St Peter's Hartshorne

Weekly Newsletter

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Sunday 17th May 2026

Today's service

10:45 Holy Communion
with Rev Mike Firbank

Today's Reading

Ezekiel 36

A thought from Mike

Ezekiel 36 is a fascinating chapter. In the small section we will study we can glean something of what we should mean by nationalism, and we are challenged about what it really means to follow the Lord and His commands.
Today there are lots of people, including political parties, using God and the Bible to justify their actions and their words… let's explore Ezekiel and seek God together.

Prayer for the week

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God, the Father. Amen

When I was a child growing up in the 1950s, every week we would have the Sunday Express delivered. It was read cover to cover by my dad, and I remember that each week there would be a small gardening item called **Adam the Gardener**.

My dad was a keen gardener, growing vegetables, that is; flowers were left to my mother. I must have picked up quite a few tips from my dad because, at this time of year, I always think May 12th is the day to plant runner beans. So, last week I prepared the raised beds. I wanted to improve the soil, so I added a few bags of general-purpose compost. Then, on Tuesday, May 12th, it was a sunny day, and I erected the cane wigwams and sowed the beans. However, I can't be doing with the faff of stringing and slicing runner beans, so for the last few years I have grown climbing French beans instead. These are much easier to pick and prepare and need relatively little looking after once growing strongly.

Last year, I didn't have a good crop because the rabbits got there first. Hopefully, this year they have effectively been banished from the garden, so I will have more success. *Jane*

We've just marked Mental Health Awareness Week.

Jesus said, come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11:28*)

He does not say, come when you are strong; he says, come when you are weary. And sometimes the most courageous expression of faith is not pressing on alone, but reaching out, speaking to someone, asking for help, allowing others to walk with you.

Struggling does not mean you are failing. It does not mean your faith is deficient. It means you are human and deeply, tenderly loved by God.

With Christ, even a troubled mind can know peace, strength for today, and a steady hope for tomorrow.

Lord Jesus, you know us completely—every thought, every fear, every hidden burden. Thank you that you meet us with kindness, not condemnation.

For those who feel anxious, speak your peace.

For those who feel overwhelmed, impart your strength.

For those whose minds are restless, bring your calm and grant a sound mind.

Surround us with your presence, steady our hearts, and renew our minds day by day. Amen.

J. John https://fb.watch/H4E6NGb2fD/

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL WHILST THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR RESTORATION WORK

Sunday 24th May
10:45 Morning Worship
with Sean O'Toole

Thursday 28th May
10:30 Coffee & Conversation
at Goseley Community Centre

Sunday 31st May
10:00 Joint Minster Service at Emmanuel Church

Sunday 7th June
10:45 Morning Worship
with Rev Patrick Douglas

Sunday 14th June
10:45 Morning Worship
with Nigel Worth

Sunday 21st June
10:45 Holy Communion
with Rev Mike Firbank

ROTAS

Thank you to all our volunteers.

If you would like help in any way, please have a word with Jane Horan.

Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota			
	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
May 17th	Paul	Nigel	James
May 24th	Jeff	Brian	Carol
May 31st	MINSTER SERVICE AT EMMANUEL		
June 7th	John	Christine	Maxine & Jane
Jun 14th	Emily	Friday HG	Deb W
Jun 21st	Brian	Nigel	Gwen
Jun 28th	Sandra	Brian	James

Meet & greet/Tidying after the service Rota		
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May 17th	Christine T	Jean
May 24th	Carol J – Jeff	Jeff
May 31st	MINSTER SERVICE AT EMMANUEL	
June 7th	Christine G - Sean	Emily
Jun 14th	Christine T	Nathan
Jun 21st	Carol J – Jeff	Jeff
Jun 28th	Christine T	Nathan

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If you would like to find out more about the work of SDYFC, or would like to pray for the work or donate please speak to Helen after the service, or contact her on helen.davis@yfc.co.uk

Newsletter

Do you have a story, recipe, gardening tip, or testimony to share? We'd love to feature it in this newsletter. Email your contributions to jane.horan52@gmail.com or contact me for more info. Many thanks, Jane

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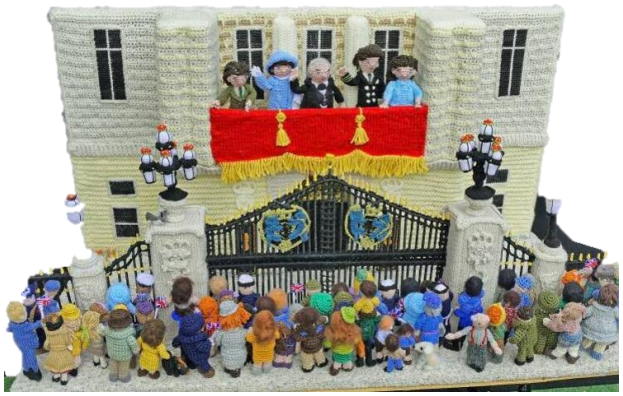
THE LONGEST YARN 2: Britain at War

is currently hosted at Lichfield Cathedral from 1st to 31st May.



Open Monday-Saturday 10:00 - 16:00 & Sunday 12:00-14:30 - Please check our calendar carefully, for specific dates, before travelling.

A study of Britain from 3rd September 1939 to VE Day, 8th May 1945. Covering all aspects of life: rationing, evacuees, the blitz, grim headlines during Britain's darkest hour, ending in the euphoria of peace.

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