St Peter's Hartshorne

Weekly Newsletter

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Sunday 29th November 2026

Today's Service

10:45 Gift Service with Nigel Worth and Debbie Patrick

This Christmas, Swadlincote and District Youth for Christ will be providing gift cards and selection boxes for the young people they are working with.

Today's Readings

John 3:16,
Luke 2:1-11

A Thought from Nigel



Today is the First Sunday of Advent.
Advent marks the beginning of our journey towards Christmas.
It is a season of waiting, preparation, hope and expectation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
Traditionally, the first Sunday of Advent focuses on HOPE. As we light the first Advent candle, we remember God's promises and are reminded that, even in a world filled with uncertainty and darkness, we have a reason to hope.

Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ
Amen.



Santa Vacancy



I spotted this advertisement in a garden centre near Matlock and it made me smile!

Santa Requirements:

- A warm enthusiastic personality
- The ability to laugh in a jolly way - HO HO HO
- Exceptional communication skills
- Outstanding customer service
- Have stage presence and showmanship
- Attention to detail
- Greet children and adults courteously, creating a magical and memorable visit
- Listen patiently to Christmas wishes, ask what they want, and maintain an authentic, warm persona
- Hand out seasonal presents and work alongside helper elves
- Maintain an open and friendly posture for family photo opportunities
- Naturally cheerful, kind, gentle, and enthusiastic about the Christmas spirit
- Ability to sit for long periods, interact dynamically, and remain upbeat during peak holiday hours
- Formal acting or customer care experience is helpful

Bonus points if you look like the man himself!

Church Calendar



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

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

Sunday 20th December
4pm Carol Service
with Gresley Colliery Brass Band
led by Debbie and Sean

Christmas Eve 24th December
11.45pm Midnight Communion
with Rev Patrick Douglas

Christmas Day 25th December
10:00 Short Family Service
with Sean and Sandra O'Toole

Sunday 27th December
10:45 Joint Minster Holy Communion in the church hall
and/or walk to St Peter's Wood
with Rev Patrick Douglas and Nigel Worth
Warm up with a hot drink/soup afterwards

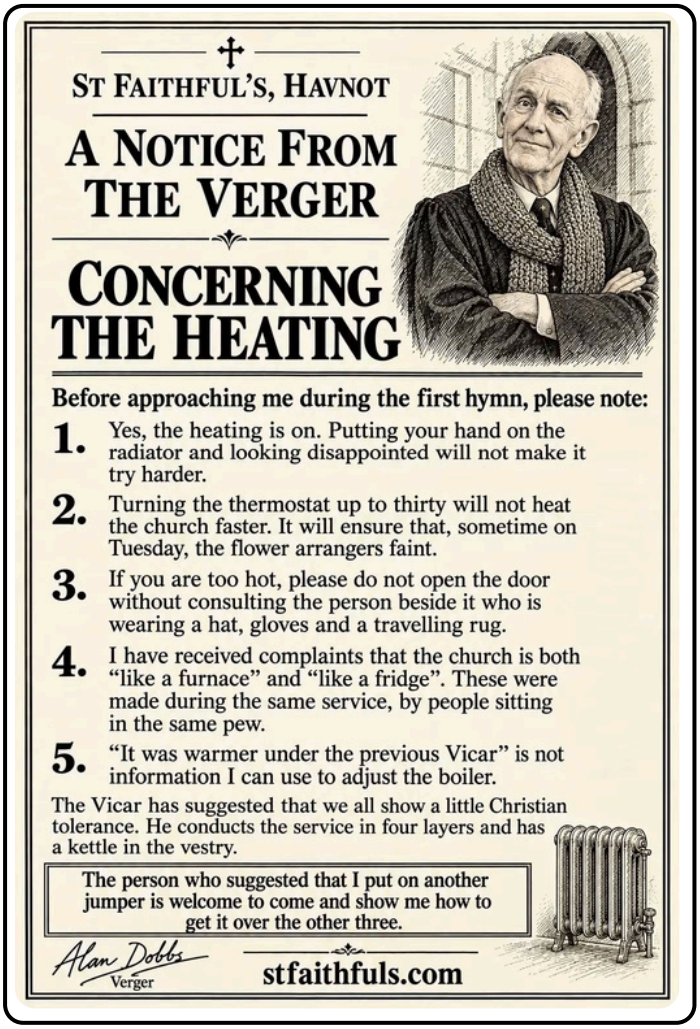


Rotas

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
Nov 29th	Sandra	Paul	Maxine & Jane
Dec 6th	Paul	Nigel	Gwen
Dec 13th	Jeff	Brian	Jeff
Dec 20th	CAROL	SERVICE	Carol + volunteers

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
Nov 29th	Christine T	Jean
Dec 6th	Carol J/Jeff	Jeff
Dec 13th	Christine T	Nathan
Dec 20th	Carol J/Jeff	Jean

Cleaning		
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
Dec 27th	Deb & Nige	Whole church



Meet Hope the Diocese of Derby Centenary Duck

In 2027, we'd love our Centenary Ducks to help tell the story of our Centenary year across the Diocese of Derby. Every church, school and community has its own story to tell.
Hope is here to help you share yours.
Why a duck?
Well, we are in Derbyshire, so "Ay up me duck!" feels like a pretty good place to start.
But there's a bit more thinking behind our Centenary Ducks too. We didn't want our Centenary to be about sending out dozens of mugs, tea towels and other commemorative items that might not be wanted or used. Instead, for the price of one printed mug, we wanted to give churches and schools something they could actually use to help tell the story of their Centenary year, while thinking carefully about sustainability and avoiding unnecessary items being produced.
Our Centenary Ducks are different. They are intended to be a storytelling tool. Take your duck to your events, activities, groups and celebrations. Make it the focus of a photograph and use it to capture what's happening without always needing people to be identifiable in the picture.