

# 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.

03 Jan	Graham DH
10 Jan	Sandra
17 Jan	Sean
24 Jan	Nigel
31 Jan	Paul
07 Feb	Abbey
14 Feb	All-age worship team

#### **CLEANING ROTA**

Please clean the church before the date marked.

10 Jan	Neil & Tracy
17 Jan	Nige & Deb
24 Jan	Bill
31 Jan	Sandra's HG
07 Feb	Jane
14 Feb	Deb P

#### **TEA & COFFEE ROTA**



	Pam & Maxine	03 Jan
-	Val & Andrew	10 Jan
	Deb & Nigel	17 Jan
	Chris, Matt & Katie	24 Jan
	Jane & Gwen	31 Jan

#### SIDES PERSONS ROTA



03 Jan	Betty
10 Jan	Pete
17 Jan	Ayesha
24 Jan	Gwen
31 Jan	Matt & Katie

# 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.

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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#### **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



## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January The Second Sunday of Christmas

Welcome to our service today.

Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

All welcome!

10:45 Morning Worship Led by Deb Patrick Preacher Nigel Worth

#### Prayer for today

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

#### Services next Sunday

**10:45 Morning Worship** Led by Sean O'Toole

Check out our website









#### Renewed and Revitalized

by Terry Stead

..but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)



A New Year has once again begun, which usually means we want to start afresh and hopefully do things differently this year. We have been rushing around both before and after Christmas, enjoying the company of family and friends and stressing out about all sorts of things which have nothing to do with Christ's birth. As children we counted down the days until that wonderful morning when we would awaken to presents and to the fun and laughter of all that day brings. As adults we count down the days, madly baking and buying last minute presents and cards to send to our many family and friends. After the celebrations have finished we cleaned up and wondered why we went to all that trouble as we are left tired and flat.

The above passage from Isaiah points out to us that if we have faith and hope in the Lord then we are able to draw on the strength and peace that only God can give as we start this New Year. I used to think that this passage was just for those who spent all their time working for the Lord, but over the years I have come to realize that it applies to all of us, no matter the reason for our tiredness and listlessness. It could be that we have become weary from the days of endless stress at work or at home and all we feel like doing is crawling into our own shells and shutting the rest of the world out. Illness or family tensions leave us exhausted. It could be through a feeling of loneliness or perhaps the opposite - too many people crowding in and making demands on us, that we simply want to stand up and say "enough is enough". That is when God wraps us in His loving arms and lifts up our heads so we can face another day.

#### Praver:

Loving One, we awake to this new year, knowing that You will be beside us and alive in us each moment of every day. As this year unfolds give us the strength and the peace that we need to keep going so that we may live a life of joy as You so wish us to have. Thank you, Lord, that every moment is a new beginning, not just the start of a new year and help us to soar on wings of eagles when we become weary. Amen.

www.thoughts-about-god.com/reflecting/ts\_new\_year.html

### **News from**

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10:45 Morning Worship Led by Sean O'Toole

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm Worship Planning Meeting at Sandra's house

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 10:45 Morning Worship Led by Sandra O'Toole

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>January 10:45 Holy Communion Led by Rev Graham Rutter

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm PCC meeting in the church hall



#### **THIS WEEK**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Little Sparks in the church hall

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Bell ringing practice

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm Choir practice

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Little Sparks in the church hall

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 10-11.30am St Peter's Football Academy Goseley Recreation Ground

#### He Is!

When you are the neediest, He is the most sufficient.
When you are completely helpless, He is most able.
When you feel totally dependent, He is absolutely dependable.
When you are the weakest, He is the most able.
When you are the most alone, He is intimately present.
When you feel you are the least, He is the greatest!
When you feel the most useless, He is preparing you.
When it is darkest, He is the only Light you need.
When you feel the least secure, He is your Rock and Fortress.
When you are the most humble, He is most gracious.
When you say that you cannot, remember that He can!

- Author Unknown