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June Letter

Is this the month that all restrictions on our lives as a result of the Covid Pandemic are lifted and we can feel that life can get back to some normality?

I think one of the questions most asked in the last year has been what have you most missed as a result of the restrictions? For me the answer is easy- Hugs.

One of the saddest things for me was seeing my grandchildren being taught to stay a distance from us. We were used to them running up to us

and giving us a big hug. We also stopped hugging our children.

I think hugs are really important as it is a physical expression of the love we have for other people. When we receive one it gives a feeling of warmth and wellbeing- a feeling of being loved, a feeling of happiness and

joy. Such a simple gesture can bring so much to how we feel and shows the love we have for others close to us.

They can also bring a sense of comfort. I remember after my Dad died a member of the Church family who would not normally have given me hug

came up to me and gave me a hug. There were no words said but that meant so much to me and I felt that someone really cared about how I was feeling.

I am certainly not advocating giving strangers hugs but if you know someone well you can gauge whether a hug is appropriate and will be well received.

Although we have not been able to hug family and friends throughout the

pandemic restrictions we have been able to rely on the comfort brought by the knowledge that God's love is always there for us.

As Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 5 verse 5 says 'and hope does not

disappoint us because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.’

My prayer is that whatever difficulties or struggles we may be facing and

if you are feeling lonely, we can remember God’s love is within us and surrounds us. With that love we are commanded by Jesus Christ to love one another. That if appropriate may include Hugs.

In the coming weeks I am really looking forward to the grandchildren running up to me again and giving me a big hug. Maybe it has already happened by the time you read this!

Nick Blamire-Brown



Thank you to Nick Miles for these photographs of a “rainbow of hope” over our beautiful church, Holy Trinity church, Hartshill.

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.

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.

Praying for our Parish in June 2021

“Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow”

1	Help us to use our gifts wisely for God’s purpose
2	We give thanks for the technology available to us which allows us to keep in touch with our families and friends wherever they are
3	Pray for opportunities to share our faith in our everyday lives
4	We think of all who are housebound and their carers
5	We pray for all who are sick and ask for comfort in their suffering
6	We pray for all couples whose wedding plans have been disrupted
7	We pray for all who work in schools, help them to make a safe space for our children
8	We think of all church groups and look forward to the time when they can meet again
9	Pray for safety for all Christians and Aid Workers all over the world
10	For all who donate to, volunteer at, or use the Foodbank
11	We pray for care workers and give thanks for their love and dedication to all they serve
12	For anyone who is bereaved, may they turn to Christ and receive his unfailing love and comfort

13	We pray for looked after children and their carers
14	We think of members of all local churches and look forward to a time when we can worship together
15	We thank you for the workers who are working so hard to keep our vital services going
16	We pray for Heather, that she may have good health and strength to carry out her ministry
17	We give thanks for local volunteers who work in our community
18	For all who work in hospitality to make our leisure time enjoyable
19	We pray for scientists and all involved in developing and administering the vaccine for COVID 19
20	We think of those in financial difficulties or in danger of losing their job
21	We pray for leaders of all countries that they will use courage and honesty to deal with their nations' problems
22	We give thanks for long evenings and warm weather that we may appreciate God's creation
23	We give thanks for the skill and devotion of those who work within the NHS
24	We give thanks for our Readers as they preach God's word

25	For the Armed Forces, keep them safe in their duties
26	We pray for everyone affected by natural disasters in the world, may they rebuild their lives with God's guidance
27	For the work of the Mothers' Union in our Diocese and throughout the world
28	We think of all families with young children, may they enjoy time together to relax and play
29	We pray for all those who are ill at this time with the COVID 19 virus or with any other illness
30	We say thank you for our musicians and the joy of music in our lives

Prayers by Wendy





Keswick Ministries exists to inspire and equip Christians to love and live for Christ in His world.

You may have heard of the Keswick Convention, an annual event held each July/August, set in the beautiful little town of Keswick in the picturesque Lake District. It was established in 1875 when the vicar of St. John's Church in Keswick and his friend organized the first Convention, set in a tent on the vicarage lawn. In 1901 the first marquee was erected on the Skiddaw Street site, (where it is still held now). Within a few years Christians from all over the world were coming to hear some of the best Bible teachers that were available - over the space of a week. In 1969 a second week was added and in 2001 a third week was added, to enable around 12 - 15,000 people to attend each year. Sadly, as with a lot of things last year, the Convention was cancelled, but they organized an online week. There will be a much reduced one this year too. The Convention attracts Christians from many denominations of the Christian faith, who come together to worship, listen to speakers, attend seminars and learn more about the Bible and God's way of life. Keswick town has quite a few different churches and they open their buildings for the different seminars and Bible studies during the weeks.

Missionary meetings started in 1888 and many missionary societies owe their roots to the Keswick Convention. Notable missionaries Hudson Taylor of China and Amy Carmichael (India) had strong connections with Keswick's commitment to mission. The Convention's motto is "All One in Christ Jesus".

A second site was opened in 1997, which extended the range of activities, particularly with children and young people. This site also

houses a cafe serving Fairtrade drinks and snacks and many stalls selling Christian books and music etc. as well as Missionary stalls with information about various Mission societies, and opportunities for serving with a variety of missions at home or abroad.

The Convention itself gives around 650 volunteers the opportunity to serve in many ways, such as welcoming, fundraising, catering, stewarding, children's work, finance, technical, creche, reception or setting up or setting down at the start or finish of the weeks. A lot of work goes into the Convention which wouldn't be able to function without the many volunteers.

Keswick Ministries isn't all about the Convention; as throughout the year they run teaching and training courses. Also, there are many mini "Keswick" events which take place all over the UK as Bible Weeks, and international "Keswick" events take place in Europe, North America, Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Australia.

Keswick Ministries purchased the old Keswick pencil factory a few years ago and work has started on renovating the building, which in time will house the Convention on one site. This was due to the many donations and more importantly - prayers, received and they are trusting in God's provision for the future to enable the vast amount of work needed for the building to be transformed.

Many people attending the Convention combine it with a holiday too, to explore the lovely places of the Lake District. There is no entrance fee to the Convention, but of course donations are most welcome (and needed). People arrange their own accommodation in the local hotels, bed and breakfast guest houses; there is a Youth Hostel in Keswick and there are campsites nearby too; so people can hopefully find somewhere within their financial realm. Although the weeks run from Saturday to Saturday, people attend for all or part of a week, maybe a couple of days or for those who live fairly locally some come for the day or just for the evening worship.

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Lynda Kelly



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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...



and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing



But the crowd wouldn't let them get close



so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus



Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man



Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!



Only God can forgive sins... so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.



Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?



But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...

Get up, take your mat and go home!



He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God



The crowd was amazed...



We have never seen anything like this!

Sharon's Recipe - **Beer & Chocolate Cake with Bacon**

Serves 10 to 12



This is one for Father's Day which is on Sunday 20th June.

It is massive so the whole family will need to share it with Dad.

Ingredients Cake

250ml Dad's favourite beer or stout

250g butter

75g cocoa powder

60g soft brown sugar

340g caster sugar

150ml soured cream

3 medium eggs

½ tbsp vanilla essence / extract

275g plain flour

2½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

75g dark chocolate chips

23cm round loose bottom cake tin with the bottom lined with greaseproof paper and the sides greased with butter, baking margarine or cooking oil.

Ingredients Topping

150g butter, softened

300g icing sugar
Up to 6 tbsp maple syrup
50g Pecan nuts
1 tbsp brown sugar
1 tsp water
½ tsp vanilla essence
½ pinch of salt

Ingredients Bacon and Chocolate Shards

8 rashers of streaky bacon
100g dark chocolate
100g milk chocolate

Method

Start by making the Bacon Shards

1. Heat the oven to 200 degrees C and put the bacon on a baking tray and bake it for 15-20 minutes until it is very crisp – put it on kitchen paper to cool
2. When cool chop two-thirds of the cooked bacon into strips about 2cm long and crumble or chop one-third of the bacon into tiny pieces. Keep them separate the small pieces become sprinkles later. The larger pieces go into the shards.
3. Prepare a baking tray with greaseproof paper on top.
4. Break the chocolate into small pieces and put in a heat-resistant bowl on top of a saucepan with barely simmering water in it, make sure the dish does not touch the hot water as this may cause the chocolate to granulate. Gently stir until the chocolate is melted.
5. Spread the melted chocolate on to the greaseproof paper on the baking tray to a depth of about 2-3 mm thickness

6. Place the bacon strips in a random pattern all over the chocolate then put the tray in the refrigerator for at least one hour whilst you get on with the cake.

Method Cake

1. Pre-heat your oven to 180 degrees C (170 for fan-assisted ovens), or gas mark 4. Lightly butter the sides of a 23cm loose base cake tin and line the bottom with greaseproof paper. This greasing and lining is important.
2. Measure out the beer or stout. Let any foam dissipate, and pour it into a wide, deep saucepan. Cut the butter into small cubes and add them to the pan. Heat on a gentle heat until the butter is melted
3. Still on a gentle heat, whisk in the cocoa powder, once the cocoa is mixed in well, whisk in the sugars until they are completely dissolved then remove from the heat.
4. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs, vanilla essence and soured cream together. Then whisk the egg and soured cream mixture into the beer and chocolate mix. Keep whisking until it is all well combined.
5. In a separate bowl, sieve the flour and bicarbonate of soda, then slowly whisk into the pan, a little at a time.
6. Stir in the chocolate chips
7. Pour the mixture into the cake tin. This is a very runny batter and a little may start to ooze out of the bottom of the tin. Do not worry just be quick and get it in the oven and the heat will seal the mixture in the tin.
8. Bake for 50 minutes then check if it is cooked by pressing the centre gently to see if it bounces back and insert a skewer to see if it comes out clean.

9. If not ready, put it back in the oven for 5-10 minutes and check again then put it in for a few more minutes if necessary. It usually takes one hour but times will vary depending on your oven.
10. When baked take it out of the oven and keep it in the tin on a cooling tray for a while.
11. When the cake feels barely warm run a knife round the edge of the cake to loosen the sides from the tin. Put the tin on a tall beaker and gently push the outside ring of the tin down and gently release the cake from the tin, you may need to run the knife around again a few times. Do not let the cake go completely cold or you may not get it out of the tin in one piece.
12. Leave it to cool completely on a wire cooling tray.

Method for Topping

Beat the butter until soft then add the icing sugar and 3 tablespoons of maple syrup and stir to combine then beat and see how it is, gradually add more maple syrup and keep beating and adding maple syrup until you have a light fluffy frosting that will spread easily but will hold itself on top of the cake.

Method Nut and Bacon Sprinkles

Mix the tablespoon of brown sugar, the teaspoon of water and the vanilla essence together in a small dish and set aside.

In a non-stick frying pan on a medium heat, heat the pecan nuts until they are toasted – watch them and move them gently – they need constant attention as they burn easily.

When toasted enough turn off the heat and pour in the sugar, water and vanilla mix and stir to coat the nuts as the mixture turns to caramel. Remove from the pan and let them cool then chop them up. Add the crumbled / chopped bacon bits and mix them together.

Remove the bacon and chocolate from the fridge and cut into rough triangular shaped shards with a large sharp knife – you should aim for about 12. Push the shards into the cake so they stand up then sprinkle the nut and bacon Sprinkles in between to complete.

This cake can be kept in the fridge for up to 2 days. It will also freeze whole or in portions if you don't wish to eat it all at once.

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Welcome to this e-magazine. As a printed magazine is not possible currently, we are producing an electronic version. Please send it to anybody who you think would like to read it, there is no charge.

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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 July magazine is 17th June.



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