



Hartshorne St Peter's

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This week's service

Today's service
is led by
Rev Patrick Douglas

Sunday 12th May 2024



This week's reading



Acts 1:1-14

A thought from Patrick

Endings and Beginnings.

Here right at the start of Acts, Luke summarises what has been happening with Jesus and gives us a taster introduction to what's coming next.

This Thursday was Ascension Day when the Christian faith celebrates Jesus going to heaven, to be with his father God. Plus he announces to the disciples what's coming next and why.

Jesus is leaving (in bodily form) as this part of his ministry is complete, and he leaves so that the promised Holy Spirit can come and be part of every believer's life, to give them **power**. Why? So that they may be Jesus's witnesses locally and to the ends of the earth. God's presence, limited by the physical Jesus to one time and place, is about to explode across the whole earth.

Prayer for the week

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,

fill your Church on earth with
power and compassion,
that all who are estranged
by sin

may find forgiveness and
know your peace,

to the glory of God the
Father.

Amen

Guess the Teddy's Name

The Royal Derby are replacing their Dialysis Caravan in Wales. It allows someone to have dialysis whilst on holiday. I am doing a "Name the Teddy" in response to the dialysis unit's fundraising efforts. We patients have been asked to help fundraise on their behalf.

The idea is to look at the names suggested on the sheet at the back of church and leave your name and number so we can contact you if you win. The draw of this teddy's name will be in two weeks' time. Half of what is raised will go to our local Youth for Christ.

Thank you.

Ayesha



Did you know that today is Bell Sunday?

St Dunstan is known as the Patron Saint of Bellringers because of his experimentation in early forging of bells in the Tenth Century. This year St Dunstan's Day falls on Sunday, 19th May; however, as this is Pentecost, Bell Sunday is on 12th May.

At Hartshorne we have a faithful band of ringers (me included) who endeavour to ring before every Sunday morning service, as well as on special occasions. Our oldest bell dates from 1570 so for 450 years church bells have rung out across the parish.

You are welcome to watch us ring before the service or come along to have a go on a practice night, Wednesdays 7.30-9pm.

If you have never seen the bells, there will be an opportunity for you to climb up the tower on our annual Heritage Open Day on September 14th.
Jane

Church diary for the next month

Sunday 19th May

10:45 Holy Communion

with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 26th May

10:45 Morning Worship

with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 2nd June

10:45 Morning Worship including

the wedding blessing of Lorraine and Dave Harvard

with Rev Patrick Douglas

Sunday 9th June

10:45 Morning Worship

with Debbie Patrick

Sunday 16th June

10:45 Holy Communion

with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 23rd June

10:45 Morning Worship

with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 30th June

10:45 Joint Minster Service

at St Peter's, Hartshorne

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

19 th May	Bill
26 th May	Brian Redfern
2 nd Jun	Val & Andrew
9 th Jun	Christine
16 th Jun	Deb P
23 rd Jun	Jane
30 th Jun	Bill

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.

Thank you



12 th May	Carol
19 th May	Maxine & Jane
26 th May	Christine
2 nd Jun	Deb W & Alicia
9 th Jun	Carol
16 th Jun	James
23 rd Jun	Maxine & Jane
30 th Jun	James

Spotted by Bill in the churchyard

Bill took this photo of a nest containing eight pheasants eggs. He says, **"We nearly had a nest of pheasants in the churchyard but a hawk found them and ate the lot, a shame but that's nature. I saw him fly off as I passed the front of the church but I was too far away to see what type he was, that was what prompted me to check on the nest."**

Some Pheasant facts

Pheasants are year-round residents in the UK. The most common pheasant, the ring-necked pheasant, is mainly seen throughout the countryside, foraging for food on the edges of woodlands and hedges.

On average, pheasants live for just one to three years. Female pheasants generally have a greater chance of living towards the upper end of this average, but males often have shorter lifespans due to being hunted and shot. If kept in captivity pheasants can live for as long as 18 years.

Most pheasants lay their eggs from early April through to early June. Nests are pretty simple and are constructed in tall grass, shrubs or weeds. Each egg is laid about every 1.4 days, and clutches usually contain 7 to 15 eggs.

Pheasant egg incubation takes on average around 23 days, but in some cases, it can be longer, extending to 28 days. Females pheasants solely incubate the eggs.

Pheasants' nests and chicks have quite a few predators. The main predators of adult pheasants are humans, birds of prey, and mammals like foxes.

