

St Peter's Hartshorne



Hello everyone

From Bishop Libby:

I pray you a Lent full of generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love.

Lent this year seems to resonate with wider society and reflect the lived experience of daily life. We seek to find meaning and purpose as we look back and mourn our losses, as we look around and work to respond to current need, and as we look forward to a future that is not yet clear. This Lent we pray for the gifts of faith, hope and love.

As the introductory words for the service of Ash Wednesday remind us, for centuries Christians across the world 'have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting'. I share with you the words of Pope Francis suggesting what Lent observance might be this year:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

+ Libby

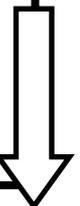
God Bless and stay safe

Stella

A prayer during Lent

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



A reminder that it is important that everyone takes up the offer of the vaccine when it is made available to them in order to protect themselves, our communities, the nation and the global population.

Get the vaccine
giving thanks and
donations

The Diocese of Derby is now supporting an initiative by Christian Aid to give both thanks and a donation once you have received the vaccine. The donation will be used by Christian Aid to help vulnerable communities around the world access soap, food and vital health information in the face of the pandemic.

Christian Aid will also support vaccination programmes in countries where it is operating by providing data on hard-to-reach populations to local health services and by challenging misleading information about the virus and vaccination, as well as any stigma faced by those who contract Covid-19.



[Full details are available on the diocesan website.](#)

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.



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.

Sunday recordings

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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