



Sunday 4th January 2026

Today's services

10:45 All-age Worship
with Rev Mike Firbank



Today's Reading



John 1: 1-18

A Thought from Mike

As we begin another new year again, a Happy New Year!, we look at the cyclical nature of God's mission in this world from Genesis to Revelation through the lens of Jesus

How could we choose to begin 2026 in the light of God's mission seen through the great narrative of Scripture?

Prayer for the week

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen

Recycling stamps for Alzheimer's Society



Don't forget to save your used postage stamps – especially any Christmas ones. Please leave at least 1/2 inch around each one so the backing can be removed.

There's a box on the table at the back of church to put your stamps in.

Thank you. Gwen

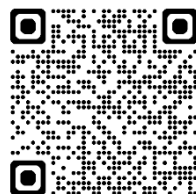


Supporting
**Alzheimer's
Society**

Ewe in a pew

At the Christmas Day service I sat next to Alison, who was on holiday from her work at Scargill House. I remarked on the small sheep sitting on the seat next to her and she told me all about it.

Most people will have heard of "Elf on the Shelf" but this was "Ewe in a Pew". She is a little Fairtrade sheep bought in the gift shop and Alison has named her Eunice. She goes everywhere with Alison and has been snapped in all sorts of locations.



Elf on the shelf is only at Christmas but Ewe in a pew is for life.



You can see her exploits by watching this reel on Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/14QibcbCNjY/>

CHURCH CALENDAR

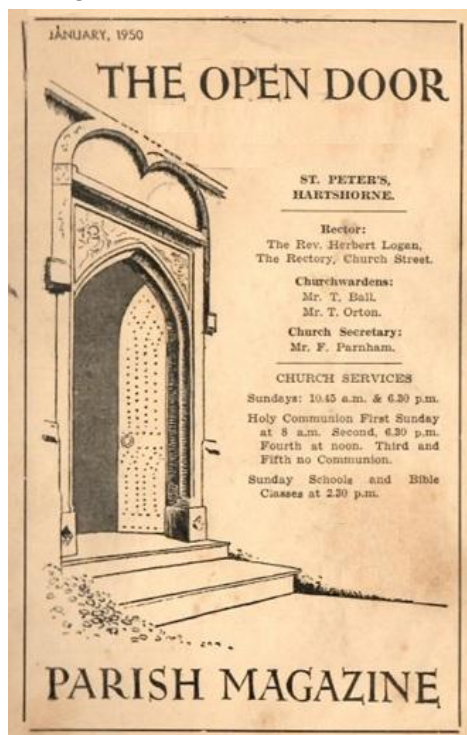


Sunday 4th January
10:45 All-age Worship
with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 11th January
10:45 Morning Worship
with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 18th January
10:45 Holy Communion
with Rev Kara Gander

Sunday 25th January
10:45 Morning Worship
with Nigel Worth



Cleaning Rota

Jan 11 th	Brian Redfern	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
Jan 18 th	Friday HG	Whole church, including brasses
Jan 25 th	Christine G	Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch
Feb 1 st	Deb & Nige	Whole church
Feb 8 th	Jeff	Main body
" "	Brian A	Sweeping porch
" "	Bill	Brasses

Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
Jan 4 th	Sandra	Nigel	Maxine & Jane
Jan 11 th	Paul	Brian	Deb W
Jan 18 th	Jeff	Christine	Gwen
Jan 25 th	John	Friday HG	James
Feb 1 st	Christine	Nigel	Carol
Feb 8 th	Sean	Brian	Maxine & Jane

Meet & greet/Tidying Church after the service Rota

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
Jan 4 th	Christine T	Jean
Jan 11 th	Carol J – Jeff	Jeff
Jan 18 th	Christine G - Sean	Emily
Jan 25 th	Christine T	Nathan
Feb 1 st	Carol J – Jeff	Jean
Feb 8 th	Christine G - Sean	Emily

The Rector's Letter from the Parish Magazine January 1950

Dear Friends and Parishioners,
And so another year has gone, my first word is one of grateful thanks to all who have given of their time, energy and means to the work of God in the parish during 1949. We have been busy and found much joy in the work, but God alone knows what has been achieved spiritually. Are we as individuals and as a Church in a better position than we were when the year commenced? Has our devotion to our Lord grown deeper, and has our love for Him shown itself in an attitude to, and thought for other people? Ask yourself these questions and then, as 1950 begins, seek God's Grace afresh that the year may hold for you a more abounding joy and usefulness. We were grieved to know that Mrs. Robinson and Miss M. Bailey were victims of the motor crash at

Overseal, but we rejoiced that their lives were spared. Our friends have served our village with distinction and devotion; we pray that they will make a complete recovery. This has involved much hard work to Mr. T. E. Orton and Mrs. Statham, who have carried on valiantly, the difficulty being the shortage of teachers in the county. We anticipate this will quickly be rectified. It was a joy and pleasure to see how the children have entered into the spirit of the Christmas Festival in school and in Church, they certainly appreciate the effort expended. Thank you, teachers and parents. The Christmas Tree was described by the following "superlatives" - "smashing," "wizard," "splendiferous," etc. I wish you a happy New Year.
HERBERT LOGAN.