



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.

24 Dec	Graham/Stella
31 Dec	Abbey
7 Jan	Pauline
14 Jan	Sean

SIDES PERSONS ROTA

24 Dec 4pm	Christine
31 Dec	Margaret
7 Jan	Gwen
14 Jan	Pete Storer

CLEANING ROTA

Please clean the church before the date marked.

31 Dec	Nig & Deb

CONTACT DETAILS

Rev Graham Rutter
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TEA & COFFEE ROTA

Jane	24 Dec 4pm
Matt, Katie & Christine	31 Dec
Nigel & Deb	7 Jan
Jane & Gwen	14 Jan

We are now serving Indigo Valley Premium Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance filter coffee.

We hope that you will all notice the difference.



FOOD BANK

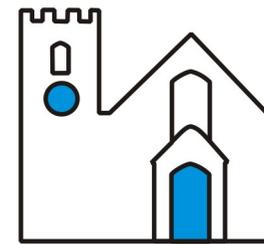
COLLECTION POINT

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. Please look at the notice by the box to see which items are currently most needed. **THANK YOU**

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 01283 211333 or email jane.horan52@gmail.com



St Peter's Hartshorne

www.hartshornechurch.org.uk

Sunday 24th December
Christmas Eve

Welcome to our services today
4pm Crib Service

Followed by tea, coffee and mince pies
Please stay for a chat and fellowship

11.30pm Holy Communion

Hot chocolate served from 11pm

Both services led by Rev Graham Rutter
and Rev Stella Greenwood

Prayer for the week

You may want to use this as part of your prayers this week:

Almighty God,
as we prepare with joy
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,
embrace the earth with your glory
and be for us a living hope
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services next Sunday

Sunday 31st December
10:45 Morning Worship
Led by Sean O'Toole

Check out our website



We are also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram



THE TREE

by Faith Forster

The room lay still and silent, only
the sweet high tinkling music of
innumerable fragile spheres
rang out their joyful message
from the tree ...

which winked and glowed in radiancy
its branches heavy with the weight of light
and deeper gift-wrapped burdens in its heart ...

And one small child
crept softly into the darkened room
to stand apart
and gaze in silence at the sight,
speechless in awe and wonder at this alien tree
that fruited light and splendid mystery ...

As long ago
another child
first opened wide His eyes in gloom
and saw a light no other eyes could see,
He also was transfixed in heart
long long before His body knew
that rooting to the ground ...

The Word was silent then
as down the years
the distant hidden music reached
His infant ears,
and by the shining of His natal star
in that dim corner of the world's
own night
He saw a tree all radiant with light,
its dark, moist branches glistening
from afar,
and He Himself the red-wrapped
gift
that hung there heavily ...

Yet on that still and holy night
when first He looked upon the sight
He did not turn his face away
from his own Christmas tree,
that waited
for His gift to you and me ...



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News from Hartshorne St Pefer's

Christmas Day Family Service 10am



Bring an unexpected present
and test the Vicar's skill at
weaving it into his sermon.
Meet your friends at church
and go home to your
Christmas Dinner
with a spring in your step!



Church Mice

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 31st December
10:45 Morning Worship
Led by Sean O'Toole

Tuesday 2nd January
9:00 Post Office Coffee Morning
in the Dethick Hall

Sunday 7th January
10:45 Morning Worship
Led by Stella Greenwood

Wednesday 10th January
Little Sparks starts again
in the church hall

Saturday 13th January
9:00 'Questions and bacon cobs'
In the church hall

Sunday 14th January
10:45 Morning Worship
Led by Rev Graham Rutter

Services for the
New Year will be
finalised at the
next Worship
Planning Meeting in
January.



WATCH THIS SPACE!