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Looking Forward

Advent is a time of preparation; it is the beginning of a new church year and a time when we look forward, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time.

We look forward with hope, to the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ. These days there doesn't seem much to look forward to if you believe the newspaper headlines. Coronavirus is obviously on everyone's mind. And for those who are made redundant or at risk of losing their job or even their home, looking forward may not bring much comfort. But that is what Jesus' arrival signalled all those years ago. Hope can come from the most unexpected places. The Old Testament prophets said a King would be born, the saviour of the world. Everyone expected a great leader but one who would lead an uprising against the oppressive regime that was the Roman empire. What people didn't expect was for the king to be born in a stable to a lowly carpenter and his wife. It is easy to get downhearted when bad news is all around but the message Jesus taught us was not to put our faith in material things or to be distracted by today's latest trend or fashion but to put our trust in God.

And a New Year is also just around the corner, seen by many as a new start, a fresh beginning. So, as we are all running around getting ready for the big day this year and deciding what resolution to make for 2022, I would urge everyone to set aside some time, time for prayer and time to contemplate that wonderful event that happened over two thousand years ago. Think about the

hope that Jesus brought to the world, a hope that is still real and alive today. A hope for this year, for next year, a hope for every year. Thank God for all that he provides for us and thank him for his love for us which is constant and ever present. And if you do get a gift or two to open on Christmas day then remember to say ‘thank you’ both to the giver and to the God who provides for all.

Have a Happy Christmas and a New Year filled with hope.

Nick (Miles)

From the Editor

There has been no printed magazine since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020.

I know that many of you have received an email version of the magazine and I hope it has given you some comfort and connection during these strange times. All of those electronic editions are still available at <https://hartshillmu.uk/churchmagazines.html>

All subscribers should be receiving their magazines next year. However, some subscribers have told me that they would prefer to receive an electronic copy, rather than a paper copy. If you are a subscriber and you don't wish to receive a paper copy, please email me and I will email the magazine to you instead.

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to this magazine, If anybody has anything they would like to share with readers of the magazine, please email it to me at mu@susanmfoster.co.uk. The deadline for articles for the February magazine is 24th January.

Prayers and Readings for December

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| 1
Wed | John 1:
1-5 | We pray for peace. At this time of peace, hope, joy and love we pray for those who are lost and lonely. May we bring peace to your communities as we celebrate this advent season. |
| 2 | Isaiah 9:
2-7 | We pray for the staff and pupils of Michael Drayton School. |
| 3 | Isaiah
11: 1-10 | We pray for the police, ambulance, fire and coastal services. |
| 4 | Jeremiah
33 14-16 | We pray for the Community Craft and Church fayre and the wreath display. May you bestow fun on the day. |
| 5
Sunday | Luke 1
5-10 | We pray for Joy, in our lives and other peoples. |
| 6 | Luke 1
11-17 | We pray for Heather, the Church Wardens, the PCC, Lay readers and all involved in the Church. |
| 7 | Luke 1
18-25 | We pray for all children in the uniform groups. |
| 8 | Luke 1
26-38 | We pray for the members of the Over 50s group. |
| 9 | Mathew
1 18-21 | We pray for doctors, nurses, and the wider medical communities. |
| 10 | Mathew
1 22-26 | We pray for the Community of Linden Grange |

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| 11 | Luke 1
39-45 | We pray for the Community of Oldbury Grange |
| 12
Sunday | Luke 1
46-56 | We pray for Love, may the message this Christmas be one of love. |
| 13 | Luke 2
1-5 | We pray for the staff and pupils of Nathaniel Newton School. |
| 14 | Luke 2
6-7 | We pray for refugees and people displaced through natural disasters. |
| 15 | Luke 2 8-
12 | We pray for the Messy Christmas, for fun and joy |
| 16 | Luke 2
13-14 | We pray for the staff and pupils of Hartshill School. |
| 17 | Luke 2
15-18 | We pray for Michael Drayton School Christmas Assembly. |
| 18 | Luke 2
19-20 | We pray for the Community at The Stables |
| 19
Sunday | Micah 5
2-5 | We pray for grace and hope in our lives. |
| 20 | Mathew
2 1-2 | We pray for the beauty of the world. |
| 21 | Mathew
2 3-6 | We pray for the homeless and those fleeing conflict. |
| 22 | Mathew
2 7-8 | At this time of shopping, we pray for all people in the retail business. Give them strength. |

- 23 Mathew We pray for those travelling to visit friends and
2 9-12 family.
- 24 John1 14 We pray for the Christingle Service, that the
message of Christmas will be spread throughout
the world.
- 25 Luke 2 On this Christmas day we pray for the Birth of
1-4 Jesus, the Saviour of the World.
- 26 Luke 2 We pray for peace in our hearts this Christmas
Sunday 21-51 and we think of the many people who are lonely,
isolated or are finding it difficult at this time.
- 27 Galatians We pray for all those who suffer with cancer,
4 heart attack, stroke and other medical
conditions. Be with them when they are in pain
and suffering.
- 28 Psalm We pray for marriage and relationships.
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- 29 Psalm We pray for the Government, both local and
146 national.
- 30 Psalm We pray for those who suffered loss and
147 bereavement this year, may you comfort and
support them in the future.
- 31 Psalm We pray for the new year, the hope, the joy, the
150 peace and the love that God will bring in the
coming year!

Prayers and Readings for January

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| 1 | 2 Corinthians
5:17 | We pray for a new creation, both in our lives and the world. |
| 2
Sunday | Jeremiah
29:11 | We pray for the future, give us willing hearts and minds to hear your word and have the courage to follow your plans. |
| 3 | Isaiah 43: 18-
19 | We pray for new options and hope for the future. |
| 4 | Ephesians
4:22-24 | We pray for a new attitude of our minds; to put on a new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. |
| 5 | Lamentations
3:22-24 | We pray for all those who suffer with cancer, heart attack, stroke and other long-term medical conditions. We give thanks for their recovery. |
| 6 | 1 Peter 1:3 | We give thanks for the beauty of Hartshill Hayes, and pray for the staff and visitors that they find peace and enjoyment in their surroundings. |
| 7 | Ezekiel36:26 | We pray for people who live in Victoria Road, School Hill and Church Road. |
| 8 | Philippians
3:13-14 | We pray for the builders working on the new "Chancery Lane Surgery" in Church Road. |
| 9
Sunday | Matthew 7:7-
8 | We pray for those who feel lost, sad or depressed. |
| 10 | Acts 3:19-20 | We pray for the PCC as they meet tonight, may the decisions and policies be always pleasing in your sight. |

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| 11 | Isaiah 40:31 | May we be custodian of your world, using resources wisely, trying to recycle and re-use more. |
| 12 | Proverbs 3:5-6 | We pray for the Deanery Confirmation Service today. |
| 13 | Malachi 4:2 | We pray for the schools in our area |
| 14 | Isaiah 65:17 | We pray for our community, may we work together to make a better world. |
| 15 | Ecclesiastes 3:11 | We give thanks for the beauty of the world and pray for the conservation of wild animals and plants. |
| 16
Sunday | 2 Chronicles 3:9-10 | We give thanks for the members of our Emergency Services and pray for their wellbeing and safety. |
| 17 | Colossians 3:9-10 | We pray that we are true to ourselves and have compassion for others . |
| 18 | Psalm 73:25-26 | We pray for the Diocesan initiative, The Saints, Newdegate Street in Nuneaton. We give thanks for friendship and fellowship. |
| 19 | Psalm 23:1-3 | We pray for people who are experiencing difficulties with their personal finances. |
| 20 | Romans 12:2 | We pray for the people for who live in Atherstone Road, Moor Road and Hillside. |
| 21 | Romans 6:3-4 | We pray for trust in God, that we will lean on you. |

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| 22 | John 10:10 | We pray for the residents of Nursing and Care Homes in our area. |
| 23 | Isaiah 41:13 | We pray for our friends and family. |
| Sunday | | |
| 24 | Philippians 4:6-7 | We pray for the people who live in Oldbury Road and on the Randle's estate and Charnwood estate. |
| 25 | Proverbs 16:9 | We pray for people who are ill and those receiving care in their own homes |
| 26 | Isaiah 60:1-2 | We pray for the residents of Church Close, Castle Road, and Grange Road. |
| 27 | Psalms 40:1-3 | We pray for all those who suffer with cancer, heart attack, stroke and other medical conditions. Be with them when they are in pain and suffering. |
| 28 | Galatians 6:14-16 | We pray for marriage and relationships. |
| 29 | Psalms 98:1-3 | We pray for the homeless and those fleeing conflict. |
| 30 | John 3:16-17 | Pray today for inner peace, peace in our local communities and, peace in the wider community. |
| Sunday | | |
| 31 | Revelation 21:4-5 | May we deepen your understanding of your word and respond to your will. |

Prayers by Rachel Burgess



Have you heard of Saints in Nuneaton?

Saints is located on the ground floor of the former Conservative Club in Bondgate, Newdegate Street, Nuneaton.

Many older people will remember attending dances or dance classes at the St George's Hall on the top floor of the building. Younger people may well have attended a nightclub in more recent years.

The building was taken over by a project called "Together for Change" under the umbrella of Coventry Diocese. Jet Jones, Transformation Officer has overseen extensive renovation work so far and more is planned for the first floor and the basement.

The ground floor re opened from 9th November to provide a café area, a drop in play area, and a meeting room which can be hired.

The cafe is open between **9.30am and 2.30pm** from **Tuesday to Saturday** and provides opportunity to have light refreshments and perhaps purchase an unusual gift from the extensive display of

“Fairtrade” items and other Charity items on sale. *A perfect opportunity to get Christmas gifts or buy your cards to support these Charities.*

There is also a “Safe student lounge” to provide access to laptops on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

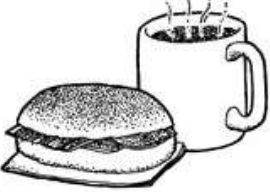
It is also planned to have twice monthly “Market stalls” to enable local crafters/ new business operators to sell their goods.

A knitting Circle also operates some days and there will be exciting opportunities to explore Art, craft and literature sessions.

Why not call in for a coffee and cake or a light snack whilst in town and check it out for yourself? Rachel and myself did so last week and we would definitely recommend the experience.

Sheila Hinds and Rachel Burgess

Hartshill Community Cafe



Open Tuesday
11:30am – 1:30pm
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good company*

But please note that we
are closed on

7th December
28th December
4th January

Maria's Message

Hello Everyone,

We have reached that special time of year again and hasn't the year gone quick! Despite covid we have come through it one way or another and we can feel blessed to be able to celebrate this wonderful gift of Christmas once again.

Although every year is different, many traditions stay the same and we all have our own favourite things that we do. I get so excited, even the age I am, when I put the Christmas tree up on 1st December (always accompanied by Christmas music and mince pies!!) Christmas begins then for me and I still look forward to my advent calendar!

Every year, we have the chance to reflect on exactly what Christmas means to us. The celebrations and presents are wonderful, but keeping Christ in the forefront of Christmas is the main essential. The word Xmas to me represents the materialistic side of the season but when we put Christ first in CHRISTMAS it takes on a whole new meaning.

This poem reflects the wonderful gift we celebrate each year and is the start of our journey into a whole New Year where we have the chance to ask God to enter it with us...

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

Christmas comes just once a year and many things stay the same:
Advent Calendars, Christmas trees, lots of shopping (just a few to name)

But what does Christmas mean to us? is the question we must ask
Do we look forward to it all year round, or is it a tiring task?

The answer to this question lies deep in our heart, all we have to do is ponder...

Is Christmas just a time for lots of fun, or is it a time of great wonder?

The story of a baby being born to save us is very hard for us to understand

Our minds cannot grasp this amazing tale, but all we have to do is ask...

Do we want to struggle alone on this very hard path called life?
Or accept the Christmas story of love that happened that first Christmas night?

Love came down at Christmas, as a baby God arrived on the earth
He became one of us, to know how we feel, as a human trying to find our worth

God understands us, we can ask him for help, when we can't cope he is there
When life is that hard we don't know the way and we keep thinking life isn't fair

Knowing we can bravely turn to him and ask for help is what can get us through
Accepting the peace and strength he offers is all he asks us to do

So let's ask ourselves this Christmas - amongst all the giving and receiving
Will we just enjoy the familiar traditional, or accept its deeper meaning?

Christmas will always come, in this messy life it will always find us
So let's remember that God, because of Christmas, is always beside us

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful, Healthy, Happy New Year.

God Bless
Maria xx



caring for people, resourcing development
run by volunteers both in the UK and overseas



Like many charities, this one started in a very small way. In 1982, Christian couple Guildford and Jean Tompkins sent one box of relief items to impoverished Ghanaian students. Letters of appreciation and pleas for more help motivated Mr. Tompkins to ask other like minded people to assist him. The charity is based in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, but also has a local connection that older church members may remember from many years ago, when the then United Council of Churches of Chapel End and Hartshill was a vibrant body and our Methodist and URC church friends would collect for CART and then travel up to Yorkshire to deliver the goods from time to time.

As is usual with small charities, CART quickly grew and the small warehouse was soon too small to house the donations; so in the year 2000 a larger warehouse was purchased due to generous donations. All of CART's volunteers (over 100) are unpaid and hundreds more support the charity financially.

The charity runs a shop, where donations not suited to African needs directly are sold and the money pays for a container to take much needed goods out to various places in Africa and also to purchase items needed. Suitable donations are sent in the container, which may be clothes for orphans in Malawi, books for children's education, toys for children who have none, knitted blankets to relocated families, food parcels for families where the crops have failed due to drought or flooding, medical items to the newly opened medical aid centre in

Uganda, bicycles and wheelchairs to get people (and goods) around and the list goes on.

CART also supports sustainable projects that have a lasting impact. Some of these are funding educational sponsorship programmes in Kenya, Cameroon and Malawi, warm cots for premature babies in Tanzania, fruit tree planting and maize and bean planting, borehole digging and borehole repairs; micro-financing project in Ghana, orphan care centre in Malawi and vocational training with equipment, for a few examples.

It has come a long way from that first box of relief items sent in 1982. Amazing, how one couple's compassion and action in sending that first box has grown into what it is today, but we have seen this happen so many times haven't we? One or two people taking that first small step. Maybe God has put something on our heart and is waiting for us to take that first small step.

Contact details for CART is:- Christian African Relief Trust, P.O. Box 554, Huddersfield, HD1 9ZQ, West Yorkshire. Tel: 01484 461800

Lynda Kelly



I took this photograph of our Altar last Sunday (Advent Sunday) because it looked beautiful.

Sue

Hartshill's Christmas Craft Fayre
And
Wreath Display
Saturday 4th December

Craft Fayre at the Community Centre 2pm-6pm with Refreshments

Wreath Display at Hartshill Holy Trinity Church 2pm-5.30pm

Santas Elves will be checking the Naughty or Nice list 2pm-4pm

Children Bring your letters for Santa!!

Brass Quintet playing Christmassy music 4.45pm-5.45pm

Paige's Pitstop will be serving Hot Roast Pork Batches 4pm-6pm



Sharon's Recipe for December - Paprika Turkey - Serves 4

Ingredients

1 large onion, chopped
1 green pepper, seeded and chopped
25g butter
10ml oil
15ml flour
22.5ml paprika
15ml tomato puree
5ml sugar
300ml vegetable or chicken stock
Salt and freshly ground pepper
350g cooked turkey, cut into bite-sized pieces
150g natural yogurt
225g of dried noodles to serve



Method

1. Fry the onion and pepper in the butter and oil until pale gold and soft
2. Remove from the heat and stir in the flour, paprika, tomato puree and sugar
3. Gradually blend in stock and seasoning.
4. Return to the heat and cook gently until the sauce boils and thickens
5. In a separate pan, prepare the noodles according to packet instructions
6. Cover the sauce with a lid and simmer gently for 15 minutes
7. Add turkey to sauce and stir then add the yoghurt
8. Heat through for 5 minutes without boiling, just simmering to ensure turkey is thoroughly reheated and is safe to eat
9. Serve with the noodles.

Sharon's Recipe for January - Plum & Cherry Bread and Butter Pudding - Serves 6

Equipment

20x27cm ovenproof dish, lightly buttered

Ingredients

8 slices (approx. 250g brioche)
3 plums, stones removed, sliced
2 nectarines, stones removed, sliced
50g raspberries
15g pistachios, chopped
120g cherry jam
600 ml full fat milk
2 eggs, lightly beaten
30g caster sugar
2tsp vanilla bean paste or essence
Icing sugar to serve



Method

- Heat the oven to 180 degrees C / Gas 4. Spread the sliced brioche with the jam, tear it up and place in the dish. Arrange all the fruit and nuts on top.
- Mix the milk, eggs, caster sugar and vanilla paste/essence together and pour over the brioche and fruit
- Bake for 30 minutes
- Cool for 5 minutes then sift a little icing sugar over before serving.

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customers and the entire village of
Hartshill.*

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running Hartshill Post Office & News
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all very much.*

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

*From Manu, Usha, Vitesh and
Vithlani family.*

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