



St Peter's ^{Hartshorne}

Hello everyone.

Welcome to our latest news sheet., it is good to share with each other what we have been doing and what we are concerned about.

Breaking Bread:

One of the questions that has arisen during this time is - should we be encouraged to break bread together in our homes?

This question I assume arises from the fact that, while the church is closed, we cannot join together to share in the bread and wine of Communion. We did record a Communion service for Easter Sunday and while many people will have enjoyed sharing in that service, others may find it painful to watch rather than participate in such a service.



If we consider the early church in the book of Acts, we find the believers would spend time together in the Temple and breaking bread at home (Acts 2:46), the breaking of bread was not an alternative to the worship in the Temple but it went alongside it. So while breaking bread at home cannot for us replace the service of Holy Communion where we come together as the body of Christ, it is another way in which we can reflect the actions of the early church and give praise to God.

Obviously we can break bread at any time but it would be good to select a time to do this 'together' so can I suggest that we make Friday evening the time that we break bread. Friday is the beginning of the Jewish Passover and the end of our traditional working week. It is also a good time to remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and the on going sacrifices that people around the world are making to protect others, heal the sick and support the dying.

As you come to break your bread, either alone or with your family you might like to use the words from 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 where Paul describes the actions of Jesus at the last supper. After sharing the bread, take time to pray for all in our fellowship, our community and any in need, ending with perhaps the Lord's Prayer or the Grace.

Whether this is helpful to you or not, I look forward to the time when we can meet together again and celebrate the risen Christ with the bread and wine of communion.

0800 804 8044
Daily HOPE
A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

Daily Hope, which is available now, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

What have we been doing

Charlie has been enjoying cycling and watching the little lambs toddling about, eating the dandelions and flowers.



And I have finally amended a top to incorporate a clergy collar!

As always, let me know what you have been up to or anything you think might be of interest, such as what are you doing to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day next week?

Remember continue to stay safe and to pray for each other.

God Bless

Stella