

DIARY FOR MARCH/EARLY APRIL

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

Saturday 21st March
2pm Derby Diocesan Association of
Church Bellringers Striking Contest
This is the Association’s 6 bell call
change competition. Teams from
across the district will be competing.
We will be serving refreshments in the
church hall, ending in a high tea.

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
week.

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

Tuesday 24th March
7.30pm PCC meeting
in the Church Hall

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

Wednesday 1st April
3pm Senior Citizens Easter Tea
in the Church Hall

Maundy Thursday 2nd April
7pm Passover Meal in the Church
Hall Please sign the list if you would
like to join us.

Good Friday 3rd April
7pm Readings, reflection and
prayer

Easter Sunday 5th April
10:45 Holy Communion
Led by Rev Graham Rutter



St Peter's Church

Hartshorne

Sunday 8th March
Third 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
The theme is “Hospitality” 1 Peter 4:7-11

Prayer for today

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services next Sunday

8:30 Holy Communion
Traditional service led by Rev Dr David de Pomerai

10:45 All-age worship for Mothering Sunday
Led by the All-age Worship Team
“Welcome to all” Mark 10:13-16

News from *St Peter's*



THIS WEEK

Wednesday 11th March 9.30am
Little Sparks in the Church Hall

Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm
Bellringing practice

Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm
Lent Course at Emmanuel
Session 3 - Giving people a good
experience of church

Friday 13th March 9.30am
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 14th March
8am Lent Breakfast in
the Church Hall
Session 3 - Giving people a good
experience of church

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

Don't forget to sign up
for the Maundy Thursday
Passover celebration and
meal on April 2nd.

We are also looking for
volunteers to help with
preparing the food.



TEA & COFFEE ROTA

Pam & Maxine	TODAY
Val & Andrew	15 March
Jane & Gwen	22 March
Chris, Matt & Katie	29 March
Deb & Deb	5 April

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Please have a look
at our website for
more information.

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Maundy Thursday Passover celebration and meal on April 2nd in the church hall.

According to Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus instituted the eucharist (or holy communion) during a final Passover meal shared with his disciples on the first day of unleavened bread (Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-20). John 13 instead places this event at supper on the eve of Passover, so that Jesus himself becomes the sacrificial lamb of the Passover feast when he is crucified on Good Friday. Whichever account we follow, this Passover context is deeply significant to our understanding of holy communion.

The events of the first Passover, when God liberated His people from slavery in Egypt with great signs and wonders, can be found in Exodus 12. Verse 14 specifies that this day must be commemorated by all God's people as a feast in His honour. Since the razing of the Jerusalem temple in AD 70, this feast has been kept in Jewish homes - led not by a priest but by the father, with help from his wife and children. There is a basic form of service (with much local variation) which remembers the events around the first Passover, and an empty place is left for Elijah - the prophet who will return as forerunner to the long-awaited Messiah.

As Christians, we can learn a great deal from joining together to celebrate the Passover feast, or *seder*, and this can deepen our understanding of the Jewish roots of our own faith. Yes, we believe that Jesus was that Messiah and that John the Baptist was the forerunner, but we should approach this feast with humility, given the sorry Christian history of anti-semitic discrimination, hatred and pogroms down the centuries. When we hear of the sufferings of the Israelites in Egypt, we should recall with shame our own part in such oppression.

We will follow though the first part of a Jewish *seder*, up to the point at which we all share a meal together - traditionally lamb (though we will try to provide vegetarian/vegan alternatives on request), plus unleavened bread and other traditional foods that have deep significance in the Passover story. After the meal comes the breaking of bread and later sharing of wine - so at this point we will move into a more familiar Christian celebration of the eucharist. The final blessing and celebrations (hopefully with live music and even dancing) will return to the pattern of the *seder*. Perhaps that first celebration of communion would have been a little like this, although back then it ended sombrely with psalms and going out into the dark night of Gethsemane.

Please do sign up (sheet at the back of church) and bring all the family. I can promise that you will enjoy it!

David de Pomerai