

Hartshorne St Peter's

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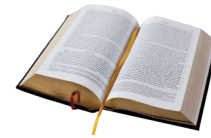
This week's service

Sunday 7th January 2024

This week's reading



Welcome to today's service
with Debbie Patrick



Ephesians 2:1-10

A thought from Debbie

Have you made any New Years resolutions this year? If you have, are they all about being a better version of your 2023 self? Getting fitter, eating healthier, reading your Bible more often, praying more often.... let's be honest, the opportunities for a New Years resolution are endless! and keeping them is soo difficult isn't it?

Perhaps Paul would want to encourage us to go about change slightly differently and we will be looking at that this Sunday.

Prayer for the week

Lord
Thank you for your grace..
Thank you that we can never do enough to deserve our place in your family.
Thank you that you have given freely to us.
Help us dear Lord to live a generous life, sharing your grace and love with all those we meet along our way.
Amen

Anthem for Doomed Christmas Trees

What passing bells for trees who lie in gutters?
Only the monstrous rumble of the vans
will drown out their silent cries. No muttered
prayers, no roadside eulogies or thanks.

Doorstep-dumped, no longer spruce,
who now will pine for you and cry?
Unbaubled, unfinseled, stripped of use,
off to the Great Wood Chipper in the Sky;

How long has it been - two or three weeks? -
since we laid out our gifts at your feet?
How quickly the present becomes the past
and time sweeps all needles from its path.

Brian Bilston

'Real' Christmas trees are recyclable - unwanted
trees can go in your brown bin, just remember to
cut it to fit and to remove all tinsel and decorations
as well as pots or stands. **South Derbyshire District
Council**

St Giles Hospice will collect and recycle your real
Christmas tree in return for a donation.
Simply [book your collection by midnight on Sunday
7th January, 2024](#)

Weekly Prayer Meeting

This will start again on **Thursday 18th
January, 7- 8pm**. This year we will be
meeting at Sean and Sandra's home,

Coffee & Conversation

Thursday 11th January
Goseley Community Centre
10:30 - 12 noon



An opportunity

- to chat
- to meet friends
- to ask questions
- to pray
- or simply to sit and rest

We meet on
2nd and 4th
Thursday
each month

ALL WELCOME

Church diary for the next month

Thursday 11th January
10:30 Coffee & Conversation
 at Goseley Community Centre

Sunday 14th January
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 21st January
10:45 Holy Communion
 with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 28th January
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Nigel Worth

Sunday 4th February
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 11th February
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Debbie Patrick

Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked.

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

The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

14 th Jan	Val & Andy
21 st Jan	Nige & Deb
28 th Jan	Christine
4 th Feb	Deb P
11 th Feb	Jane
18 th Feb	Bill
25 th Feb	Brian Redfern

Refreshments Rota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one another after the service. We have a rota for serving tea & coffee.

Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date.

Please bring the milk. Thank you

7 th Jan	Christine
14 th Jan	Deb W & Alicia
21 st Jan	Carol
28 th Jan	James
4 th Feb	Maxine & Jane
11 th Feb	Christine
18 th Feb	Deb W & Alicia
25 th Feb	Carol

Remembering Pauline

Our dear sister Pauline Insley finally went to be with the Lord last week.

Pauline was one of the first people I met on coming to St Peter's nearly forty years ago. She was very much involved with the flower arranging and up to about five years ago always made the Easter Garden and helped with the Harvest displays. Pauline was PCC secretary for a number of years and was a member of the choir.

When she was going through a difficult time at work, Pauline gave testimony in church that Jesus spoke to her through the words from the song *In Christ Alone* "From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny." Believing those words gave her the strength to get through that time and it was that belief which underpinned her whole life and her faith.

When her husband Mick started coming to church with her, bringing their grandchildren, it was a very happy time for her. After Mick died suddenly, shortly after retiring, Pauline was incredibly brave — her faith really carried her. Her son Neil and his family used to bring her to church and I know that Pauline felt so blessed when her family made a commitment to Christ. She was so happy to know that her family shared her faith.



Tragically, her daughter Nicole died unexpectedly a few years ago, Pauline had to be so strong once more. Her faith never wavered.

In recent years Pauline had been battling with cancer. With the support of her son Neil, brother Terry and sister-in-law Christine she was able to stay in the home that she loved. Pauline always remained positive, seeing the hand of God in her surroundings. She noticed the little things — birds, flowers, animals, the changing seasons, and she always counted her blessings. Her constant companion was her cat, Tess, who gave her so much joy with her quirky feline antics.

When lockdown happened, sadly Pauline wasn't able to come to church or attend house group anymore. She remained in contact with us through texts, and we supported her through prayer. Here are some words of encouragement that Pauline shared with us:

***What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of
 Christ I stand.*** (In Christ Alone)

***Psalm 91:4 "He will cover you with his feathers
 and under his wings you will find refuge."***

***Psalm 59:16. "I will sing of your strength, in the
 morning I will sing of your love; for you are my
 fortress, my refuge in times of trouble." Praise
 the Lord, we are never alone.***