



**For your Information**  
Thank you to all those who serve.

### INTERCESSIONS ROTA

If you have a prayer request for the church on a Sunday morning please have a word with the person leading intercessions that day.

TODAY	Pauline
06 Dec	Sean
13 Dec	AAW team
20 Dec	Carol Service
27 Dec	Paul

### SIDES PERSONS ROTA



TODAY	Ayesha
06 Dec	Gwen
13 Dec	Nathan & youth
20 Dec	Matt & Katie
27 Dec	Betty

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### CLEANING ROTA

Please clean the church before the date marked.

06 Dec	Nige & Deb
13 Dec	Bill
20 Dec	Sandra's HG
27 Dec	Jane

### TEA & COFFEE ROTA



Jane & Gwen	TODAY
Pam & Maxine	06 Dec am
Chris, Matt & Katie	06 Dec pm
Val & Andrew	13 Dec
Chris, Matt & Katie	20 Dec

### FOOD BANK COLLECTION POINT

We now have a permanent collection point at church so that we can support the Swadlincote Food Bank throughout the year.

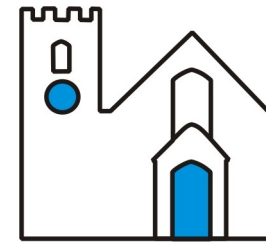
Please take a shopping list and put tins and packets of food in the collection box in the kitchen.

THANK YOU



### NEWSLETTER

If you have any notices to include in the newsletter and/or website [www.hartshornechurch.org.uk](http://www.hartshornechurch.org.uk) please speak to Jane Horan 07966194954 or 211333 or email [jane.horan52@gmail.com](mailto:jane.horan52@gmail.com)



Hartshorne  
**St Peter's**

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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Advent Sunday**

Welcome to our service today.  
Tea and coffee will be served in the church hall after the service followed by a Bring & Share lunch. All welcome!

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
**A reflection on 'O come, O come Emmanuel'**  
Led by Rev Dr David de Pomerai

### Prayer for today

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### Services next Sunday

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
Led by Sandra O'Toole  
**4pm Christingle Service**  
Led by Rev Graham Rutter  
with the All-age Worship team

Check out our website



We are also on  
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## Words for Advent

### Advent 1955

by John Betjeman

The Advent wind begins to stir  
With sea-like sounds in our Scotch fir,  
It's dark at breakfast, dark at tea,  
And in between we only see  
Clouds hurrying across the sky  
And rain-wet roads the wind blows dry  
And branches bending to the gale  
Against great skies all silver pale  
The world seems travelling into space,  
And travelling at a faster pace  
Than in the leisured summer weather  
When we and it sit out together,  
For now we feel the world spin round  
On some momentous journey bound  
Journey to what? to whom? to where?  
The Advent bells call out 'Prepare,  
Your world is journeying to the birth  
Of God made Man for us on earth.'

And how, in fact, do we prepare  
The great day that waits us there -  
For the twenty-fifth day of December,  
The birth of Christ? For some it means  
An interchange of hunting scenes  
On coloured cards, And I remember  
Last year I sent out twenty yards,  
Laid end to end, of Christmas cards  
To people that I scarcely know -  
They'd sent a card to me, and so  
I had to send one back. Oh dear!  
Is this a form of Christmas cheer?  
Or is it, which is less surprising,  
My pride gone in for advertising?  
The only cards that really count  
Are that extremely small amount

From real friends who keep in touch  
And are not rich but love us much  
Some ways indeed are very odd  
By which we hail the birth of God.

We raise the price of things in shops,  
We give plain boxes fancy tops  
And lines which traders cannot sell  
Thus parcell'd go extremely well  
We dole out bribes we call a present  
To those to whom we must be pleasant  
For business reasons. Our defence is  
These bribes are charged against expenses  
And bring relief in Income Tax  
Enough of these unworthy cracks!  
'The time draws near the birth of Christ'.  
A present that cannot be priced  
Given two thousand years ago  
Yet if God had not given so  
He still would be a distant stranger  
And not the Baby in the manger.

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### Christmas Thoughts Anonymous

"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts;  
It's not wrapping presents, its being present  
and wrapping your arms around the ones  
you love;  
It's not getting Christmas cards out on  
time,  
It's sending any card, anytime, at the right  
time;  
It's not having the biggest and best Christ-  
mas light display,  
It's displaying the Christ light that comes  
from your heart;  
It's not Santa coming down the chimney,  
It's Jesus coming down from heaven,  
and giving us the gift of eternal life."

## News from

### THIS WEEK

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9.30am  
Little Sparks in the church hall

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7.30pm  
Bell ringing practice

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6.30pm  
Choir practice

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
Little Sparks in the church hall

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 8.15-9.45am  
Ladies Breakfast in the church hall  
followed by Christingle making.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10-11.30am  
St Peter's Football Academy  
Goseley Recreation Ground

### CHRISTINGLE MAKING SESSION

After breakfast in the  
church hall, Saturday  
5th December.

See Christine for more information.



### SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 8th December  
12noon

Please give an invitation to anyone  
you think would like to come.  
If you can help on the day by setting  
the tables, preparing or serving  
food, singing or sharing a testimony,  
please have a word with Jane.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
10:45 Morning Worship  
Led by Sandra O'Toole

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
4pm Christingle Service  
Led by Rev Graham Rutter with  
the All-age Worship team

Tuesday 8th December  
12noon Senior Citizens  
Christmas Lunch

Thursday 10th December  
9am Experience Christmas  
with Hartshorne Primary School

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
9:30 Messy Christmas

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
10:45 All-age Worship  
Led by Sean O'Toole with  
Hartshorne Primary School

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
4pm Carol Service  
Led by Rev Graham Rutter and  
Paul Desborough

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
11.30 Midnight Communion  
Led by Rev Alison Redshaw

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
10:00 Christmas Day service  
Led by Rev Graham Rutter

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December  
10:45 Holy Communion  
Led by Rev Graham Rutter