



Sunday 1st December 2024

This week's service

10:45 Gift Service
for Advent Sunday
led by Sean O'Toole



This week's reading



1 Peter 1

A thought from Sean

The noise and clamour of the commercial celebration of Christmas could easily drown out the true meaning of one of the great festivals in the Christian calendar. But, Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Jesus' first coming. It is also a time to reflect on the second coming of Christ.

Today we will light the first Advent candle, symbolising the hope that Jesus' birth brought to the world. The circular Advent crown reminds us of God's eternal love towards humankind. The evergreen leaves that make up the crown remind us that when we trust in Jesus, we have the promise of everlasting life.

Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Written by Rev A. R. Langhorne

December 1906

I do hope and pray that this year Christmas will be kept in Hartshorne better than ever it has been before. We have to keep it as Christians; as those who really believe in and belong to Christ. And so when I write, as I do now, and wish you all "A very happy Christmas," I mean I do hope that you will try and keep it as Christ would like you to keep it, for then I am sure your Christmas would be a happy one. Do not therefore banish Christ from your hearts and homes at that holy season. Do not omit to come and worship Him. Come and greet Him on His birthday and acknowledge Him before the world as your Lord and King.

In 1906 there	7 a.m. - Holy Communion.
were five	8 a.m. - Holy Communion.
services on	9.30 a.m. - Matins.
Christmas Day!	11 a.m. - Holy Eucharist and Sermon.
	7. p.m. - Evensong and Sermon.




**St John's Children's
Drama Group
presents:**

**Nik Nak the Alien's
First Christmas**

**Saturday 14th December
3pm**



**St John's
Church
Newhall**

Church diary

Sunday 8th December

10:45 Morning Worship

led by Debbie Patrick

12:30 Baptism of Robyn Szulc

Tuesday 10th December

1pm Experience Christmas with Hartshorne Primary School

Friday 13th December

2pm Hartshorne Primary School Carol Service

Sunday 15th December

10:45 Holy Communion

led by Rev Mike Firbank

7pm Sunday Night Live

Informal Christmas Music

Thurs 19th & Fri 20th December

2pm Hartshorne Primary School Nativity Service

Sunday 22nd December

4pm Carol Service

Storm 10 playing traditional carols

Christmas Eve 24th December

11.30pm Midnight Communion

led by Rev Mike Firbank

Christmas Day 25th December

10am Short Family Service

led by Sean O'Toole

Sunday 29th December

10:00 Joint Minster Service at

Gresley followed by walk and a soup lunch

Cleaning Rota

Dec 8 th	Friday house group	Whole church, including brasses
Dec 15 th	Jeff	Main body
" "	Brian A	Sweeping porch
Dec 22 nd	Deb & Nige	Whole church
Dec 29 th	Brian Redfern	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
" "	Bill	Brasses
Jan 5 th	Christine G	Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch
Jan 12 th	Friday house group	Whole church, including brasses

Reading, Intercessions & Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea / Coffee
Dec 1 st	Brian R	Christine	James
Dec 8 th	Sam	Sean	Maxine & Jane
Dec 15 th	Alison	Brian R	Carol
Dec 22 nd	CAROL SERVICE		
Dec 29 th	JOINT MINSTER SERVICE AT GRESLEY		

Coffee & Conversation on Thursday December 12th will be held at Garden King, Newhall where we will be meeting in the restaurant at 12 noon to have a meal together.

If you would like to join us, please have a word with Jane or Ayesha.

LIVE MODERN WORSHIP

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

Doors open 6.45 pm

REV KARA GANDER

Traditional CAROL SERVICE

With force 10 big band

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our enchanting Carol Service. Gather with family and friends to enjoy the timeless melodies that echo the joy, warmth, and love of Christmas

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER @4PM