Hartshorne St Peter's

Swadlincote Minster

Hello everyone

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the sending of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples and the birthday of the church. Our celebrations this year will be enhanced by the opportunity we have to meet together in the Church building, an event many of us have been longing for.

I know that we can't all be in the building, however for those who, for any reason cannot be with us, there will be a special Minster service released on our on-line platform which will allow us all to celebrate together.

Due to the weather conditions, we will be unable to hols the open-air service we were hoping for, however we can still celebrate within the walls of the Church. Please ensure that you have a coat or similar as we will be leaving the doors open for ventilation.

Going forward we will be asking you to register for each service. This allows us to restrict numbers and adhere to social distancing and to keep a record of attendees for Test and Trace purposes. If you would like to join us on 30th May please register using the registration portal at: https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzA0Mi01/t. If you do not have internet access, or are unable to use the portal, please contact me or one of the Leadership team who can register a place for you.

Please continue to pray for us all as we work to safely open our building for worship, and for the Spirit's leading as we move into this new phase of our communal life together.

God Bless

Stella

A prayer for Pentecost

Like the first disciples before the coming of God's power at Pentecost,
We wait in faith and pray.

Come Holy Spirit, nothing can separate us from your love.
Come Holy Spirit, come and transform us.
Come Holy Spirit, fill us with your power,
Fill our lives and your church afresh with your gifts.

Come, breath of life,
Come, fire of love,
Come, power of hope,
Come, draw us towards your kingdom
For the sake of Jesus Christ and the glory of God
Amen

Private Prayer

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

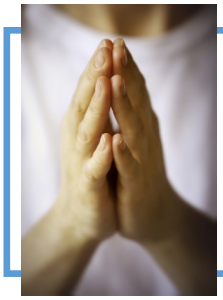
Church Cleaning

As we open up the church for worship, we will need to ensure that we clean the building on a regular basis, including each Saturday evening or Sunday morning prior to each service.

If you are able to join a team to clean on a rota basis, please contact the Church Warden, on

churchwardens@hartshornechurch.org.uk

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 (07368224419) or via Stella (07802963817).

The next meeting will be on 20th May at 1:30pm.

Prayer Walks

Please continue to pray as you walk around your neighbourhood and feed the details of your prayer walks to Mike Firbank for the Churches Together map of prayer (see last week's newsletter).

Ayesha, Patrick and I intend to prayer walk around Goseley from 2pm in Wednesday if anyone would like to join us.

After Church Coffee

Now that we are meeting in the church building, we have decided to end the after-church coffee sessions.

Thank you to everyone that joined us in conversation over the past year.