



St Peter's Hartshorne

Hello everyone

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year, and a period of longing – looking forward to the coming of Jesus and the fulfilment of all God's promises. Advent is also a season of hope, that looks forward to the promise of Christmas and we need that hope more than ever because hope is what gives us the courage to keep going, even in the toughest circumstances, in expectation that change for good is possible. So, as we continue to watch and wait for our Saviour to come, we pray that Advent will be a time of longing, of learning and of hope.

Following the relaxation of lockdown this week, the leadership team have decided that, while we are still in tier 3 restrictions, we will continue to worship together on-line rather than meet in church.

While we can meet together, the restrictions mean that we cannot interact with those outside our household bubble, either inside or outside, this is difficult to maintain in church where we want to make contact with those in our church family.

Also, in our community, families cannot meet together in homes or gardens so as a church family, we remain in solidarity with our neighbours. We continue to hope that we can meet together again before Christmas.

Loving God,

*your Son Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it abundantly;
pour out your blessing upon our nation;
where there is illness,
bring your healing touch;
where there is fear,
strengthen us with the knowledge of your presence;
where there is uncertainty,
build us up in faith;
where there is dishonesty,
lead us into truth;
where there is discord,
may we know the harmony of your love;
this we ask in Jesus' name.*

Amen.

God Bless and stay safe

Stella

Reverse Advent Calendar 2020 - Supporting Foodbank

Please help us support those in need this Christmas and into the New Year by donating the suggested items below. Some of these will go towards making additional 'Christmas in a Bag' food parcels for local families

Sun 29th - Christmas Treat
Mon 30th - Tinned Potatoes
Tues 1st - Custard
Wed 2nd - Mashed Potato
Thurs 3rd - Gravy Granules
Fri 4th - Tinned Spaghetti
Sat 5th - Christmas Treat
Sun 6th - Christmas Treat
Mon 7th - Tinned Fruit
Tues 8th - Table Sauce
Wed 9th - Stuffing
Thurs 10th - Shampoo
Fri 11th - Hair Conditioner
Sat 12th - Christmas Treat

Sun 13th - Christmas Treat
Mon 14th - Tinned Vegetables
Tues 15th - Rice Pudding
Wed 16th - Tinned Meats
Thurs 17th - Disposable Razors
Fri 18th - Sweets
Sat 19th - Christmas Treat
Sun 20th - Christmas Treat
Mon 21st - Toothbrush
Tues 22nd - Toothpaste
Wed 23rd - Shaving Foam
Thurs 24th - Shower Gel
Fri 25th - Christmas Pudding

Christmas Treat Suggestions:

- Panettoni Cake
- Yule Log
- Stollen
- Mince Pies
- Tinned Chicken/Ham
- Paper Table Cloth
- Christmas Crackers
- Christmas Desert
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mint Sauce

Please deliver all Reverse Advent Calendars to the CVS Foodbank located at Hill St Baptist Church, Swadlincote. The earlier these are delivered to us the quicker we can get 'Christmas in a Bag' to local families, thank you for your support.

Advent and Christmas Services (all on-line at present)

Date		Service	Preacher
6th December	Advent 2	Pre-recorded Holy Communion	Abbey Emery
13th December	Advent 3	Pre-recorded talk	Nigel Worth
20th December	Advent 4	Pre-recorded talk	Debbie Patrick
24th December	Christmas Eve	4pm Live streamed Crib Service	Rev Stella
24th December	Christmas Eve	11:30pm Live Streamed Midnight Communion	Rev Stella
25th December	Christmas Day	10:00am Live Streamed Christmas Worship	Sean
27	Christmas 1	Pre-recorded talk	Stella

Phone support

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.

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

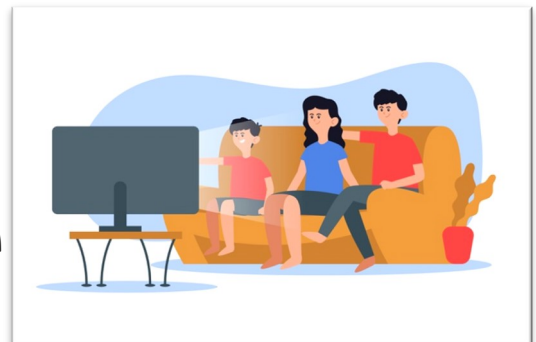


After church coffee

After church coffee will be back this week at

4pm on Sunday.

Please join us on Zoom
if you can.



Join Zoom Meeting
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