



ONE SWALLOW DOES NOT MAKE A SUMMER

A woodcut from the 1814 edition of Samuel Croxall's *The Fables of Aesop*

The fable is about a young man who spends all his money on gambling and luxurious living until he has only a cloak to keep off the weather. Seeing an unusually early swallow fly by, the man concludes that spring has come and sells his cloak so as to use the proceeds to mend his fortune with a last bet. Not only does he lose his money but cold weather closes in again. Finding the swallow frozen to death, the young man blames it for deceiving him.

Fortunately for each of us this is a fable. A fable is fictional story that features animals, mythical creatures, plants, or forces of nature that illustrates or leads to an interpretation of a moral lesson.

This summer I have observed many swallows crisscrossing the skies. The ease of flight and changes of direction in mid air as they moved to and fro, sniping insects out of the air, is always a pleasure and comfort to me.

These very birds are the same ones that I would watch each year in South Africa. They would mass on the overhead wires to begin their migration to the northern hemisphere. This process is reversed for us here in England as the same process is followed to return to the southern hemisphere each year.

I am finally seeing the fruit of my migration to the northern hemisphere take shape. For Sybil and I the summers over the past few years have always been times of change and moving into new purposes in God.

It was the summer of 2012 that we moved to Bristol to begin ordination training. The summer of 2014 saw us begin at Hartshill. The summer of 2015 sees us transition to St Mary's Atherstone.

We leave with fond memories and new friendships that will be a reminder to us of the faithfulness of God. Thank you all for your support, encouragement and friendship.

“Consider the birds of the air.....how much more will your heavenly Father provide for you”.

Love from Michael & Sybil.

Michael's Ordination



On Saturday 27 June, having served as deacon here at Holy Trinity for a year, Michael Brandsma was one of six new priests ordained at Coventry Cathedral. (see <http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/>)

In the words of the ordination service: "Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins."

SERVICES AND SEASONAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

2 nd August – 10am Holy Communion	9 th after Trinity / Proper 13	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
9 th August – 9am Holy Communion	10 th after Trinity / Proper 14	Psalm 34:1-8
16 th August - 10.00am Holy Communion	11 th after Trinity / Proper 15	John 6:51-58
23 rd August – 10.00am All Age Worship	12 th after Trinity / Proper 16	Psalm 84

***Sunday 30th August 10.30 am ***
5th Sunday – Joint Service at
St Peter's Galley Common
Followed by a Picnic
(please note there will not be a service at Hartshill this Sunday)

6 th September – 10.00am Holy Communion	14 th after Trinity / Proper 18	Psalm 146
13 th September – 9am Holy Communion	15 th after Trinity / Proper 19	Mark 8:27-38
20 th September - 10.00am Holy Communion	16 th after Trinity / Proper 20	Psalm 1
27 th September - 10.00am ALL AGE	HARVEST	Joel 2:21-27

What's On

Wednesday 19th August – 3.30 pm Messy Church
Prayer group takes place in Church every Tuesday
Children' groups take place on 1st and 3rd Sundays
Trinity Tots every Monday during term time 1pm
Over 50s group every Wednesday 1pm – 3pm
Saturday 26th September - 6pm Harvest Supper. Admission by ticket.



July at St Anne's was a busy month with Fr Stephen Day returning for his formal farewell and Fr Simon Stephens officially being inducted into his new(ish) role at the church. Do pray for them both in their ministries.

June and July was also a busy month for Michael – being priested, celebrating his first communions at 3 different churches and then preparing to move on as he will now spend most of his time at St Mary's Atherstone. Do keep praying for Michael and Sybil.

Then there are the Society of Friends – who generously host us for many different meetings and services. As a church they believe in the leadership of all and so do not have formal ministers...but do pray for those who hold specific leadership responsibilities as they serve the church and community.

This summer do pray for us a group of churches that we can continue in fellowship and friendship as well as ministry and mission for...

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity...for there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.” (Psalm 133) God Bless, Heather <><

p.s. Things take a little break over the summer for our services programme but dates to look forward to include another Beetle Drive September 9th at 7pm at the Quaker Church.



**All are
welcome**

Our dates for the next few sessions are:

**Come along for fun, crafts,
food and a little mess!!!**

Dates for 2015

Wednesdays at the usual time of 3.30pm – 5.30pm

August 19th – Summer Games

September 16th – Harvest

October 21st – Light

November 18th - Remember

***** At Hartshill Community Centre ***
(next to Holy Trinity Church, Church Road)**

**All ages Welcome for
Food, fun, crafts and friendship**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Cost? Free – but donations are welcomed.**

Hope to see you there!

Praying for our Parish in August

For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
(Jeremiah 29:11)

1	Thank you Lord that the Bible includes mess as well as miracles when it tells stories of faith.
2	Lord, help me to follow You, wherever You lead today. I am available.
3	The old hymns says, 'Count your blessings, name them one by one'. Take a few minutes to count some of yours and thank God for them.
4	Lord, help me to be a worshipper when I least feel like it, to bring to You, faithfully, the sacrifices of my praise.
5	Lord, help me to remember those who are not as fortunate as myself and to do what I can to help them.
6	Father God, when my mindset is being shaped by my culture more than by You, renew my mind again by Your Spirit.
7	Lord Jesus, You know temptation. When I am tempted, help me to see through deceptive excuses and choose with clarity and steadfastness.
8	Lord, when I am tempted to think that my life is my own, help me to remember that what I do affects others.
9	Is there a situation that you once prayed to God about and have now given up on? Is it time to ask again?
10	Knowing that I will reap what I sow, help me to sow good seeds into my life, Lord.
11	Thank You, Lord Jesus, for bearing the crushing burden of my sins, allowing me to receive such amazing grace.
12	When I do well, help me to remember the source of my success, and walk in humility before You.
13	Lord, bless those are lonely. Place them in communities of love.
14	Thank You, Father, that I am part of Your big plan.
15	Father, when all seems chaotic and painful in the world, help me to remember: You win.
16	Father, when I find myself in conflict, help me to disagree peaceably, with a heart that is open to persuasion.

17	Loving Father, in the busyness and demands of life today, help me to notice.
18	You love all, Lord, including those I find difficult to love. Use me to show love in unlikely places today.
19	Lord, may I learn to keep going, even when I am tempted to give up. We pray especially today for Messy Church – those who lead and those who attend.
20	May I not just serve You today, Lord, but walk with You by faith.
21	Lord, You have called me into a partnership of prayer. Help me to pray, not out of duty, but with hope and expectation.
22	Thank you, rescuing God, for salvation for sinners, we were lost, but You came in Christ to find us.
23	Lord, bless those who long for children, partners or friends. We especially think of the Darlison and Whittaker families today whose youngsters are being baptised today.
24	Lord, help me to be intentional about my faith, disciplined when temptation comes, and eager to respond to Your voice.
25	Lord, help me to learn, especially from my mistakes.
26	Lord, with You, all things are possible. Help me to hold to that truth today.
27	Lord, You have called me into Your light, and to live as a light. May my life shine today, pointing others to You.
28	Loving God, may my choices today bring blessing and strength, not weakness and hurt.
29	Loving God, it is such a privilege to serve You. Help me to remember this when serving seems wearisome.
30	Jesus, You are the way. Help me to live today in the confidence of that absolute truth. May our joint service with Galley Common be a time of tremendous fellowship in Your name.
31	Holy Spirit, fill me, empower me, and lead me today. Produce good fruit in my life, for the glory of God.

Amen

This month's prayers were chosen by Diane.



CHRISTIAN CHARITY NEWS

CHINTOWA DEVELOPMENT TRUST

This is a small charity set up by a local North Warwickshire couple, Brian and Margaret Ingram. The primary function of the charity is the care of orphans and other poor children and their families within the villages of Chintowa, Mpani, Njolo and Majiga which are located approximately 50 miles west of the capital Lilongwe, Malawi in Africa. The charity has been in existence for 13 years.

All volunteers are unpaid, no expenses paid and visits to Chintowa are also paid for by the people themselves; so all donated money is for the charity.

The charity raised funds to build a primary school and they trained local people in brick making and construction; so that the local people could build their own school and this has also given them skills which they have been able to use in their villages. The Trust has provided 4 wells to give safe drinking water - something we tend to take for granted when we turn our taps on; but many people around the world still die from drinking unsafe water from local rivers etc. They have also given mosquito nets for families and medical and health aids to the local medical centre.

The Trust run a "sponsor an orphan" scheme. They do not have an orphanage, but the children are taken in by other families in the villages and the Trust pay for school books, stationery items, clothing and some food for the whole family. Most orphans are

sponsored by people in the UK, who donate £5 each month. Each child has 2 sponsors which is enough to cover the above mentioned items and pay the education fees if the child goes on to secondary school. Houses are built for the teachers with a small plot of land to grow maize crops etc. This year Malawi has had terrible floods which ruined the crops of many of the villagers on lower ground; but the teachers' crops (on higher ground) did well and they were able to share with the villagers. Even so; plans for an extension to the school had to be put on hold; as the money planned for that needed to be used for a feeding programme due to the crop failure. At one point 800 people were being fed, but that number has halved by now.

In October, a container is sent out to Malawi, full of donated items including education supplies, Christmas shoe boxes filled with gifts for the children, clothing, blankets, sewing machines and tools. Donations of items (or money, either a one-off gift or a regular contribution) are always welcome. Margaret and Brian also give talks to groups about their work; so if you'd like to arrange a speaker, give a donation or a shoe box for the container, or to sponsor an orphan give them a call on 01827 704858 or come along to meet them informally at a coffee morning held by the charity at Nuneaton Methodist Church (ex. St. John's) in Abbey Street, Nuneaton on Wednesday, 19th August between 9.30am - 12 noon.

For those with computers, there is an excellent website <http://www.chinthowa.org.uk/> where you can see some lovely photographs of the many children and village pictures.

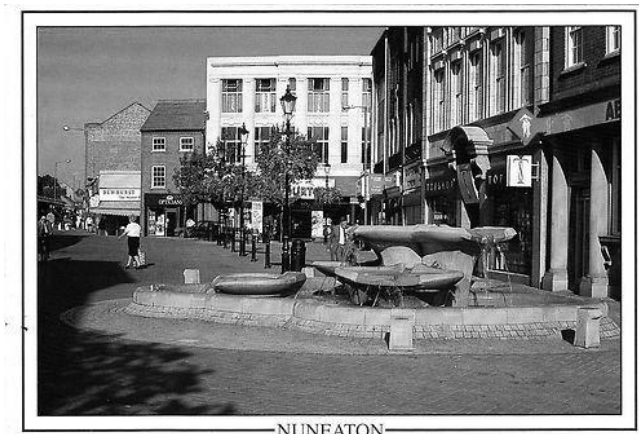
Lynda Kelly



Anecdotes From The Past

As part of my studies in local and family history I often come across interesting books and articles which may have a broader appeal. For those of you with ancestors from the Nuneaton/North Warwickshire area, I hope it may spark an interest, and who knows you may even start your own research and voyage of discovery. (Please note that the below are recorded directly from the minutes of the day in their own words and spellings.) And so we begin.....

How many readers know that Nuneaton once had its own market cross. Well it did, that is until it was pulled down on 19th January 1810.



Postcard of water feature which is said to be in the same position as the old Market Cross which was demolished in 1810.

Apparently it had been in a ruinous state for several years, and the Lord of the Manor had refused to repair it. An application was made by the

Parish to take it down, and any proceeds arising from the sale, they received for their trouble and expense. The subsequent sale raised the following:-

The wood sold for £2

The stone sold for £5

The bell, which was cracked and was made in Leicester in 1707, was sold for £5.

Total £12

Now on to sport. Perhaps the most commonly recorded sport in the early to mid 19th century was boxing or fighting. Please bear in mind this was not the highly regulated event that we now witness, rather take a look at the description of a fight occurring on 28th October 1823.

Payne alias Jupiter and Johney Mallabone, fought a well contested Battle for £50 a side. After 15 hard fought rounds Jupiter gave in. This battle took place in Clark's ground Coton, a mile on the Coventry Road. It was estimated that about 7,000 people attended and about 600 horsemen. The figure of 7,000 is even more remarkable when we consider the recorded population, just three years later.

	Houses	Inhabitants
Nuneaton	993	4,325
Stockingford	289	1,352
Attleborough	210	933
Total		6,610

It may also come as somewhat of a surprise to learn that Nuneaton established its first Cricket Society as early as 1812. It raised such an

interest that they even recorded that the bats and wickets were purchased by the Hon. Thos Bowes of Caldecote.

At appears that drink driving, or in the following case drink riding is not a recent problem. Take the example of the tragic accident which occurred on 25th February 1822, when a coachman of Applewhite Esquire, of Lindley Hall, mounted of a fine horse belonging to the Master, galloped along Market Place and entered the Butchers Shop of Mr L. Astley, throwing the rider against the ground. A boy standing near was thrown to the ground and was so much hurt that but little hopes were entertained of his long surviving. The animal was nearly blind and was thrown with great violence on the floor breaking the shop doors to pieces with which he came in contact. The horse died ab't ½ an hour later. It appeared that the man was intoxicated. The horse was worth ab't 60 guineas. The boy survived.

What is clearly evident from the above extract is that the fine horse is of greater importance than either the shop or indeed the boy, the latter not even being named.

On the occasion of the inquest held on 2nd Sept 1822 into the death of a man found dead in Mr E. Thurman's stable, it would have been interesting to know the circumstances and the coroners thought process. Why? Well the verdict was listed as "Visitation from".

Perhaps though I should finish on a lighter note, when later that year on 26th June, Mr Green the aeronaut ascended at ab't 6 o'clock in the evening, accompanied by a Gentleman, (Mr. Brooks Attorney). They descended at Willoughby. They had been in the air for ab't 50 minutes and returned to Coventry by ab't 10 the same evening. The day was cloudy, yet it was seen from here for some time. Many went to Tuttle Hill from whence they saw nearly the whole voyage.

Shaun Albrighton

On This Day In History

<p>August 1st 1944</p>	<p>Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.</p>
<p>August 3rd 1492</p>	<p>Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.</p>
<p>August 15th 1914</p>	<p>The Panama Canal was officially opened, finally joining the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans after 34 years of construction. Originally begun in 1880 by the French and then taken over by the United States in 1903, the building of the canal was one of the most difficult engineering projects ever undertaken. Nearly 30,000 workmen are thought to have died during the construction, mostly as a result of malaria, yellow fever or landslides.</p> <p>Panama is now responsible for the administration and upkeep of the canal, which is 80 kilometres long and takes around 8 hours for a ship to pass through. Swimming the entire length of the canal has been popular – the first people to swim its entire length were J.R. Bingaman and James Wendell Green, two Panama Canal employees who started out just a week after the canal opened. They only swam on Sundays and after work on weekdays (as they were still busy working) and took 26 hours, 34 minutes to complete.</p>
<p>August 13th 1961</p>	<p>Berliners awoke to find that, during the night, their city had been divided by a barbed wire and cinder block wall. Construction of the wall had started at midnight and the army and police worked throughout the night to ensure the border separating West Berlin from East Berlin and the rest of East Germany was shut by morning.</p> <p>Border guards were given permission to shoot people trying to cross the wall, which was built to stop East Germans, who were increasingly disillusioned with communism, from escaping to the West. Once the wall was built, no-one could cross, not even the 60,000 people who had been commuting to work between</p>

	<p>one half of the city and the other. In 1965 a concrete wall was erected – by 1975, this had been widened and reinforced with mesh fencing, trenches, bunkers, barbed wire and over 300 watchtowers.</p>
<p>August 27th 1883</p>	<p>The rumbling volcano of Krakatoa in south western Indonesia erupted, destroying most of the island. When it finally exploded, Krakatoa spewed out more than 25 cubic km of rock, ash and pumice in one of the most violent volcanic events of all time. The official death toll was 36,417, with many more injured, mostly by the resulting tsunamis.</p> <p>The explosion was reportedly heard on Rodriguez Island near Mauritius, 4653 km away, and has been described as the loudest sound historically recorded. Scientists estimate it reached 170-190 decibels – which would mean that even if you were 160 kilometres away from the explosion, the noise would be so loud that you wouldn't hear someone shouting directly in your ear.</p>
<p>August 27th 1900</p>	<p>Britain's first long distance bus service began between London and Leeds. The journey time being 2 days!</p>
<p>August 31st 1900</p>	<p>Coca Cola was sold for the first time in Britain.</p>
<p>August 1588</p>	<p>Spain's "invincible fleet" that was trying to invade and conquer England was defeated by an English fleet led by Admiral Charles Howard and Vice-Admiral Francis Drake. At the time, Spain was under the reign of King Philip II, who had been England's King Consort until 1558 when his wife Mary I died, and who wanted to overthrow her sister, Queen Elizabeth I. The Spanish fleet was the largest of its age - more than 130 ships with over 30,000 soldiers on board. Warned of the incoming enemy by a series of beacons along the south coast of England, the English sent fireships into the Spanish fleet before engaging in a huge battle at Gravelines, off the north coast of France. The Spanish tried to retreat but were boxed in by the English, forcing them out towards the Irish coast, where a series of heavy storms destroyed much of the fleet.</p>

Lemon Cake Recipe

<p>Ingredients Cake 4oz Stork SB margarine at room temperature 4oz castor sugar 2 large eggs Zest and 25ml juice of a freshly squeezed lemon 4oz self-raising Flour - sieved</p>	<p>Method Cake</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preheat oven to gas mark 4/180 degrees C/ 350 degrees F. Grease and line 2x7in round sandwich cake tins 2. Beat together margarine and sugar until soft and fluffy - in mixer is best 3. Add eggs very gradually beating to mix thoroughly 4. Add lemon zest and 25 ml lemon juice 5. Gradually blend in flour using figures of 8 movements with a metal spoon. 6. When thoroughly mixed, divide mixture between the sandwich tins 7. Bake for 20-25 minutes 8. Leave to cool on wire rack
<p>Ingredients Filling 2oz of salted butter at room temperature 4oz icing sugar 20 ml juice of a freshly squeezed lemon Very tiny amount of milk 2-3 tablespoons lemon curd</p>	<p>Method Filling Beat butter until soft, add the icing sugar and lemon juice and mix with a wooden spoon, add a little milk then beat in the mixer until light and fluffy. Sandwich the cake together with the filling and the lemon curd</p>
<p>Ingredients Topping 2-3 dessertspoons icing sugar Some of the remaining freshly squeezed lemon juice</p>	<p>Method Topping Mix the icing sugar and lemon juice to form a runny icing and pour or spoon over the cake. Leave to set</p>

WORDSEARCH



On 3rd JULY the Church remembers St THOMAS, also called DOUBTING Thomas, because he would not believe his fellow disciples' news of the RESURRECTION. But 'DOUBT' did not mean that Thomas did not LOVE JESUS! Only a few weeks before, Thomas had urged his fellow disciples to FOLLOW Jesus to see LAZARUS in BETHANYy, despite DANGER from the JEWS. "Let us also go, that we may DIE with him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to LIFE. Thomas was sometimes very CONFUSED about just where Jesus was headed. But in John 14:5 Jesus untangled his confused commitment: "I am GOING to my FATHER", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me." Finally, after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Thomas, showing him the WOUNDS of his CRUCIFIXION. Thomas was electrified, and his RESPONSE IMMEDIATE: "My

LORD and my GOD” (John 20.26ff). Thus Doubting Thomas’ HONEST doubts, turned to honest FAITH, have become a REASSURANCE for thousands of people down the centuries.

(See page 18 for answers.)



2nd August

Church Flowers
For Mrs A. Taylor

Church Flower Sponsorship

I think we all agree that the flowers in church are always a picture and thanks go to Jan and her team for decorating the church so beautifully. However, effective displays inevitably cost and contributions are always welcome. Please do consider sponsoring the altar flowers, perhaps in memory of someone you love. A number of dates are available. For details, see Jan or telephone her on 02476395467.

LIBRARY



Hartshill Community Library

Tuesday 10am to 2pm

Wednesday 2pm to 4pm

Thursday 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday 10am to Midday

Saturday 10am to Midday

The following sessions are also held in the library:

Family History Group Mondays 1pm to 3pm

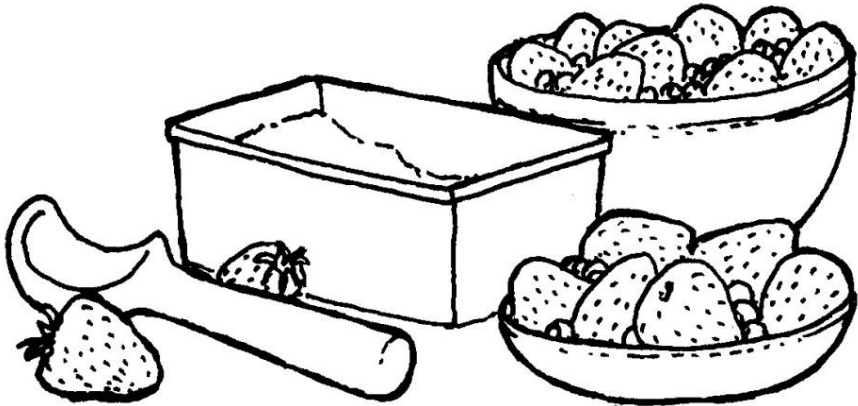
Book Club Tuesday 10.30am

IT Support Sessions Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm

Answers to
wordsearch on
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To Colour



Useful Websites

Holy Trinity Church	http://holytrinity.avexi.co.uk/
Hartshill Mothers' Union	http://www.little-blue-boat.co.uk/mu/
St Peter's Church Galley Common	http://www.stpetersgalleycommon.com/
Holy Trinity Church Facebook Group	https://www.facebook.com/groups/holytrinityhartshill/
St Peter's Church, Galley Common Facebook Group	https://www.facebook.com/groups/122940111240893/
Hartshill Community Centre, Library and Hub	http://www.hartshillcommunitycentre.co.uk/
Nuneaton Deanery	http://www.therogersfamily1.webspace.virginmedia.com/Nuneaton%20Deanery.html

From the Editor

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the magazine this month. If any of you, readers, have anything you would like to share with other readers of the magazine, please email it to me at susan.foster@bcs.org or talk to me. Also, if you have any suggestions on things you would like to be included in the magazine, please let me know. I would like all contributions for the next magazine by the second Sunday of the month please. Thanking you in anticipation, Sue.



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