

# Hartshorne St Peter's

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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

This week's service

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Debbie Patrick



This week's reading



Psalm 84  
Luke 15: 1-2, 11  
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## A thought from Debbie

"Home is where the heart is" - Pliny the elder

"The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned" - Maya Angelou

"Home is a shelter from storms - all sorts of storms" - William Bennett

What does home mean to you I wonder? Is it the place that you long to return to when you have been away for a while, is it knowing where your slippers are and that your favourite coffee is in the cupboard... home means many things to many people. Jesus described home in his story of the lost son; in that story Jesus talked about a young man who walked away from his home to find adventure and in so doing walked away from his father's protection but he learnt that he could return when he was ready to. In Psalm 84 the poet describes home as much more than a place but rather a state of intimacy with his God... How does that make you feel?

Home may not just be a place... It may be a feeling, a belonging.

Does God's presence feel like home to you... Does God feel like the place where you can go as you are and not be questioned? The son in Jesus' story found that no matter what he had done he would always be welcome back home...

## Prayer for the week

Lord and Father  
Help us to desire your presence at all times.  
But when we stray away from you  
Either because of absence of mind or a  
busy life  
Help us to trust that we can always return  
Into your loving embrace  
Amen

## Woodville Cubs visit St Peter's

On Monday evening another group of cub scouts are visiting the church. Rev Kara has planned the session.

After doing a quiz, the cubs will split into three groups.

The activities will include:

- Demonstration of bell ringing and guided tour of the tower;
- Drama and prayer writing;
- Who's who — dressing up

It is wonderful to be able open up our church to young people but we would welcome more volunteers.

If you are interested in helping with future visits please speak to Jane.

## Recycling stamps for Alzheimer's Society

A message from Gwen



If you have saved used postage stamps over Christmas please bring them to church ASAP.

## Church diary

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**6.30pm Woodville Cubs visit church**  
 led by Rev Kara Gander

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 with Nigel Worth

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10:30 Funeral of Joan Evans**  
 followed by cremation

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10:45 Holy Communion**  
 with Rev Mike Firbank

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 with Rev Patrick and Rev Kara

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 with Rev Patrick Douglas




**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Ash Wednesday service**  
 at St John's, Newhall

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**6.30pm World Day of Prayer**  
 at The Salvation Army, DE11 9BN

## Cleaning Rota

Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G	Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday house group	Whole church, including brasses
Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeff	Main body
" "	Brian A	Sweeping porch
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Deb & Nige	Whole church
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Redfern	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
" "	Bill	Brasses

## Reading, Intercessions & Refreshments Rota

	Reading 	Prayers 	Tea / Coffee 
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christine	Nigel	Carol
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	John	Christine	Gwen
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Brian R	Mike	Deb W
Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeff	Brian R	James
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul	Christine	Carol
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christine	Nigel	Maxine & Jane
Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	John	Brian	Gwen
Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Brain R	Christine	Deb W

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025**

**Friday 7 March**

A service for everyone!

Please join us at  
 The Salvation Army  
 181, Wilmot Road  
 DE11 9BN

on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
 at 6:30 pm

And all are welcome to stay  
 for refreshments after the  
 Service.

**Cook Islands** *I made you wonderful*



## Six bell striking competition

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March the Southern District Striking Competition heats are being held at St Peter's. Teams of ringers will gather to demonstrate their ability to ring call changes.

## Lent Course - save the date

This year's Lent Course will take place in St Peter's Church Hall on Wednesday evenings, starting on 12<sup>th</sup> March. The theme is discipleship. More details to follow . . .

## Seville Orange Marmalade

If you would like to buy some marmalade in aid of Swadlincote & District Youth for Christ you will find it on the table in the kitchen.

All donations gratefully received.

I have been collecting empty jars throughout the year but if you have any spare please bring them to church so I can reuse them.

