church
Hall
Session 2

Sunday 8th March
10:45 Morning Worship
Led by Sandra O'Toole
The theme is "Hospitality"
1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday 11th March
7.30pm Lent Course at Emmanuel
Session 3

Saturday 14th March
8:00 Lent Breakfast
Session 3

Saturday 14th March
9.30am–1pm Buildings: Mission &
Maintenance Conference
at Emmanuel Church, Swadlincote

Sunday 15th March
8:30 Holy Communion
Traditional service
Led by Rev Dr David de Pomerai

**10:45 All-age worship for
Mothering Sunday**
"Welcome to all" Mark 10:13-16

Wednesday 18th March
7.30pm Lent Course at Emmanuel
Session 4

Saturday 21st March
8:00 Lent Breakfast
Session 4

Sunday 22nd March
10:45 Holy Communion
Led by Rev Dr David de Pomerai
"Belonging to the family"
James 2:1-13

Wednesday 25th March
7.30pm Lent Course at Emmanuel
Session 5

Saturday 28th March
8:00 Lent Breakfast
Session 5

Sunday 29th March
10:45 Service for Palm Sunday
Led by Rev Graham Rutter



St Peter's Church

Hartshorne

Sunday 22nd February
First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our service today.
Tea and coffee will be served after the service .
Everyone is welcome to join us.

10:45 Morning Worship
Led by Sandra O'Toole with Martin Cox, guest speaker from
Open Doors. The theme is "Welcome for the poor"

Prayer for today

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days
to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services next Sunday

10:45 Morning Worship
Led by Sean O'Toole
The theme is "Welcoming the outsider" Matthew 25:31-46

NEWSLETTER

If you have any notices to include in the newsletter and/or website
www.hartshornechurch.org.uk please speak to Jane Horan 07966194954
or 211333 or email jane.horan52@gmail.com by Thursday evening each

News from *St Peter's*



THIS WEEK

Wednesday 25th February 9.30
Little Sparks in the Church Hall

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Lent Course at Emmanuel
Session 1

Friday 27th February 9.30
Little Sparks in the Church Hall
We're still looking for volunteers for
the Friday session. Please speak to
Suzie if you are able to help!

Saturday 28th February 8am
Lent Breakfast at the Church Hall
Session 1

THANK YOU

The family of the late Linda Hand
1947-2015, Wendy, Ayesha and Antony,
would like to thank you for your kind
words and encouragements at this
difficult time.

**Donations are to be made out to the
League of Friends
at Burton Queens Hospital.**

Our Lent course

**“Everybody Welcome!”
starts this week.**

You have a choice of two
days/venues so please try to
come along.

Topics for the course are:

Session 1 - Helping people
discover the church's exis-
tence and character

Session 2 - Giving people a
good experience of the
church premises

Session 3 - Giving people a
good experience of church

Session 4 - Helping newcom-
ers belong to the church

Session 5 - Integrating new-
comers through the work of
the Welcome Team



Please have a look
at our website for
more information.

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This story came to mind during last Sunday's sermon so I thought I'd share it with you ...

Flock shocked by 'tramp' minister

A minister posed as a tramp and gatecrashed his own service to teach churchgoers about "acceptance". The Reverend Derek Rigby donned a wig and some torn clothes and surrounded himself with lager cans and syringes in the church doorway on Sunday morning. Most of the congregation at the Trinity Methodist Church in Prestatyn, Denbighshire, ignored the intruder.

Mr Rigby said most were "embarrassed" by their behaviour when he finally revealed himself during the service. The former police officer had told the congregation he would be late for Sunday's service, and only informed one church member of his true plans, in case anyone decided to dial 999.

The minister said he did not shave for three days and drew on tattoos to make his appearance more convincing. He said: "I couldn't take the car in case anyone spotted it, so I walked from my home to the church. That was interesting, because my neighbours avoided me.

"I had bought clothes from a charity shop - which were immaculate - so I had to dirty them up a bit and I poured a bit of lager on them. When I got to the church I arranged a couple of cans and some plastic syringes, without needles, which I have at home for the dog. It gave the impression of a real down and out."

He added: "None of them spoke to me, apart from a few who told me off and told me to get away from their cars, which they kept checking." "They all ignored me."

He waited until the children had left the church to join their Sunday School before walking to the front of the building and revealing his identity to the congregation.

He said: "Some were very embarrassed. Nobody was angry with me but they were shocked they had ignored me in the way they had. "They could have given me a cup of coffee.

"I was surprised rather than disappointed. Some people said they wished I had been there because I would have known how to deal with the situation."

Mr Rigby said he had intended to communicate a "serious message of acceptance in an emotive way", and used the example of the Disciples not recognising Jesus on the road to Emmaus after his resurrection.

He said he had tried a similar stunt twice before in Newport and London - where the congregations had been more generous. He added: "I told them they were stingy because I had been given as much as £4.50, a packet of biscuits and a blanket in the other places, but in Prestatyn I got nothing.

"Although, I'm sure that wouldn't happen again."

BBC News, Wednesday, 9 July 2008