St Peter's Hartshorne

Weekly Newsletter

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Sunday 15th November 2026

Today's Service

10:45 Holy Communion
with Rev Kevin Lindsay-Smith



Today's Reading



Philippians 3

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

A Thought from Kev

As Paul reflects on what truly matters in the Christian life he recognises that achievements, reputation, traditions and self-confidence can never compare with the life-transforming value of knowing Jesus.
Like clearing out an overcrowded cupboard, we are invited to let go of the things we rely on instead of Christ. Paul uses the image of a race to encourage us to keep pressing forward, leaving the past behind and focusing on the journey ahead.
Our faith is rooted not in what we achieve, but in knowing Christ and the hope of transformation he promises.





Church Calendar



Sunday 22nd November
10:45 Morning Worship
with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 29th November
10:45 SDYFC Christmas Gift Card Service
with Nigel Worth and Debbie Patrick

Sunday 6th December
10:45 Morning Worship
with Rev Patrick Douglas

Sunday 13th December
10:45 Morning Worship
with Debbie Patrick

Sunday 13th December
4pm Carol Service
with Debbie and Sean



Resourcing Church Information Sessions

We have been holding Resourcing Church Information sessions on alternative Sunday evenings to keep people updated.

The next meeting is on **Sunday 15th November from 5pm at St George's Community Rooms, Church Gresley**

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	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
Nov 15th	Emily	Christine	Carol
Nov 22nd	Brian	Friday HG	Deb W
Nov 29th	Sandra	Paul	Maxine & Jane
Dec 6th	Paul	Nigel	Gwen
Dec 13th	Jeff	Brian	Jeff

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
Nov 15th	Carol J/Jeff	Jean
Nov 22nd	Christine G/Sean	Emily
Nov 29th	Christine T	Jean
Dec 6th	Carol J/Jeff	Jeff
Dec 13th	Christine T	Nathan

Cleaning		
Nov 22nd	Deb & Nige	Whole church
Nov 29th	Jeff	Main body
" "	Brian A	Sweeping porch
Dec 6th	Friday HG	Whole church, including brasses
Dec 13th	Brian Redfern	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
Dec 20th	Christine G	Main body, vestry & sweeping porch

Margaret's Guide to Serving After-Church Refreshments in a Civilised Manner

spotted on Facebook

Refreshments are an extension of our Christian hospitality. They should leave people feeling welcomed, restored and reasonably confident that their cup has been washed.

A few gentle reminders:

1. Tea requires boiling water. Water which was hot when the sermon began will no longer suffice. We are making tea, not encouraging a leaf to reminisce.

2. Allow the tea to brew. Briefly introducing a teabag to a large pot of water produces a beverage best described as a rumour.

3. Please ask before adding milk or sugar. "You look like a two-sugars person" is not an appropriate form of pastoral assessment.

4. Coffee drinkers are also welcome. Under a PCC resolution, and following our membership of something called "Fairtrade Church", only ethically traded tea and coffee will be served at St Faithful's. Decaffeinated coffee should also be available. Requests for lattes or cappuccinos will be passed to someone who has not yet spent twenty minutes arguing with the urn.

5. Biscuits should be arranged on a plate. Opening the packet at both ends is not "a more relaxed style of ministry", whatever the Rector says.

6. Please exercise restraint around the chocolate biscuits. Take one, then allow others their opportunity. Turning a second one upside down beneath a digestive does not render it invisible.

7. Visiting clergy receive the same refreshments as everyone else. There is no need to produce the concealed shortbread whenever a purple shirt appears. Some of us have been supporting this church for forty years.

8. Welcome newcomers before asking them to wash up. We want them to feel that they have found a spiritual home. The discovery that this includes kitchen duties can wait until their second visit.

9. Return cups to the kitchen. Please do not abandon them behind hymn books, on radiators or in the font. Mr Dobbs has begun photographing the evidence.

10. "Let me know if you need a hand" is a gracious offer. It becomes considerably more gracious if you remain in the building long enough to hear the reply.

Finally, please remember to thank those serving. They have missed the final hymn, endured the urn and listened to six separate opinions about the strength of the tea. Any suggestions for improving these arrangements should be accompanied by your name and three Sundays on which you are available. Standards are easier to maintain when everyone has some.

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