St Peter's Hartshorne

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Swadlincote Minster

Sunday 22nd August 2021

This week's service

Today's service
is led by Debbie Patrick
with Rev Bex Allpress preaching

This week's readings

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

A thought from Bex

This week we are considering those people who find themselves on the receiving end of violence due to their religious beliefs. We tend to hear stories from other countries where mass genocide and the displacement of whole communities leads to homelessness, the spread of diseases and famine. What we don't hear so much about are the isolated episodes of violence that happen in our own country that leave people feeling alone, scared and without a voice. As we pray into this situation this week, let us draw to mind the violence that God Himself suffered through His beloved Son, at the hands of men who discriminated against Him. Let us also remember the Apostles who were subject to violence and death because of their resolute faith. When considering the resolute faith that some people hold too despite the risks of persecution, these words by Anna Waring speak into that courage and commitment:

"Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back; My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack. His wisdom ever waketh, His sight is never dim, He knows the way He taketh, and I will walk with Him".

Five ways to pray for Afghanistan this week

- **Please pray for the small group of believers in the country**. They are walking on eggshells and are uncertain who to trust. Pray that they find strength, wisdom, and supernatural peace in God's promises.
- **Pray for the displaced**. A new wave of refugees is expected to come from Afghanistan to many parts of the Middle East and the rest of the world. Pray for God's protection and provision over them in their journeys.
- **Pray for the women**. Many women fear that the Taliban rule would mean they would be stripped of opportunities for education. Women involved in education during the past years could also be at risk – pray for their protection.
- **Pray for the sick**. Though underreported in international media, Covid-19 cases are spiking in the country and hospitals are limited in what they can offer. There is no certainty as to how the healthcare system will be able to sustain itself with the new Taliban government. Pray that the healthcare system will not collapse.
- **Pray that the country will not be a haven for extremists**. The Taliban government of 20 years ago are known enablers of extremist Islamic organisations. With their newfound control over Afghanistan, the country could be host to a new generation of terror groups.

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Church diary for the next month

Sunday 29th August
10:45 Morning Worship
led by Debbie Patrick

Saturday 4th September
2pm Wedding
of Ben Burchell and Annie Jones

Sunday 5th September
10:45 Morning Worship
led by Sandra O'Toole
with Sean O'Toole preaching

Sunday 12th September
10:45 Morning Worship
led by Nigel Worth
with Bex Allpress preaching

Sunday 19th September
10:45 Holy Communion
led by Nigel Worth
with Rev Mike Firbank preaching

Sunday 26th September
10:45 Morning Worship
led by Debbie Patrick
with Nigel Worth preaching

Sunday 3rd October
10:45 Morning Worship
led by Debbie Patrick
with Rev Bex Allpress preaching

Prayer Group

Ayesha is continuing the twice monthly prayer group on Zoom. The group will meet for 40 mins to pray specifically for the world and for local situations. If you would like to join, please contact Ayesha directly (07368224419).

The next meeting will be on 2nd September at 7:00pm then on 16th September.

Ayesha is hoping to run a morning prayer meeting in September - details TBA

We will be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th September in the Church Hall from 10.00 to 12.00 as our first post Covid outreach fund raiser. Anyone who can help in any way, bake a cake or other edible items, or simply turn up on the day please put your details on the sheet at the back or speak to Gwen Green. Tel: 07789696912

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Hello Heritage... 5 Sept - 19 Sept

St Peter's is taking part in Hello Heritage and Heritage Open Days this September.

Wednesday 08 September: 1000-1600
Saturday 11 September: 1000-1600
Wednesday 15 September: 1000-1600
Saturday 18 September: 1000-1600

There will be a History Display inside the church.

heritage open days

Cleaning Rota

29.08.2021	Deb P & Alicia
05.09.2021	Jane
12.09.2021	Bill
19.09.2021	Val & Andy
26.09.2021	Nige & Deb
03.10.2021	Christine
10.10.2021	Deb P & Alicia
17.10.2021	Jane
24.10.2021	Bill
31.10.2021	Val & Andy
07.11.2021	Nige & Deb
14.11.2021	Christine

Please clean the church before the date marked. Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

Bonus note:
The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra, so no need to clean.

Hartshorne Scouts

Hartshorne Scouts are looking for additional adult support in all sections;

Beavers (Monday 6pm-7.15pm, ages 5 ¾ – 8)
Cubs (Friday 6pm-7.30pm, ages 8 - 10 ½)
Scouts (Friday 7.45pm-9.30pm, ages 10 ½ – 14)

Training is provided free of charge as is the required DBS check. Further details can be obtained from Lindsey Littlewood, Group Scout Leader on lindsey.littlewood@southderbyshirescouts