



# St Peter's<sup>Hartshorne</sup>

Hello everyone

I gave myself a shock the other day when I realised that it is only one week until Christmas. Where has this year gone? It has, of course, been a year unlike any other and as yet there is no final end in sight. As in all things, we simply watch and wait as the green shoots of new life to appear, and appear they will. Our God is faithful and he will come to us.

This Christmas, let's not focus on the past and bemoan what we can't do. We know that things will have to be different. Let's instead concentrate on what we can do as we celebrate the coming of our Saviour, born as a baby in a stable, born to give us a new relationship with God and an eternity in his presence.

May you have a peaceful, blessed and safe Christmas

Stella



*Eternal God,  
in the stillness of this night  
you sent your almighty Word  
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:  
give to the earth the peace that we long for  
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

*Advent & Christmas Services  
(all on-line at present)*

Date		Service	Preacher
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent 4	Pre-recorded talk	Debbie
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve	4pm Live streamed Crib Service	Rev Stella
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve	11:30pm Live Streamed Midnight Communion	Rev Stella
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day	10:00am Live Streamed Christmas Worship	Sean
27	Christmas 1	Pre-recorded talk	Stella



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.



*New CofE guidance on vaccinations*

As Covid-19 vaccinations are rolled out across England, the Mission and Public Affairs department has issued a briefing note on vaccines. A Church of England spokesperson said:

“The news of the first vaccine to combat Covid-19 approved for use – hopefully the first of a number - is a moment to give thanks.

“We thank God for the skill, dedication and sheer determination of those, in many countries, who have worked around the clock to deliver this breakthrough which will save many lives, and which offers hope of better times ahead.

“As Christians we have a duty to love our neighbour, to protect the vulnerable and preserve life - so we would urge everyone to take the opportunity to be vaccinated when it is offered.

“And we have a duty to stand up for light and truth - so we urge everyone to resist those spreading fear and misinformation about vaccinations, who seek to harm and not to heal.”

## After church coffee

After church coffee will be held this week at 4pm on Sunday. Please join us on Facebook if you can.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86499618208?pwd=UVZUN2lGbjYrUlpla2NEYVRnaFhzZz09>

Meeting ID: 864 9961 8208

Passcode: 233865

