

St Peter's Hartshorne



Hello everyone

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our forty-day period of reflection in the lead up to Easter. Unlike other years, we are unable to join together to mark this point in the Church's year but we can still find ways to observe Lent in our homes.

For those who have requested a visit to mark their home with ash, I will be in contact to let you know when I will be arriving.

Our Ash Wednesday communion service will be available on social media at 7pm on Wed 17th.

Lent bags containing ideas for meditations for each week of Lent will be delivered to each household between now and Ash Wednesday. Look out for your delivery. If you have not received your bag by Wednesday, please let me know and I will get one to you.

May you observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

God Bless and stay safe

Stella

A Prayer for those experiencing anxiety

God of love and wisdom,
you know all our anxieties and fears:
Grant that we may cast all our care on you,
knowing that you care for us.
Give us quietness of mind,
and unshaken trust in you,
and keep us in perfect peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dates for your diary

- **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

An addition to our church family

Michael and Helen Tweed would like to introduce us to Acacia, baby sister to Enoch and new granddaughter to Nigel and Rachel Coupe.

Acacia arrived rather early and (at time of writing) was in hospital. We continue to pray for her to remain infection free & to put on weight, so she can come home. Here's a picture!



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, February 17th.

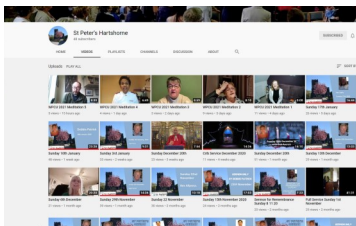
As we cannot meet to begin our Lenten journey in church, I am offering to come to your home and mark the sign of the cross on your doorpost. You can choose to stand at an open front door if you wish [suitably distanced and masked of course] and I will do three things:

- 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.



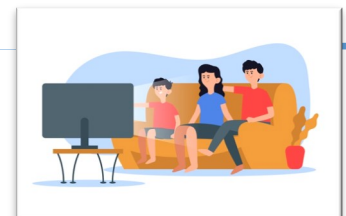
Alternatively, you can access prayers and hymns via the Church of England Daily Hope telephone number.

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



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.

Get the vaccine