

# St Peter's <sup>Hartshorne</sup>

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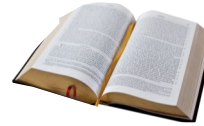
Swadlincote Minster

## This week's service

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## This week's reading

Welcome to today's service  
for Mothering Sunday  
with Rev Mike Firbank



Colossians 3: 12-17

## A thought from Mike

Sunday is Mothering Sunday. This day can bring joy, it can bring grief; it can bring anger and hurt, it can bring fun and celebrations.

The same day can impact upon each of us so differently. So, as well as exploring Colossians 3: 12-17, we will have opportunities to both grieve and celebrate and, as always, we will do this together in the presence of our Lord.

## Prayer for the week

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Susanna Wesley

Many years ago, when my children were small, I often struggled with being both a good Christian and a good mother. I remember being told that Susanna Wesley used to put her apron over her head to pray as a signal to her many children that she was having a quiet time with God. I don't know if this is true but I know she was an admirable woman.

She was the devoted mother of at least nineteen children, ten of whom lived to adulthood. When the children were small, she developed a remarkable and effective method of education and spiritual nurture. As they grew older, she wrote manuals for them on such topics as the attributes of God, the Apostles' Creed, and the Holy Spirit. John, Charles, and the other children relied on her wise counsel on matters spiritual, theological, and personal.



SUSANNA WESLEY.

**"As self-will is the root of all sin and misery, so whatever cherishes this in children insures their after wretchedness and irreligion; whatever checks and mortifies it, promotes their future happiness and piety."** From a letter to her son John, July 24, 1732, describing her method of child-rearing

**"In all things endeavour to act on principle, and do not live like the rest of mankind, who pass through the world like straws upon a river, which are carried which way the stream or wind drives them."** From a letter to her son Samuel, October 1709

**"Take this rule: whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things; in short, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may be in itself."** From a letter to her son John, June 1725

## Church diary for the next month

**Thursday 23rd March**  
**10am Coffee, Conversation & Company**

at Goseley Community Centre

**Sunday 26th March**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**

led by Debbie Patrick  
 with Sandra O'Toole preaching  
**Followed by APCM at 12:00**

**Sunday 2nd April**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
**for Palm Sunday**

with by Debbie Patrick

**Sunday 9th April**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
**for Easter Sunday**

led by Sean O'Toole  
 with Sandra O'Toole preaching

**Sunday 16th April**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**

led by Rev Mike Firbank  
 with Bishop Malcolm 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**

26th March	Jane
2nd April	Bill
9th April	Brian Redfern
16th April	Val & Andy
23rd April	Nige & Deb
30th April	Christine
7th May	Deb P

## Refreshments Rota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one other after the service.

We have a rota for serving tea & coffee.

Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date. Please bring the milk. Thank you

19th Mar	Maxine & Jane
26th Mar	Nige
2nd April	Alicia
9th April	Carol
16th April	James
23rd April	Christine
7th May	Deb W & Alicia

Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime;  
 it is the Lord who sends  
 the thunderstorms.  
 He gives showers of rain to all people,  
 and plants of the field to everyone.  
 Zechariah 10:1



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Prayer Day

Saturday 25th March

Gresley Church

Community Centre

Drop-in between 10am - 3.30pm

Visit the Prayer Stations

Experience a Prayer Labyrinth

Ending with Worship at 3.30 - 4pm



**A FREE event**



**Free tea, coffee and biscuits**

Coffee, Conversation  
 and Company

2nd and 4th  
 Thursday  
 each month



**Thursday 23rd March**

**Goseley Community Centre**

**ALL WELCOME**

An opportunity

- to chat
- to meet friends
- to ask questions
- to pray
- or simply to sit and rest