



St Peter's ^{Hartshorne}



Hello everyone

This coming Thursday is Ascension Day, the day when we remember Jesus returning to his Father and commanding his disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We too are invited to wait, to spend the days between Ascension and Pentecost in prayer for God's Kingdom to come.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to each of us to pray for five others, that many more may come to know the love of God in Christ. The context is different this year, and we are more aware than ever just how much the world needs that love today.

There are a range of resources available to support you in prayer. I have attached the prayer journal to this newsletter but there are also resources for children, youth and families at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources> there is even an escape room!

It has been suggested that we might like to organise a prayer walk around the Parish, if anyone or a small group would like to walk part of the Parish then let me know.

There will also be a pre-recorded service for Ascension day and daily prayers forwarded from the Diocese on our social media channels.

As we face threats like the coronavirus, the climate emergency, and the scandal of global poverty, Jesus' prayer unites us all around the globe praying 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

God Bless

Stella

Next week is also Christian Aid week The Christian Aid Week Prayer

by Bob Kikuyu Global Theology Advisor, Christian Aid

Great God,
Who makes the sun to rise, and opens the heavens
Hear the cry of the people
Who sow in hope for rain, but reap only despair
Hear the cry of the people
Seeking shelter from the storm, their hopes and homes submerged
Hear the cry of the people,
When creation is hitting back, with rage and resistance
Give us hope, grant us salvation,
Give us a new relationship with creation
With reverence to tend this gift from You
And say once again of the earth and all you created
It is GOOD.

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



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.

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=UVZUN2lGbjYrUlpla2NEYVRnaFhzZz09>



Christian Aid Week is being held from 10 to 16 May 2021 and like last year much of the focus is virtual, due to the pandemic.

Christian Aid Week 2021

There are so many ways that you and your church can get involved virtually, including resources for prayer and worship, holding a virtual quiz, taking part in the [300,000 steps challenge](#), donating and much more.

Bishop Libby, along with her family, will be taking part in the 300,000 steps for May challenge and will be posting updates [on her Facebook page](#) so look out for more details. Bishop Libby will also be taking part in [Tea-Time Prayers](#) which we hope will feature on the Christian Aid Week social media.

If your church is getting involved with any physical or virtual events, then do share your planned activities with us at communications@derby.anglican.org or via social media @dioceseofderby.

- >> [Christian Aid Week website](#)
- >> [Christian Aid Week resources](#)

Derbyshire Beacon of Hope Award Scheme



The Derbyshire Beacon of Hope Award Scheme has recently been launched, initiated by the High Sheriff of Derbyshire and the Lord Lieutenant, Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council.

The awards look to identify, and to express thanks to those groups or individuals who have worked tirelessly to keep our communities safe, and our businesses moving during the global Covid-19 pandemic. The award will seek to highlight those in every sector and locality of the County that have played a key role.

Nominations are open to the public. If you know of a group or an individual that has gone above and beyond to help others during the pandemic, you can nominate them for an award using the nomination form on either the Derbyshire County or Derby City Council website (links below). The closing date for nominations is 14 May 2021.

- >> [Beacon of Hope Awards on Derbyshire County Council website](#)
- >> [Beacon of Hope Awards on Derby City Council website](#)
- >> [Tony Walker, High Sheriff of Derbyshire talks about the Beacon of Hope Awards](#) [YouTube]