

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



## Hello 2021

Sitting at my desk hearing the rain on the window, it is easy to fall into the discouragement that often occurs in January. The days are still dark and cold, Christmas is over and it feels as though spring is a long way away. But, as I was reminded at morning prayer this morning, the season of Epiphany reminds us, that God is with us, he came, not just for the few short years Jesus was incarnate as a human but for eternity. We have God's presence with us in the person of the Holy Spirit and that presence never fails us. Let's hold onto that truth as we make our way through this winter and this pandemic, knowing that God is greater than anything we can face and will walk beside through all our troubles.

*We thank you, God, that you always hear our prayer.  
We come to you to ask that you meet each one of us at our different needs.  
We ask you to feed the hungry and shelter the poor.  
Stand by the widows, orphans and the vulnerable.  
Challenge us to love our neighbours more and strengthen us in our faith.  
We ask that you bring peace to those who are hurting and serenity to those who are scared, cover them in your glory and protect them.  
Let harmony flourish among us, Lord.  
May your faithfulness shield and guide us throughout our days.  
In your name,  
Amen.*

## Stella

*Sunday recordings*



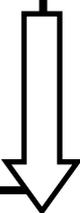
While we are in lockdown and the church is closed for congregational worship, our weekly sermons will be uploaded each Sunday on our Facebook page and prayer chain. If you have any questions or anything that you want to know, then please contact us via Facebook or telephone.

*Pray through COVID*



Esha has contacted me to say that she has felt a calling to pray regularly specifically for the Covid situation.

If anyone would like to join her in prayer she is willing to set up a zoom session or similar to allow people to pray regularly. Please get in touch with Esha directly or with me to join in this important work.



## 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



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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.



## Knitters



Charlie was inspired by a post on Facebook to get her knitting needles out. She is looking to make knitted 'rainbows of hope' or other similar patterns that can be distributed around the parish with a message and link to our online activity.



If others would like to join in, please contact Charlie direct or let me know and I will pass on the message.

## After church coffee

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

Copy and paste this link into your search bar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86499618208?pwd=UVZUN2lGbjYrUlpla2NEyVRnaFhzZz09>

Meeting ID: 864 9961 8208  
Passcode: 233865



Community testing for COVID-19  
Community testing for COVID-19 is still available at:

- Grove Hall, Grove Street, Swadlincote
- Midway Community Centre, Chestnut Ave, Swadlincote
- Gresley Old Hall, Gresley Wood Road, Swadlincote

Opening times

- 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday - last admission 6:15pm
- 9am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday - last admission 3:15pm

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