

St Peter's

Hartshorne

Hello everyone

Well we have made it half way through this lockdown, assuming it is not extended. I trust you are all OK?

As we move into the second part of November, our thoughts begin to turn towards Advent and Christmas, a time that is equally important to Christians and non-Christians across our community. A number of people have already begun decorating their homes possibly as an act of defiance to the coronavirus and there have been a number of comments in the media suggesting that 'we need to save Christmas' or prevent 'Christmas being cancelled'.

Advent could be very significant this year, we are surrounded by anxiety and fear of death and the Advent themes of death, judgement, heaven and hell may seem more pertinent. But Advent tells us that as we wait, God comes to us and our watching and waiting will be answered by the birth of Christ so we continue to pray 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22)

Concerns about what we will be able to do are understandable but Christmas reflects God entering into our world and never leaving it. Christmas cannot be cancelled, unless God cancels it, something he will not do.

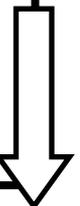
*Loving Father God,
be with us in our distress.
be with our families, friends, and neighbours,
our country and our world.
Give health to the sick,
hope to the fearful,
and comfort to mourners.
Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers,
insight to our Government,
and patience to us all.
Overcome disease with the power of your new life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Keep safe and God Bless

Stella

P.S If you are aware of anyone who is not currently receiving this newsletter or other information and would like to do so, then please (with their permission) pass their details to Stella (07802963817)



Memorial Service



As we now cannot meet in church to remember those we have lost, the plan is to live stream the service from church via our Facebook page. The streamed service will include naming those to be remembered and lighting candles in their memory. Please send names to be remembered to Stella (greenwoodstella@yahoo.com) or via message on Facebook by Friday 27th November for them to be included in the service which will stream on Facebook at 4pm on 29th November.

Food Bank Support

From March - October 2020, with the support of local people, our Food Bank supplied a phenomenal 12,654 meals to 552 children and 854 adults but the need is ongoing.

During the winter, CVS are appealing for financial donations. If you are able, please consider making a financial donation today - just £5 buys food for a child for 1 day, £20 buys food for a family for 3 days and £50 buys food for a family for 1 week.

Visit <https://sdcvs.org.uk/donate> for more information.

South Derbyshire CVS
Winter Giving Campaign

'when I was at my most vulnerable, the CVS Food Bank was there to catch my family & I' - SDCVS Food Bank client

The impact of the pandemic on the lives, health and welfare of local people has been significant.

Between March - October 2020, with the support of local people, we supplied **12,654 meals to 552 children and 854 adults.**

Demand is growing, and that's why we're appealing for **financial donations** throughout the winter period to help feed families across South Derbyshire.

There are people around us facing significant hardship due to redundancy, ill-health or changes to their personal circumstances.

'Food banks forecast to give out six emergency food parcels a minute this winter' - Trussell Trust

Please make a financial donation today so we can buy the right balance of food, and support those most in need this winter.

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'I cannot imagine what would have become of my children if I hadn't stepped into the Food Bank that day.'



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.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Alternatively, you can access prayers and hymns via the Church of England Daily Hope telephone number.

After church coffee

Following a review of our After Church Chat session on Zoom, we have decided to move the session to **4pm** and open it to other churches across the Minster.

The new link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86499618208?pwd=UVZUN2lGbjYrUlpla2NEyVRnaFhzZz09>

