



St Peter's

Hartshorne

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Swadlincote Minster

This week's service

Sunday 16th April 2023

This week's reading

Welcome to today's service
led by Rev Mike Firbank
with Bishop Malcolm preaching



John 20: 19-end

A thought from Mike

Friends, today we have a guest preacher - Bishop Malcolm (who is the assistant Bishop for Derby Diocese). For a decade he served as the Chief of Staff to John Sentanu - the previous Archbishop of York. Malcolm has a heart for youth and for pioneering - amongst many other aspects of mission and outreach in the Kingdom. On this Sunday we are exploring John 20 where Doubting Thomas 'demands' evidence that Jesus is alive. Jesus, being gracious, gives Thomas that proof. What and who do we doubt?; what evidence in life are we waiting for or being down right stubborn about before we shift or move in our thinking? If we aren't doing that somewhere in our life then we're probably not human!



Open Doors

How easy is it to take our freedom to follow Jesus for granted?

Open Doors shared some distressing news this morning:

At least 32 Christians were tragically killed last Friday (7 April) in an attack by suspected Fulani militants on an internally displaced people (IDP) camp in Benue State, Nigeria. Most of the victims are believed to be women and children. The incident comes amidst widespread attacks across Benue State. This includes an attack on a church in the village of Akenawe on Palm Sunday, in which a young boy was killed and at least three people, including the pastor, were kidnapped. Fulani militants are again believed to be responsible.

Open Doors have released a video entitled **Blessed are those who have nothing but prayer** to highlight the bravery of our persecuted family.

Here is an excerpt

***Blessed are those who are scared,
but choose to follow Jesus just the same,
Blessed are those who are persecuted in Jesus' name.
Blessed are the risk-takers,
The rebels and the rule-breakers.
Blessed are those who have nothing but prayer,
For God is always with them
And the kingdom is theirs.***



Church diary for the next month

Sunday 23rd April

10:45 Holy Communion

led by Rev Bex Allpress
with Debbie Patrick preaching

Saturday 29th April

3pm Wedding of

Harriet Sherriff and Thomas Farnell

Sunday 30th April

10:00 Joint Minster Service

at St John's, Newhall

Sunday 7th May

10:45 Morning Worship

with Rev Sam Mackie

Sunday 14th May

10:45 Morning Worship

with Nigel Worth

Sunday 21st May

10:45 Morning Worship

led by Sean O'Toole

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.



23 rd April	Nige & Deb
30 th April	Christine
7 th May	Deb P

The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

Refreshments Rota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one another 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.

16 th April	James
23 rd April	Christine
7 th May	Deb W & Alicia
14 th May	Carol
21 st May	James
28 th May	Maxine & Jane
4 th June	Christine



Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May 2023

At St Peter's we will be ringing for the Coronation.

We are looking for more people who would like to ring on this memorable occasion.

Come along on a practice night, Wednesdays at 7.30pm or speak to Jane for more information

Bell Ringing is fun and ...

- for **young people** (10yrs +) and **adults** of all ages - individuals, couples, families or groups. You don't need to be musical, mathematical or strong
- **enjoyable & satisfying** - experience new achievements
- a gentle **workout** - physical exercise with mental stimulation - burns calories, tones muscles and relieves stress
- an easy way to **make friends** - enjoy social activities and be part of a team and community
- **inexpensive** - and be paid ringing for weddings!
- boosts soft **skills**: teamwork, leadership, co-ordination, concentration, listening and analytical
- an **all-weather**, year-round activity which fits in with your other commitments
- full of **variety** - a centuries-old skill using new technology - with endless choices & places to visit
- makes **your community's soundscape**: Sunday services, weddings & special events
- produces a **fabulous emotion-stirring sound** for people to enjoy"
- *It's the ultimate **Heavy Metal***: Church bells are the **loudest** (unamplified) and **heaviest** musical instruments in the world ... and they're metal!