

St Peter's Hartshorne

Hello everyone

You will, by now have heard from the government that Hartshorne, along with the rest of Derbyshire will emerge from lockdown this week into Tier 3 of restrictions. In all tiers, churches can open for services as long as people do not mix with anyone not in their household or bubble. We do, therefore, need to prayerfully assess whether opening is the right thing to do for our parish and our community.

The reason that we are being placed in tier 3 is that while the numbers have dropped slightly recently, there are still very high level of infections and we need to ensure that the vulnerable members of our community are safe. The leadership team will be meeting early next week to confirm what we believe is the right way forward. I will then update you all next week.

Whether we meet in person or remain on-line, God remains with us and welcomes our worship in whatever form that takes.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.
Do it again, we pray.
Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days,
turn your face towards us,
have mercy upon us,
and heal our land, we pray.**

Amen.

God Bless you all

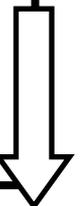
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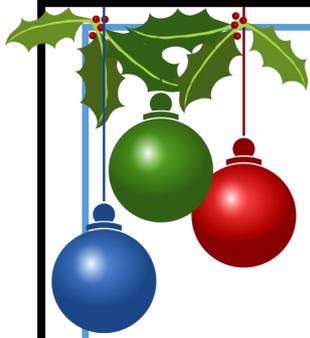
As we emerge from the second lockdown and enter Advent, we look for the coming of Christ and of his Kingdom, and the hope that gives us.

Advent Hope

Between 30 November and 24 December 2020, Bishop Libby invites you to join her each week for an hour of prayer and reflection together based upon seasonal Bible passages and collects.

Advent Hope is open to all and will be held on Monday mornings from 8am - 9am and repeated on Thursday evenings from 8pm - 9pm. Please email halina.johnson@bishopofderby.org for the access link.





There's nothing quite like singing carols together at Christmas.

Be part of our Christmas Carol video

Sadly, this year, we can't hold our usual carol services – so we're going to make a special version of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" to get us all singing as a diocese, in the spirit of hope and togetherness.

We'd love you to take part, by videoing yourself(selves) singing this most well-known of carols!

- >> [How to take part \(PDF\)](#)
- >> [Download the audio track \(mp3\)](#)
- >> [Download the words \(PDF\)](#)

Food Bank Support

From March - October 2020, with the support of local people, our Food Bank supplied a phenomenal 12,654 meals to 552 children and 854 adults but the need is ongoing.

During the winter, CVS are appealing for financial donations. If you are able, please consider making a financial donation today - just £5 buys food for a child for 1 day, £20 buys food for a family for 3 days and £50 buys food for a family for 1 week.

Visit <https://sdcvs.org.uk/donate> for more information.

South Derbyshire CVS
Winter Giving Campaign

"when I was at my most vulnerable, the CVS Food Bank was there to catch my family & I" - SDCVS Food Bank client

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Demand is growing, and that's why we're appealing for financial donations throughout the winter period to help feed families across South Derbyshire.

There are people around us facing significant hardship due to redundancy, ill-health or changes to their personal circumstances.

Food banks forecast to give out six emergency food parcels a minute this winter* - Trussell Trust

Please make a financial donation today so we can buy the right balance of food, and support those most in need this winter.

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"I cannot imagine what would have become of my children if I hadn't stepped into the Food Bank that day."



For those who do not have access to Social Media, please remember that you can keep in contact through our Prayer Chain messaging system. If you are not on the prayer chain and would like to join, please send your mobile number to Stella (07802963817) and we can add you to the list.

Phone support



Alternatively, you can access prayers and hymns via the Church of England Daily Hope telephone number.

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

After church coffee

There is no after church coffee this week as we are live streaming our Annual Memorial Service on Facebook at 4pm on Sunday. Please join us on Facebook if you can.

