

Sunday 27th July 2025

Today's service

10:45 Morning Worship
with Debbie Patrick



Today's reading



Colossians 2:2-20
Freedom in Christ

A Thought from Debbie

I wonder if you can remember your first day at school or work?

I can. A day full of places I didn't know... Toilets for instance ... 'Was that second on the left or third on the right... and was that the first floor or second?' And language I didn't understand... How many acronyms can there be? Answer... a LOT!

I remember feeling like that the first time I walked into a church on a Sunday morning...

Should I sit or stand? Why are people looking at my skirt?

Why are people putting their hands in the air... am I supposed to be dancing too?

And.... what on earth is the blood of the lamb!! What have I come to!!!

Church is a strange place to enter... and that is just the first time. How about the many rules that we have to follow.

I don't think Jesus meant for church to be so difficult. We will be exploring this on Sunday morning so get your thinking caps on. 😊

Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, thank You for setting us free.

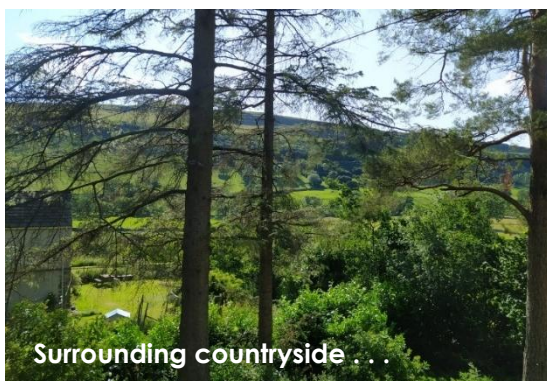
Forgive us for the times we've added burdens You never asked us to carry.

Help us to live in Your grace, and to extend that grace to others.

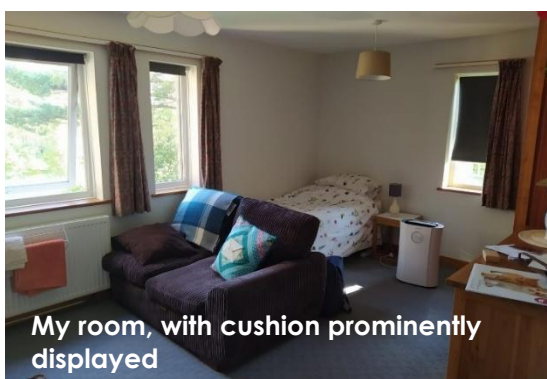
Make our church a place where people feel loved, not judged—where they find freedom, not fear.

We want to be rooted in You, and nothing else.

Amen.

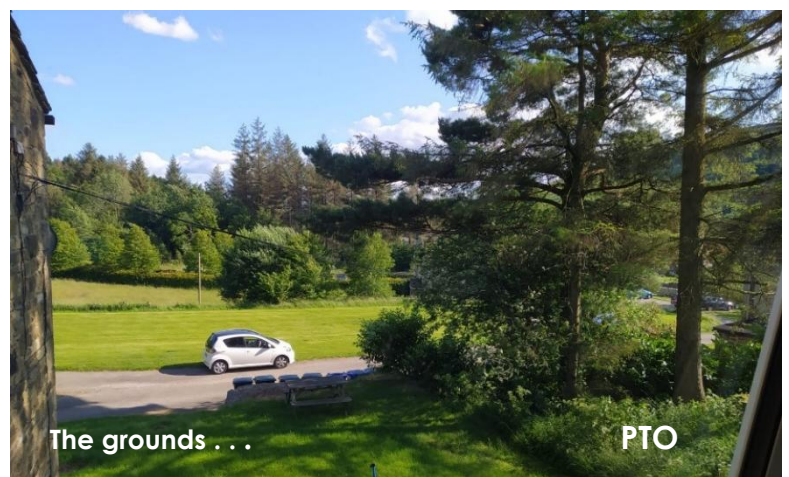


Surrounding countryside . . .



My room, with cushion prominently displayed

Greetings from
Yorkshire



The grounds . . .

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CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday 3rd August

10:45 All-age Worship

with Rev Patrick Douglas

Sunday 10th August

10:45 Morning Worship

with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 17th August

10:45 Holy Communion

with Rev Kara

Sunday 24th August

10:45 Morning Worship

with Debbie Patrick

Sunday 31st August

No service at Hartshorne

12:00 Service on the Park

Church Gresley

Cleaning Rota

Aug 3 rd	Christine	Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch
Aug 10 th	Deb & Nige	Whole church
Aug 24 th	Friday HG	Whole church, including brasses
Aug 31 st	Brian R	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
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Sep 7 th	Christine	Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch

Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
July 27 th	Jeff	Christine	James & Pam
Aug 3 rd	Christine	Nigel	Carol
Aug 10 th	John	Sandra/Sean	Gwen
Aug 17 th	Jeff	Debbie	Deb W
Aug 24 th	Brian	Christine	James
Aug 31 st	NO	SERVICE	AT HARTSHORNE

Meet & greet/Tidying Church after the service Rota

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
July 27 th	Christine G - Sean	Nathan
Aug 3 rd	Christine T	Jean
Aug 10 th	Carol J - Jeff	Jeff
Aug 17 th	Christine G - Sean	Andrew
Aug 24 th	Christine T	Emily
Aug 31 st	NO SERVICE	AT HARTSHORNE

I am no gardener, and if things come up, I am happy. One tip I found during the recent weeks without rain, is that runner beans do not do well without constant and repeated watering. Mine have failed utterly this summer. Whereas potatoes and perpetual spinach seem to thrive -- whatever the weather - and Janet's courgettes are also doing well.



Selwyn Goodacre

"Greetings from Yorkshire!"

By the time you read this I will have been at Scargill House for over 3 weeks. I have settled in easily, no doubt helped by Scargill being such a familiar place to me and also knowing some of the Community before I came.

I have joined the House team, so I am being very active and doing lots of cleaning. Scargill is on a sloping site and there are lots of stairs to go up and down! Starting on July 26th we have 3 weeks of Summer Fest...a family orientated time (although not just families come) and I will be part of the children's and youth team during that time. We are expecting between 30-40 youngsters for each of the 3 weeks. It will be busy but lots of fun.

Our day always starts with Community prayers where we share a bible passage and some prayers before breakfast. We also meet after lunch and after the 4 o'clock tea and cake. Tuesday afternoon is usually a time for Community to meet together... Perhaps for prayer or worship or "notices" and a general catch up.

So far on my days off I have managed to get out for a bike ride to enjoy the fabulous scenery. It is very green here! And thankfully has not been as hot as it was back in Swadlincote before I left.

I feel very grateful for the opportunity to come and live here and to see what God has in store for the coming months.

Wishing you all a blessed summer. *Alison*