St Peter's Hartshorne

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Swadlincote Minster

Sunday 5th September

This week's service

Today's service
is led by Sandra O'Toole
with Sean O'Toole preaching

This week's readings

Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-10,14-17
Mark 7:24-37

A thought from Sean

Watching the plight of the desperate Afghan people as they have had to go into exile, I was struck that throughout history God has met with people when they have been in the direst of circumstances.

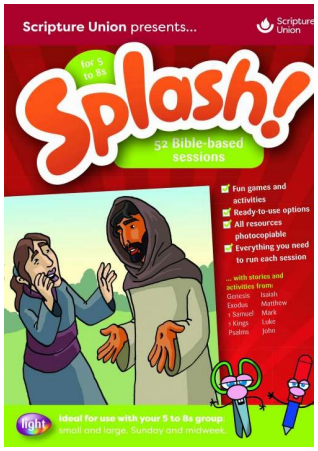
God is with us and transforms us and situations just as He did with John in the wilderness and Saul on the road to Damascus. Even Jesus was born in a backwater of no importance but that is where God chose to launch His plan of salvation.

The wilderness seems such an inhospitable place to learn about God but perhaps there is a freedom of being in an uncluttered space with no pressure from people, technology, work and church.

I'm not suggesting that we rush off to a desert but perhaps we should take more time to listen to what God is saying. Why not set aside more time to be with God each day?

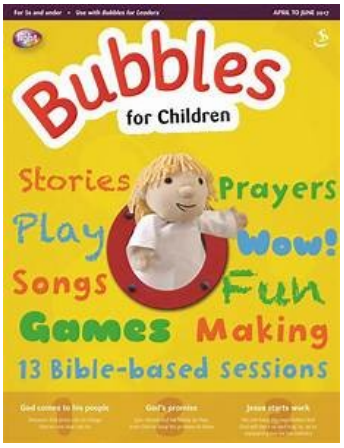
Prayer for the week

Father, we thank you that you are the God who is not far off
and that you are concerned for all humankind.
Please reveal Yourself to those who have lost hope and live in fear of the future.
Bless and protect the refugees, exiles, the homeless,
and all who have been damaged by war and strife.
Show us as individuals and as a church what we can do
to be a blessing to the hurting and vulnerable. Amen



New children's group

A group for children will start today in the North Aisle.
After the 2nd hymn/song they will be invited to gather in the North Aisle for news time.
Various activities will be chosen from the Scripture Union books and will include a Bible story and prayer.
There will also be a snack!



Church diary for the next month

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

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

Sunday 17th October
10:45 Holy Communion
led by Debbie Patrick
with Rev Mike Firbank preaching

Sunday 24th October
led by Sandra O'Toole
with Sean O'Toole 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 16thSeptember at 7:00pm.

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

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 11th September
10.00 to 12.00 In the Church Hall

We will be having a fresh produce (fruit and veg) + plant stall on the day so please pot up any suitable plants you have in excess of your needs - house or garden plants. These could be left in the Church porch later in the week or brought with you on the day.

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
Thank you for all your support, Gwen

Hello Heritage... 5 Sept - 19 Sept

St Peter's is taking part in Hello Heritage and Heritage Open Days this September. There will be a History Exhibition inside the church.
Wednesday 08, Saturday 11, Wednesday 15, Saturday 18 September: 1000-1600

Cleaning Rota

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
21.11.2021	Deb P & Alicia
28.11.2021	Jane

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