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Remembering the One

We reached a ‘grim milestone’ as the news called it this week; 100,000 Covid deaths registered in our nation. We also said goodbye to Dave, our well known in the village lollypop man, but more than that, our well-loved verger and friend. We also heard about Maureen, who was still ‘one of us’ despite the geographical divide. And there are others that we have had to say goodbye to, we still miss and still grieve and so the loss upon loss can feel overwhelming, especially with the daily statistics we see on the news.

However, we are, as some of the news bulletins helpfully reminded us, each one a unique individual. A distinctive life lived and an exclusive life loved. Each irreplaceable and each missed...and yet...each one, every one, known and loved by God.

The bible tells us that God knows every hair on our head (Luke 12:7) and that our names are written on the palms of his hands (Isaiah 49:16). To God we are individually known, loved and, perhaps most importantly, redeemed. I will never forget an image I heard once when at a Christian youth camp. We were reminded that Jesus would have gone to the cross even if it was just for one left on earth. The reality of that though would have meant that we would have had to be the one hammering in the nails. Such a shocking image I know, which is probably why I still remember it today, but a powerful reminder of God’s love for the one.

For those who have heard my baptism talk about the 5 little ducks...and mother duck calling them all home, I often then link it to the parable of the lost sheep. 99 were safe but the good shepherd went searching for the one. God cares for the one – even if others think the one is insignificant or the one simply doesn’t count or matter – to God each and every one of us matters to him. To God – he cares for the one even if they or others think that they are the lost, the least and the last.

In this global pandemic, God still cares for the one. We are not a statistic to Him but, even as 'one', we are not alone but instead we are a beloved and chosen and precious daughter or son. He invites us all on a journey with Him and only we can respond to that that call. Will you be the 'one' God calls us all to be?

God bless you all, each and every 'one'.



Closure of Church Buildings

The PCC of both churches have now considered the closure of Church Buildings beyond the end of January and have resolved that as the Government and Diocesan advice has not changed the temporary suspension of all services and activities in our church buildings will continue into February subject to any change in advice or directions from the Diocese.

The Churches' Premises are therefore still closed to everyone and entry can only take place with the agreement of Heather or in her absence the Churchwardens – please do not attempt to access them with any keys that you may have.

We would ask for your prayers during what is still a very difficult situation for our Churches in providing worship and spiritual support to our Parishes.

Church Worship

While buildings will remain closed, we want to ensure that resources are available to anyone who would like them to enable worship to take place at home.

We will continue to email out our virtual services each Sunday for those online and a postal pack each month for those not online. If you know

anyone who would like to receive our services, then please let Heather know. Our virtual service will be posted on the Churches' Facebook pages as well.

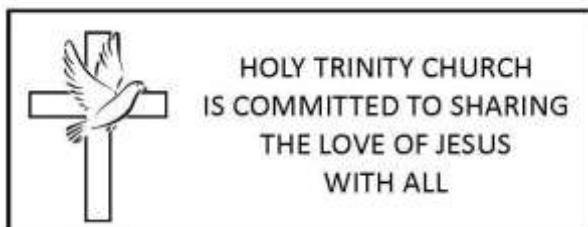
We would love to hear of anyone who needs prayer or contact during these difficult and worrying times. We will be really pleased to arrange regular phone calls to support people at this time.

Listen to a Sunday Service from Coventry Cathedral

We're acutely aware that not everyone has access to the internet and so have now started a service which means that you can listen to the latest recording of a Sunday service from Coventry Cathedral over the telephone. You can choose between listening to the whole service, hearing just the sermon or enjoying an anthem sung by our virtual choir. The number to dial is 02476 939700. You pay just the cost of a local call – which may well be included in your phone package anyway. Of course, if you haven't got internet access you won't be able to read this – so, next time you're on the phone or writing a note to someone who might be interested, please let them know. Thank you.



Also, the Church of England provides Daily Hope, a 24 hour free phone line.



Praying for our Parish in February 2021

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13)

Let us think about and pray for the following:

1	For all those working in the NHS, particularly those on covid wards, who have been and continue to be under immense pressure. And who have had to juggle work life with keeping their families safe.
2	For those who have had operations or treatment cancelled due to the current situation particularly where they are in pain or face a life-threatening diagnosis.
3	For those currently in hospital or in care homes since family and friends are not currently allowed to visit and who may be feeling vulnerable and alone.
4	For family and friends who have been unable to visit a loved one in hospital or a care home but who would just like to be there, to give them a hug and reassure them they are loved.
5	For those working in care homes who were initially vulnerable due to lack of PPE and are now awaiting vaccines to be administered.
6	For those who have played a part in funerals ensuring dignity and respect for the bereaved whilst coping with the challenging circumstances of the last few months.
7	The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us – praise God (John 1: 1 – 14).

8	For families who are struggling to juggle working from home with educating their family, particularly where they do not have the technology required.
9	For families who are finding that living together 24/7, perhaps in small homes with no access to gardens, is causing problems, particularly thinking of those who may be being abused.
10	For families who are struggling to make ends meet, where jobs may have been lost and difficult choices have to be made about where money is spent.
11	For family and friends who are no longer part of our lives but have played an important role and who we remember with gladness.
12	For other countries in the world who do not have access to health care facilities or the finance to ensure the safety of their people.
13	For those in national and local Government who have had to make, and continue to make, difficult decisions on our behalf. And for those in opposition who question and challenge decisions trying to ensure that the right ones are made.
14	For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ (2 Corinthians 4 6). May your light shine in our lives.

Sometimes life gets us down and we find it hard to see things to be thankful for. Open our eyes to see the gifts you’ve given us in our lives Father.

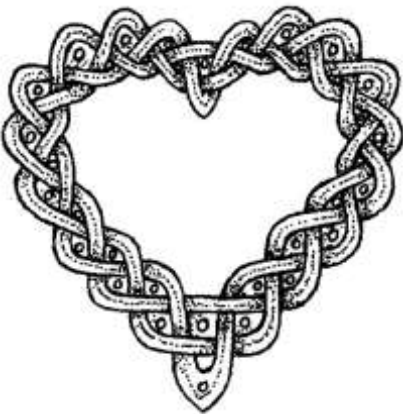
"I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." [Ps. 9:1](#)

Let us give thanks:

15	For family and friends who love us and who make our lives more meaningful, who talk with us honestly and who support us in good and bad times.
16	For the gift of new life and the joy that it brings to families. Bless and guide new parents and may their always bring up their children in loving homes.
17	For the kindness and compassion shown by many in our communities towards those who are in need or are lonely.
18	For all clergy and those who have supported them enabling churches to continue with services and the vital work they do in the community. We think especially of Heather.
19	For our health and the fact that when we have a problem we live in a country with a system in place to help us. Even if our health isn't great, it could be worse and we are likely to have some working parts to be thankful for.
20	For the dedication and care of all those working in the NHS and in care homes– continue to strengthen them not just physically but emotionally and spiritually.
21	Work in our hearts, Father, during this Lenten period as we prepare for Easter. ‘To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God (Psalm 25: 1)
22	For all those who have worked on producing the vaccines and for those now administering them – that they will readily and speedily be available to all not just in this country but throughout the world.
23	For all key workers who have been real heroes over the last few months and have kept ‘our country running’ – we think of teaching staff, postal staff, council staff, utility workers, shop

	workers, farmers and distribution workers, public transport workers, those keeping us safe (police, fire, armed forces etc) and so many more.
24	For those who have set-up foodbanks to help where there is need. And for those who are generous and willing enough to give.
25	For the slower pace of life that has enabled us to get out and enjoy God's wonderful creation throughout the seasons.
26	For all God's blessings to us and for the strength He gives us each day
27	Forgive us Father for when we don't thank You enough, for who You are, for all that You do, for all that You've given us.
28	2 nd Sunday of Lent - help us during this Lenten season to grow in and strengthen our faith.

Prayers by Diane





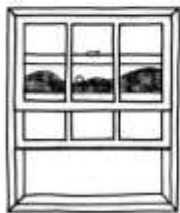
HYMNS

When you come to church you hear hymns. Hymns are songs of praise to God. Some are very old and some, like the ones you may sing at school, are new.

Have you ever wondered who wrote the hymns we sing? For example, one hymn writer was Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, the wife of the Bishop of Londonderry. She wrote a book called 'Hymns for Little Children' which was dedicated to her godchildren. The book was published in 1848 and contained hymns that we know well today; 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'Once in Royal David's City' and 'There is a Green Hill Far Away'.

It is said that she wrote the last hymn because of the view from the Bishop's palace. The house looked out over the city walls to the green hills in the distance.

So the words we sing today come from the view that Mrs Alexander had from her window.



HYMN TITLES

All the following hymn titles have some words missing – can you fill in the blanks. All the hymns are from Mission Praise and the answers are below.

1. While ___ watched
2. Lead us, ___ ___, lead us.
3. Away in a ___
4. Forty days and ___ ___
5. Hark! The ___ ___ sing
6. ___ has broken
7. ___ night, ___ night
8. There is a ___ ___ far away
9. We plough the ___ and scatter
10. Amazing ___

Didn't your teacher say your singing was heavenly?

Well, she did say it was like nothing on earth.



- Answers:** 1. While shepherds watched
 2. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
 3. Away in a manger 4. Forty days and forty nights 5. Hark, the herald angels sing 6. Morning has broken 7. Silent night, holy night 8. There is a green hill far away
 9. We plough the fields and scatter
 10. Amazing Grace.



Christians In Sport is a UK based charity that aims to reach the world of sport for Jesus and works mainly with sportspeople in competitive and elite sports. In 1976 a handful of Christians were drawn together by their desire to live and share their faith in the world of sport. The group had met in the arena of professional tennis when Gerald Williams, the BBC tennis commentator met the Reverend Alan Godson in the early 1970's at a tennis tournament which led to his own journey of faith. Whilst working in America, Gerald later met an American sports evangelist introduced by Wimbledon champion Stan Smith.

Businessman and keen tennis fan Kenneth Frampton joined the group for the first meetings of Christian sports players and they committed themselves to pray for 5 points, one being a sports fellowship across the nation which would unite faith and sport. The sports fields and clubhouses were their mission fields. The group had a feeling that God could do something through Christians in sport if they made themselves available to Him.

In June 1976 on the eve of the world famous tennis tournament, a dinner was held in London for eighty Christian sports men and women. Attending that dinner was Brian Adams, a member of the British Race Walking team at the Montreal Olympics who would the following day be on a plane bound for altitude training camp prior to competing at the Olympic Games and he found it exciting to be sent off with the knowledge that what he was doing in sport was for God.

Forty years later, hundreds of thousands of people involved in sport have heard the gospel throughout the UK. God has unfolded His abundant Blessings through the humble prayers and actions of Christians living out

their faith in sports clubs, universities and also at elite level. The charity supports over 10,000 Christians within the sporting world and over 1,000 sports leaders have been equipped and encouraged.

Christians in Sport partners with indigenous sporting ministries across 150 countries. Although it all started with the sport of tennis, it quickly spread to include sports all across the spectrum. Prayer support is available for Christians found in all sports, whether competitors or coaches, including disability sports and for parents of up and coming young sportspeople.

Many sportspeople can be away from home and church for weeks at a time and it is good to know they can have fellowship, prayer and support with other Christians at these times.

Contact details:- Christians in Sport, Unit D1, Frampton House, Telford Road Industrial Estate, Bicester OX26 4LD, Tel:- 01869 255630

Lynda Kelly

Foodbank - What we can Continue to Do



The pressures on foodbanks continues to grow so we would continue to urge you to consider making a donation towards their work.

Please visit their website- www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk and click on the Donate button at the top right of the page.

This is a really valuable way we can collectively as Churches show our love to the vulnerable people in our society – especially as we are not able to support them with our usual collection of tinned/packet food.

Sharon's Recipe - Rocky Road Treats

Makes about 20 portions

Really easy so everyone can make – great for the one you love around Valentine's Day – And you can use their favourite sweets to personalise

Equipment

8 or 9 inch / 20 or 23 cm square cake tin

Grease-proof paper

To give as a gift you will also need small cellophane bag(s) and some ribbon.



Ingredients

125g unsalted butter

150 g Milk Chocolate

150 g Dark Chocolate

3 tbsp Golden Syrup

100g digestive biscuits smashed into pieces (or 70g digestive biscuits & 30g ginger biscuit is good. Or Can use malted milk or rich tea or a combination of whatever you like best) make them as fine or as lumpy as you like but make sure they are still in pieces not crumbs

100g nuts chopped, (your favourite) I like walnuts best but any eg, brazils, hazelnuts, peanuts etc

100g mini pink and white marshmallows

50g of your favourite chocolatey sweets eg Crunchy, Rolo's, Maltesters etc or dried fruits cut into small pieces

50g white chocolate (for drizzling over the top)

Method

Line the tin with grease-proof paper and overlap it so that you can make sure that you can grip it and pull the Rocky Road out of the tin once it is set

In a saucepan over a low heat melt the butter, milk and dark chocolate and the golden syrup together

When it is melted add the biscuits, nuts, marshmallows and sweets / fruit and stir well

Pour into the lined tin and smooth the top

In a heat-proof dish over a saucepan of hot water gently melt the white chocolate, stirring it often then using a teaspoon drizzle it over the top of the Rocky Road in a zig-zag pattern

Put in the refrigerator for 2 hours

Remove from the refrigerator and pull up on the grease-proof paper to remove the Rocky Road from the tin

Warm a sharp knife with water from a hot tap so that the blade is luke warm and use it to cut into equal pieces. The size is up to you. It usually makes about 20

To make a gift, put a few cakes in the cellophane bag(s) and tie with the ribbon

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From the Editor

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the 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 March magazine is 26th February.



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