

St Peter's Hartshorne

Hello everyone

As we move into the autumn, it feels as though things are beginning to 'wake up'. However we need to tread carefully to ensure that as we open up more events and activities we keep ourselves and others safe. So we will still be using on-line and telephone links to connect to people and as we consider options for Harvest and Remembrance etc, we will be listening to government and church advice to ensure we keep each other safe.

God Bless
Stella

Harvest

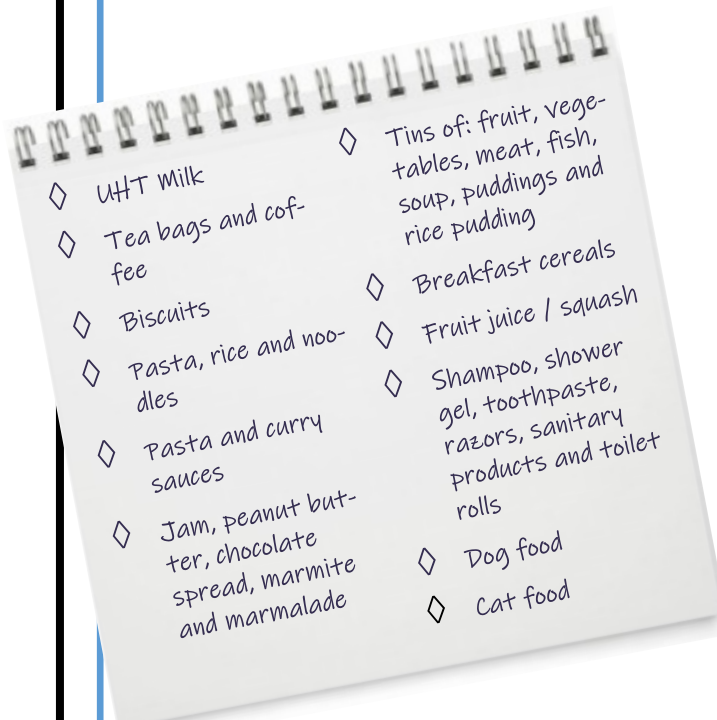
As you will know from previous newsletters, September is Harvest month. Our Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday September 27th and if the weather and government restrictions allow, we hope to celebrate Harvest with an outside service in the Churchyard, watch out for details....

A prayer for Harvest 2020

Loving God,
we give thanks for those who produce our food:
for farmers and fishermen,
factory and shop workers.
We pray for those for whom this has been
a difficult year:
farmers who have battled the weather to
grow food,
delivery drivers and shop workers who kept
working despite the pandemic.
Help us to value and support each other.

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

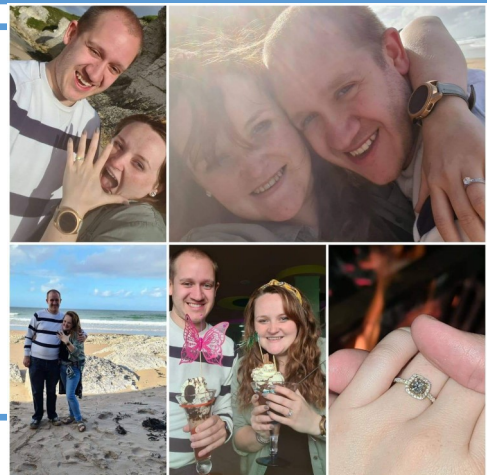
The food bank are particularly asking for these items.....



Celebration

Sam Horan, son of Jane and previous member of St Peter's worship band has just got engaged to Elspeth Woolsey.

They hope to marry at the end of May next year in Crumlin. It's going to be a big Northern Irish wedding!



Communion

This coming Sunday (13th September) we will be celebrating communion for the first time since we re-opened after lock-down. In order to be safe, we do need to do some things differently.

We will be taking communion in one kind only (bread only, no wine)

Communion will be received in your seat (no moving about)

The words of distribution ('The body and blood of Christ') will be spoken to the congregation before the distribution and all who intend to receive respond with, 'Amen'.

The bread will then be distributed in silence, I would encourage you to pray silently as you receive and consume the bread.

Prayer Time

As Christians we are encouraged to find time each day to spend with God in prayer. Over the past few weeks, I have been praying each morning with a group of Christian women using zoom. As our children return to school, this particular group is finding it difficult to meet each day so I have set up a new zoom meeting and invite any of you who are available at 8am Monday to Friday to join me in prayer. You do not need to attend every day, just when you are able and you are welcome to join us in your dressing gown! Just bring a cup of coffee and join with us to start the day in prayer:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88676759068?pwd=ZXh6TzV2T1hJWTFIOHR5MGVoallSz09>

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Passcode: 581899

Poem

A Poem written by Jean Redfern, as an expression of Worship Sept 2020

When your life may seem like it's falling apart,
When your strength and resolve breaks down
When you're feeling so low,
And you let yourself go
Feeling tired and weary wears you put

Our God is only a breath away
Turn to him and seek his face
He will strengthen, restore
And uphold you once more
You'll get through with his love and his grace.

After church coffee

Our after-church coffee time is still ongoing, please join us at...

Sunday at 12:30am

Please join us on the link:

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

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Or by telephone on 0203 481 5240

quoting Meeting ID: 873 2435 6137 and Password: 721159

