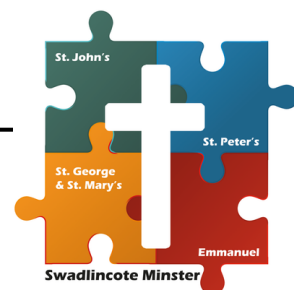


Hartshorne
St Peter's

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Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 26th July 2026

Today's Service

10:45 Morning Worship
with Rev Kara Gander



Today's Reading



Matthew 13: 31-33
and 44-52

A thought from Kara

What if Jesus's parables are less like safe Sunday school stories and more like a stand-up comedian listing off a hilarious, unexpected string of things that the Kingdom of God is "like"?

This Sunday, we are diving into five rapid-fire parables that completely flip our expectations of God's Kingdom on its head, using everything from invasive weeds to sketchy business deals. Come find out the punchline, and how these ancient stories hold wild, liberating secrets about how God actually operates

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.



Recycling for good causes

by Gwen Green

**Alzheimer's
Society**

Thank you to all of you, who have donated items for recycling via my collections.

The last parcel I sent off raised £70.31, which not a huge sum of money, helps to fund Alzheimer's research, and having sent off five parcels, assuming the average is similar, amounts to approximately £350.

By 2050 1.6 million people over the age of 70 years in the UK are expected to be living with dementia and over half of these are directly attributed to Alzheimer's disease. We need to keep collecting, so please ask your family and friends for any of the following items ...

Gold or Silver Jewellery --
Costume Jewellery
Watches -- Banknotes & coins
Stamps -- First Day Covers
Mobile Phones
Electronic gaming devices
Cameras -- iPod/MP3 players
Video Cameras -- Tablet Computers
Sat Navs

You're invited to Alive at Five

A time to pause
A time to pray
A time to connect with God

5pm for about an hour

Every other Sunday ... starting on 19 July
Gresley Church Community Centre

Everyone welcome!

Come as you are ...

Let's pray together ...



Church Calendar



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

Sunday 2nd August
10:45 Morning Worship
with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 9th August
10:45 Morning Worship
with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 16th August
10:45 Holy Communion
with Rev Kara Gander

Sunday 23rd August
10:45 Morning Worship
with Debbie Patrick



Rotas

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
July 26th	Jeff	Christine	Deb W
Aug 2nd	Sean	Friday HG	Maxine & Jane
Aug 9th	Emily	Nigel	Gwen
Aug 16th	Brian	Brian	Jeff
Aug 23rd	Sandra	Sean	Carol

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
July 26th	Christine G/Sean	Emily
Aug 2nd	Christine T	Jean
Aug 9th	Carol J	Jeff
Aug 16th	Christine T	Nathan
Aug 23rd	Carol J/Jeff	Jean

Burton Observer and Chronicle

Thursday, December 15, 1966

Accordion Orchestra in Hartshorne Church

Accompaniment at Christmas concert

Musical arrangements by Mr. H. A. Clark, L.R.A.M. A.R.C.O., Burton borough organist, will be used by the West Burton Piano Accordion School's junior orchestra when they take part in a Christmas concert at St Peter's Church, Hartshorne, tomorrow. In the Leicestershire Diocese accordion orchestras have been used successfully to lead the singing in churches and Mr. Clark is keen to see the experiment carried out locally. It is believed that St. Peter's will be the first church in the Derby diocese to try such a thing and it is possible that next year an attempt will be made to have an accordion ensemble leading the singing at an actual church service. The idea is not to do away with the organ, which is used as one of the instruments of the orchestra and for which solo passages can be scored

According to the Rev. B. M. N. Brown, Rector of Hartshorne, the Bishop of Leicester is keen on the experiment of using accordions to lead the congregation in singing. A member of the Hartshorne church. Mr. Derek Wallis, is also a member of the accordion orchestra which will be taking part in the concert. Another teenager from Hartshorne taking part will be Mr. Gary Homer, who is assistant organist at St. Peter's. Organist and choirmaster at St. Peter's is Mr. R. Smithard, who will be accompanied by Mr. Homer in one item. The accordion orchestra will be under the conductorship of Mr. R. L. Wildsmith. There will be opportunities for the congregation to join in well known hymns and carols. Programmes cost 3d. and proceeds are in aid of choir funds

N.B. I've been looking at local newspapers online recently and came across this interesting item. I didn't realise how forward looking we were back then. I don't know what the response was - I couldn't find any more articles about it. Jane