

Hartshorne
St Peter's



Hello everyone

March 23rd is one year on from the start of the first lockdown and on that day we are encouraged to join in a national day of reflection.

In the past year hundreds of thousands of people have died in the UK from Coronavirus, and even more in other circumstances. The pandemic has affected the ways we have been able to mourn. Our grief encompasses every individual who has died, and we also mourn other losses of the past year.

So, we are encouraged both as individuals and as a worshipping community to think about ways to remember those who have died and all that we have lost; to think about ways to connect so we might receive the love and support that will help us, and that we might offer such love and support to others; and to think about ways to look forward, with Easter hope, and so be part of recovery and rebuilding - that honours all that has been lost, learns from all we've been through, and creates a future that is better than what we've left behind.

Of course, that is the work of more than a single day, but a designated date to do this together will be part of our healing.

On 23rd we are encouraged to:

Join in a minute of silence at **12 Noon** and take time to reflect on what we have lost and to remember all those who have lost their lives.

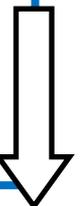
Shine a light at 8pm –Stand outside with a light - a candle, a torch, even your phone - to remember someone who's died and show your support to people going through a bereavement. Alternatively, you can shine a light in your window for everyone to see.

I have attached to this newsletter a prayer postcard that you may want to keep or pass on to someone who is grieving and also an act of prayer that you may want to use at home. I intend to stream the prayers on Facebook at 8pm on Tuesday on our Facebook page.

God Bless and stay safe

Stella

National Day of
Reflection
23 March



A Prayer of hope

Loving God,
As we journey towards Easter,
help us to live as people of hope,
knowing that beyond the pain of the cross lies the joy of resurrection.
Inspire us in our worship,
through our churches and in our homes and lives,
that we may bring glory to you and joy to others.
Be with those who are struggling in mind, body or spirit,
and give courage to those who are facing uncertainty and change ahead.
Help each of us to keep our eyes fixed on you,
that we may reflect your light to all whom we meet.

Amen



Sunday recordings

Recently, the PCC have agreed that while cases of Covid remain high in this area, it is right that the church remains closed for congregational worship, our weekly sermons will continue to be uploaded each Sunday on our Facebook page and prayer chain and we will explore other options to enable us to pray and worship together. 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.

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