

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

## Today's service

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Sean O'Toole



## Today's reading



Romans 12: 4-18

## A thought from Sean

Paul wrote, 'I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:11-13)

I wonder if these words sum up how we feel about our lives. I find life much easier when everything is going well and those I love are in good health. But there are days when I am restless and struggle to find peace. I can sometimes become anxious and overwhelmed by worries about the future. The Bible teaches us much about having confident contentment and reminds us that in Christ we have peace beyond human understanding. This is a gift, an entitlement and blessing. It's not something we can earn, but it comes from simply trusting the God who loves us unconditionally; He is the Father who will never let us down.

## Prayer for the week

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen



## Sunflowers

A few weeks ago, Eadie was giving away some small sunflower plants that she had grown and invited people to help themselves. I took three home and planted them in the border.

I didn't expect them to do very well as I had been having problems with rabbits and lack of rain.

On our return from a week's holiday, I was amazed to see such lush growth and an abundance of flowers!

Thank you Eadie for providing such a welcome addition to our garden.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* 2 Corinthians 9-7

Did you plant any of Eadie's sunflowers?

How have they grown?

We would love you to share your stories.

## CHURCH CALENDAR



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**  
**10:45 Holy Communion**  
 with Rev Kara

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 with Debbie Patrick

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
**No service at Hartshorne**  
**12:00 Service on the Park**  
**Church Gresley**  
 A Churches Together event

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10:45 All-age Worship**  
 with Rev Mike Firbank

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10:00-16:00 Heritage Open Days**  
**15:45 Visiting ringers**

## Jigsaw

There's a new rota for Jigsaw, our Sunday School group which meets in the North Aisle during the service (term time only). If you could help one week, Helen would be very grateful. You'll find the rota on the dividing doors in the N Aisle.



## Cleaning Rota

Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff	Main body
" "	Brian A	Sweeping porch
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Redfern	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
" "	Bill	Brasses
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	Friday house group	Whole church, including brasses
Sep 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G	Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch
Sep 14 <sup>th</sup>	Deb & Nige	Whole church

## Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	John	Sandra/Sean	James
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff	Debbie	Deb W
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	Brian	Christine	James
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	NO	SERVICE	AT HARTSHORNE
Sep 7 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	TBC	Carol

## Meet & greet/Tidying Church after the service Rota

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Carol J - Jeff	Jeff
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G - Sean	Andrew
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christine T	Emily
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	NO SERVICE	AT HARTSHORNE
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Carol J - Jeff	Nathan
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G - Sean	Jean



## heritage open days

St Peter's Church, Hartshorne

13<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
 10am – 4pm

**An opportunity to climb the spiral staircase to the top of the church tower to see the bells and clock room. Churchyard trail and quizzes to learn more about the history of the church and churchyard.**

**Heritage Open Days returns 12<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**What's happening in Hartshorne?**

Hartshorne Upper Hall 10 Main Street

20<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
 Doors open at 1330; tours from 1400 every 30 mins until 1700. **Pre-booking required**

**Hall and kitchen range of substantial early 17th-century timber-framed manor house. Well-preserved, with decorative framing, two-storey porch, ovens and cellars. (Parlour wing in separate occupation and not open.)**