



**For your Information**  
Thank you to all 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.

08 Jan	Abbey
15 Jan	Sean
22 Jan	Pauline
29 Jan	Paul ?
05 Feb	Sandra
12 Feb	Nigel
19 Feb	Ayesha

**SIDES PERSONS ROTA**

08 Jan	Matt & Katie
15 Jan	Pete Storer
22 Jan	Margaret
29 Jan	Christine
05 Feb	Pete Southgate
12 Feb	Gwen
19 Feb	Matt & Katie
26 Feb	Pete Storer

**CONTACT DETAILS**

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**CLEANING ROTA**

Please clean the church before the date marked.

15 Jan	Sean
22 Jan	Deb P
29 Jan	Nige & Deb
05 Feb	Bill
12 Feb	Sandra's HG
19 Feb	Jane

**TEA & COFFEE ROTA**

Pam & Maxine	08 Jan
Jennie	15 Jan
Sean	22 Jan
Val & Andrew	29 Jan
Deb & Nigel	05 Feb
Matt, Katie & Christine	12 Feb
Jane & Gwen	19 Feb

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION POINT**

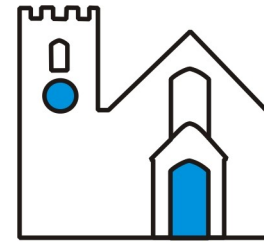
We now have a permanent collection point at church so that we can support the Swadlincote Food Bank throughout the year.

Please 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)



**St Peter's** Hartshorne

[www.hartshornechurch.org.uk](http://www.hartshornechurch.org.uk)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
**The Baptism of Christ**

Welcome to our service today  
Tea and coffee will be served after the service  
Please stay for a chat and fellowship

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
Led by Rev Graham Rutter

**Prayer for the week**

You may want to use this as part of your prayers this week:  
  
Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Services next Sunday**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
Led by Nigel Worth

Check out our website



We are also on Facebook and Twitter

## My Training - Autumn Term update

by Abbey Emery

I've now completed my first term\*, and about to embark on my 2<sup>nd</sup> term, God willing financially and emotionally. It's not been an altogether easy journey, as at times I have struggled with understanding and getting through each week's homework and the assignments.

It was whilst undertaking one of these assignments that I actually 'saw' the strength of our Church here at St Peter's. I had to complete an audit of our Church, looking back over the last 10 years. When I first came to St Peter's; under the last Vicar; the Church was quite full and had a strong young content amongst the congregation. For various reasons the congregation dwindle over time, and the young content became quite light.

Watching this happen, looking only at the Sunday attendance, gives a view that our Church doesn't have the strength it needs for growth. However, looking at what was and is now, I realised it's not necessarily quantity that will make the Church grow, it's quality. Quality of those in the Church ready and willing to spread God's word, and to work endlessly to make the love of Christ known to as many as we can touch as possible.

There is so much going on within this congregation, and sometimes not taken on board or noticed. Whilst the numbers of young people have dwindle within our congregation, this is possibly happening in other Churches. With this in mind, with the wonderful leaders of

the young we do have, and needing access to the youth of Swadlincote, the vision for an outreach to the young was born! So we have YFC (Youth for Christ). This has grown immensely over time, with football academies, a Youth Alpha Course and input into the local schools.

Over the last few years MIF (Men in Faith) has formed, and there's a men's prayer breakfast as a way of inviting the community to share food and time with Christ. Not to be left out, we then had the forming of the Women's prayer breakfast where they incorporated a craft morning. This resulted in the craft fair, where monies raised was used for the community.

We then, for the first time this year; Christmas 2016; collaborated with the Admiral Rodney for a Carol Service outside the pub around a Christmas tree. The leader was very good and inspiring, and it was so successful he couldn't wait to call for this to be an annual event. What a wonderful way to reach out to people with God's love.

Our toy service has been inspiring to see each year, and also part of this input and the need to reach out elsewhere, has seen Helen; part of Coventry Mission; join Graham (Youth Leader) working with YFC.

We now have a café run alongside the Post Office, offering free tea/coffee and the sharing of God's love amongst others.

There is much more than that going on, but one thing was truly clear to



me; having undertaken this audit; we ARE a growing Church. Maybe not in quantities at the moment, but certainly in the quality of outreach many of us are involved in to share the love of God, the light of Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit with all we meet.

Amen

\*Abbey started her Lay Reader Training in September, having completed the Journey in Faith course.

### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 10th January**  
Standing Committee meeting  
at Deb Worth's house

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am**  
Little Sparks in the church hall

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm**  
Bell ringing practice

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm**  
St Peter's Singers practice

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am**  
Little Sparks in the church hall

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 12.45**  
Funeral of William Kliment  
followed by burial in the churchyard

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 10am**  
St Peter's Football Academy  
Goseley Recreation Ground

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
Standing Committee meeting

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
10:45 Morning Worship  
Led by Nigel Worth

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**  
10:45 Morning Worship  
Led by Sandra O'Toole  
With Helen Davis from SDYFC

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**  
7.30pm PCC meeting  
In the church hall

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
10:45 Holy Communion  
Led by Rev Graham Rutter

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
10:45 Morning Worship  
Led by Sean O'Toole

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
10:45 Holy Communion  
Led by Rev Graham Rutter

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
10:45 Morning Worship  
Led by Nigel Worth

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
10:45 Morning Worship  
Led by Sandra O'Toole

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service  
Communion with prayer stations  
Led by Rev Graham Rutter

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
10:45 Morning Worship  
Led by Sean O'Toole

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
10:45 Holy Communion  
Led by Rev Graham Rutter