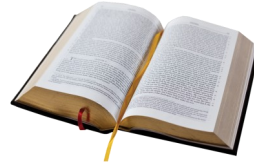


This week's service

Sunday 7th August 2022

This week's reading

Rev Sam Mackie is preaching today



Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

A thought from Sam

The book of Isaiah, is a dense, complex and rich part of our Bible, it is both a book of judgement and hope. The start of the book sets the scene for what is to come, and asks God's people to rethink what worship is for. You may want to consider what brings you to church on a Sunday. And most importantly, how worship interacts with the rest of your week.

Church Giving

Every month 10% of the money given to St Peter's church is shared between the following charities:

- **Swadlincote & District Youth for Christ,**
- **Open Doors,**
- **Tear Fund,**
- **Swadlincote Food Bank,**
- **Care Fund & Family Fund**

The church can offer support to those experiencing financial hardship with emergency help from either the Care Fund or Family Fund. For more information please have a word with Nigel or Deb Worth.

If you would like to make a donation to the Care Fund or Family Fund please place it in a marked envelope in the collection bag at the back of church.

Prayer for the week

Lord God,
 your Son left the riches of
 heaven
 and became poor for our
 sake:
 when we prosper save us
 from pride,
 when we are needy save
 us from despair,
 that we may trust in you
 alone;
 through Jesus Christ our
 Lord.

Amen

LATER THIS MONTH

We have another work party planned this summer.

Could you spare a few hours to help with those jobs in the church, churchyard and church hall that desperately need doing?

Saturday 20th August 9.30am - 12



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people. Colossians 3:23

Church diary for the next month

Sunday 14th August
10:45 Holy Communion
 with Rev Bex Allpress

Sunday 21st August
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 28th August
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Sandra O'Toole with
 Debbie Patrick preaching

Sunday 4th September
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 11th September
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Sandra O'Toole with
 Nigel Worth preaching

Sunday 18th September
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 25th September
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Debbie Patrick with
 Sandra O'Toole preaching

Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked. Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

14th Aug	Bill
21st Aug	Val & Andy
28th Aug	Nige & Deb
4th Sept	Christine
11th Sept	Deb P & Alicia
18th Sept	Jane
25th Sept	Bill
2nd Oct	Val & Andy

Refreshments Rota



We now have a rota for serving tea & coffee after the service. Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date. Please bring the milk. Thank you

7th Aug	Deb W
14th Aug	Carol
21st Aug	Christine
28th Aug	James
4th Sept	Nigel
11th Sept	Maxine & Jane
18th Sept	Deb W
25th Sept	Carol

Our churchyard

As Christians we are called to care for our God-given creation.

Churches and their churchyards are an important part of the diverse natural habitat of England. 1 in 7 of the UK's wildlife species is at risk of extinction. Churchyards are important for their habitats and as refuges for wildlife and plant life.

What can we do? Bill has already put many of these suggestions into practice.

- **Plant native wildflowers, trees and shrubs**
- **Create a wildlife hotel**

Fill a frame with hollow canes (e.g. sections of bamboo, elder or hogweed, bricks with holes, pinecones, straw, etc.) Pack together lots of different sized holes which bees and other invertebrates will use

Provide a wide shallow dish in a shady place for water which hedgehogs and birds can use

Create a wood pile using different sized prunings or sections of felled trees. Add to it whenever you can. Place it near a wall or hedge in a shady area

- **Leave some areas of long grass**

Even if it's just a strip alongside a wall or hedge. It will provide a wildlife corridor for species like voles and newts. Leave some spaces in fences for hedgehogs and other wildlife to use as a green corridor.

- **Let mosses and lichen grow**

There are unlikely to cause any damage to the stonework, monuments or trees. And they help wildlife.

- **Put up bird and bat boxes**



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