

St Peter's ^{Hartshorne}



Hello everyone

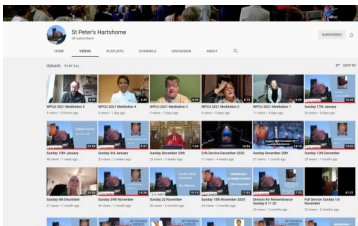
Watching the news on television this week has been somewhat of a roller coaster. With events in the United States moving from riots at the Capitol to the amazing scenes at the inauguration of President Biden. If you missed the poem by Amanda Gorman, I recommend listening to it. Closer to home we have had record deaths from Covid-19, exhaustion in the NHS and also news of more and more people being vaccinated. Each story brings different emotions, we pray for unity in the United States, for strength for those on the frontline in the NHS, for all families who are bereaved and for those rolling out vaccines across the world.

This week is also the week of prayer for Christian Unity and the theme this year is Abiding in Christ a very relevant theme for this time. I commend the meditations for the week of prayer to you, they can be found on our Facebook page and ask that you pray for all our brothers and sisters of whatever denomination as we abide in Christ and look for his Kingdom to grow.

**God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

God Bless and stay safe

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.

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



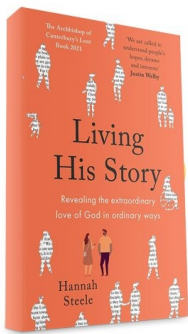
A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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.

Lent Book Club



The Big Lent Read

17/02/2021

thebigchurchread.co.uk

It may still be officially Epiphany but we are rapidly heading towards Lent. As we are not able to hold face to face Lent groups this year, I would like to suggest we consider joining in the Big Lent Read. The idea being that we all read the book (or a section of it) and then join together to discuss the ideas within the book.

The book we will read is **Living His Story** by **Hannah Steele**, this book uncovers liberating and practical ways of sharing the gospel story afresh. Showing us, with warmth and encouragement we can live Jesus' story in our own lives simply by being the people God made us and allowing people to be drawn to him through our natural gifts.

The book is priced at £9.99 in St Andrew's bookshop but there are discounts for bulk buys. So, if you would like to join in, please let me know by 31st January and I will order some books. If you would like to host a group to discuss (maybe in your house group or similar) then let me know and I will direct you to the accompanying videos and discussion questions.

I will send out days and times for discussion groups next week.

After church coffee

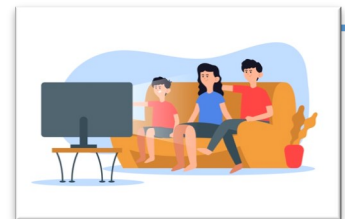
After church coffee will be held this week at 4pm on Sunday. Please join us on Zoom if you can.

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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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