

Hartshorne  
**St Peter's**



*Hello everyone*

I have been reading a book on leadership and came across the following paragraph which I think is relevant to us all:

"Now, of course, this God is no benign old man doling out heavenly favours to his spoilt children. Nor is it that human kind is so wonderful that in some strange reversal human beings themselves become divine. Rather, it is the compassion and unconditional generosity of God that compels him to reach out to those in need, even though they do not deserve it. This idea, of course turns religion on its head. Religion is the social phenomenon in which human beings offer service to various divinities. According to Jesus and the writers of the New Testament, this activity of religion has nothing to do with God at all. God is not someone who is served, but someone who serves. If it is true that there is a personal God, who offers love, affection, intimacy, acceptance, approval, simply because it is his nature and character to do so, then it is possible for me to receive from this source and so be free from needing others to give me these things." *Walker S.P., "Leading out of who you are"*

May we all receive from our generous God, the recognition we crave and know the freedom that this brings.

God Bless

*Stella*

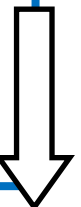
Following the news of the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh we thank God for his life

God of our lives,  
We give thanks for the life of Prince Philip  
For his love of our country,  
And for his devotion to duty.  
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,  
Through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

**Amen**



Many activities are paused for the Easter break but over the page are a few reminders:



## Prayer Group

Ayesha has set up a twice monthly prayer group on zoom. The group will meet for 40 mins to pray intentionally for the world and for local situations. If you would like to join, please contact Ayesha directly or via Stella. The next meeting will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.



## Sunday recordings



Recently, the PCC have agreed that while cases of Covid remain high in this area, it is right that the church remains closed for congregational worship, our weekly sermons will continue to be uploaded each Sunday on our Facebook page and prayer chain and we will explore other options to enable us to pray and worship together. If you have any questions or anything that you want to know, then please contact us via Facebook or telephone.

## Private Prayer

The church will to open for personal prayer and reflection on Saturday and Wednesday



## After church coffee

After church coffee will be held this week at 4pm on Sunday. Please join us on Zoom if you can.

Copy and paste this link into your search bar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86499618208?pwd=UVZUN2lGbjYrUlpla2NEZYVRnaFhzZz09>

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