

St Peter's Hartshorne



Hello everyone

At our Goseley coffee and conversation session last Thursday we were considering the passage in Jeremiah that includes the words, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jer 29:11). We reflected that, although these words were written to a very different society in a very different place, we can see some similarities with our current situation.

Although we are not in exile from our homes, we can't live as we would want to or as we used to. We need, like the exiles, to learn to live in a new way in a new place, to make the most of what we have, to seek prosperity for the place we find ourselves in. If we can look for ways to live in a manner that allows God's plans to break through, we can be assured that God will build a future for his church. Not a human built future of self-seeking dreams or an unreal future in some heavenly spiritual realm but a real solid future build in relationship with God and lived out in our day-to-day existence. So, as we continue to wait for the light to glow brighter and restrictions to reduce, let's consider how we can 'live better' in this place and grow into God's future for us.

God Bless and stay safe

Stella

A Prayer for those who are ill

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for those in hospital; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering; we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Dates for your diary

- **Churches Together Meeting**
Tuesday 9th February 7:00pm
- **Minster Team Meeting**
Thursday 11th February 7:00pm
- **Ash Wednesday**
Wednesday 17th February
Ashing during the day (please book for a time slot)
- **On-line Communion** 7:00pm
- **Deanery Synod**
Wednesday 24th February 7:00pm

Deanery News



The latest news from around our Deanery is now available, sharing information and events from the churches in Mercia Deanery. You can read the newsletter at the following link:

<https://merciadeanery.wordpress.com/deanery-news/>

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, February 17th.

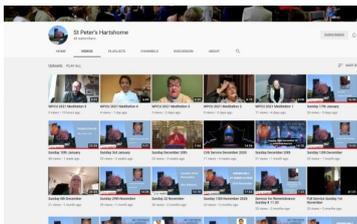
As we cannot meet to begin our Lenten journey in church, I am offering to come to your home and mark the sign of the cross on your doorpost. You can choose to stand at an open front door if you wish [suitably distanced and masked of course] and I will do three things:

- give a brief reminder about the importance of the Cross of Ash and of Lent,
- pray a slightly adapted version of the 'ashing' prayer, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return, Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ" WHILE - I make the sign of the Cross on your doorpost in ash.
- Then we can pray the Lord's Prayer together and I will ask God's blessing on you before I move on to the next home.

If you are not going to be at home or don't wish to stand at an open door I can still come and perform the rite and will drop in a card to remind you that it has been done [you might notice the Cross anyway!]. If a lot of people request this, I may have to complete the task the day after.

If you would like to mark the start of Lent in this way, please email me on reenwoodstella@yahoo.com or text on 07802963817 leaving your name, address and contact number (so I can let you know when I am coming) plus an indication of whether you want to be present [open door] or for me come, perform the rite and leave a card.

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 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 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



Get the vaccine

More than nine million people in the UK have had the first dose of one of the available vaccines. Vaccinations are a key weapon in the fight against the coronavirus and Covid-19 and enabling the country to be 'opened up'. As the roll-out continues, the Public Health leads in Derby and Derbyshire are urging everyone to get the vaccine when it is offered to them.