St Peter's Hartshorne

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Swadlincote Minster

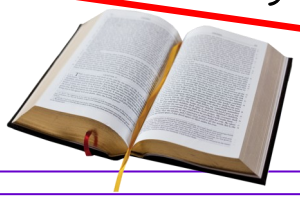
Sunday 3rd October 2021
HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This week's service

Today's service
is led by Debbie Patrick
with Rev Bex Allpress preaching
The scouts invite you for refreshments in the church hall after the service

This week's readings

Joel 2:21-27,
1 Tim 6:6-10
Matthew 6:25-33



A thought from Bex

As a nation, we have largely lost the meaning of Harvest and what it means to seek God's blessings over our crops and livestock. We no longer offer widescale thanksgiving for all He provides to meet our needs. This is one thing our ancestors did well. They made sure to praise and honour God, asking for His blessing on the Harvest each year. Below are the words from Psalm 65. It is a Psalm offering thanksgiving for earths bounty. Read the words slowly and think about how you (like the Psalmist) might show your thankful heart to God this Harvest.

Psalm 65: "You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide the people with grain, for so You have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy!"

Prayer for this week

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Did you know?

The well known hymn, "We Plough the Fields and Scatter" was originally written in German in 1782, and is based on Psalm 144.

We Plough the Fields - updated for schools

We plough the fields with tractors,
with drills we sow the land;
but growth is still
the wondrous gift
Of God's almighty hand.
We use our fertilisers
To help the growing grain;
But for its full fruition,
It needs God's sun and rain.

In 1969 Poet John Betjeman parodied the hymn as a protest against modern farming methods

We spray the fields and scatter
The poison on the ground
So that no wicked wild flowers
Upon our farm be found.
We like whatever helps us
To line our purse with pence;
The twenty-four-hour broiler-
house and neat electric fence.
All concrete sheds around us
And Jaguars in the yard,
The telly lounge and deep-freeze
Are ours from working hard.

Church diary for the next month

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

Sunday 31st October
10:45 Morning Worship
led by Debbie Patrick
with Nigel Worth preaching

Sunday 7th November
10:45 Morning Worship
led by Debbie Patrick
with Rev Bex Allpress preaching

Sunday 14th November
10:45 Remembrance Service
led by Sean O'Toole
with Sandra O'Toole preaching

Sunday 21st November
10:45 Holy Communion
led by Nigel Worth
with Rev Mike Firbank preaching

Children's group

A group for children will be held each week 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!

Help needed

Would you like to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the service?

We are hoping to start serving refreshments again as soon as we have enough volunteers willing to go on a rota.

If you would like to be part of this, please have a word with Sean or Sandra.

Who do we support?

Every month 10% of the money given to St Peter's church is shared between the following charities: Swadlincote & District Youth for Christ, Open Doors, Tear Fund, Swadlincote Food Bank, Care Fund & Family Fund,

If you would like to make an additional donation to any of these charities, or to the church repair fund, please place this in a marked envelope in the collection bag at the back of church, Thank you

Cleaning Rota

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
05.12.2021	Bill
12.12.2021	Val & Andy
19.12.2021	Nige & Deb
26.12.2021	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