

St Peter's ^{Hartshorne}

Hello again

A reflection from Alison Brown, Acting Director of Education at Derby Diocese:

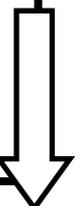
"We owe all our school leaders and staff a huge debt of gratitude for keeping schools open during the lockdown, supporting pupils, parents and the wider school community. Thank you!

"What a year 2020 continues to be. For all those involved in schools they have, in effect, two New Years to mark and celebrate each year, in January and in September as a new academic year begins. For most of our schools that 'new year' is this week. Of course, this is going to be a particularly unusual new start with a potent mixture of excitement and anxiety. The excitement will be because at long last the whole school community can be back together. The anxiety will be multi-layered. For parents it might be around the safety of their children and their ability to fit back into the social setting of school.

"For pupils it could be around being back in an environment in a new way with class bubbles, staggered break-times and starts and ends to the day. For staff it will be about how they help pupils to pick up and run with their formal learning whilst keeping safe and happy. For all staff there will also be anxiety for their own health and for those they care for at home.

"How can we help our precious schools and the individuals in them flourish with this backdrop? Well, we can pray for them, that they will know that 'goodness and mercy shall follow them all of their lives'. For clergy and congregations who have schools in their care, sending cards, messages, emails, phone calls wishing them well and telling them of that prayer will count for a lot (as might a box of biscuits or chocolates for the staff room!!). Visits into schools are not yet allowed and so all the support we give must be at a distance, but in the knowledge that the God who loves us all is closer than we can imagine."

Please continue to pray for our schools, our teachers, support staff and students.



Harvest

Despite the difficulties we have faced this year, we still thank God for his care and provision. As part of our harvest thanksgiving, we are collecting for the food bank and there is a box in church or you to leave a gift in thanks for the bounty God provides for us and to help those in need.

Our **harvest service will be on 27th September.**

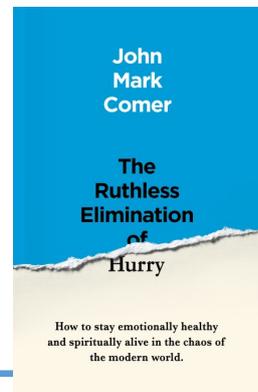
The food bank are particularly asking for these items.....

- ◇ UHT milk
- ◇ Tea bags and coffee
- ◇ Biscuits
- ◇ Pasta, rice and noodles
- ◇ Pasta and curry sauces
- ◇ Jam, peanut butter, chocolate spread, marmite and marmalade
- ◇ Tins of: fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, soup, puddings and rice pudding
- ◇ Breakfast cereals
- ◇ Fruit juice / squash
- ◇ Shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, razors, sanitary products and toilet rolls
- ◇ Dog food
- ◇ Cat food

Join us for The Big Church Read this September!

Reminder that the Big Church Read begins on 21st September. We are currently looking at hosting two virtual discussion groups across Swadlincote Minster.

One on a **Wednesday morning** and a second on **Thursday evening**. Please let us know if you are interested in joining either group



A Date for your diary

This year's **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held by zoom on **Tuesday 13th October at 7:30pm**. Look out for details in the next few weeks.

After church coffee

If you would like to join us but are not sure how, then please get in touch.

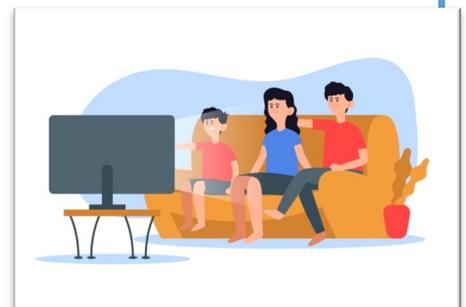
Sunday at 12:30am Note the new time :)

Please join us on the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87324356137?pwd=ckdVMTN6eS9GMjRveUMyMWwvT1ZVZz09>

Or by telephone on 0203 481 5240

quoting Meeting ID: 873 2435 6137 and Password: 721159



God Bless

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