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HARTSHILL, NUNEATON**

LENT



Dear Friends,

As I write this letter the vaccination programme for Covid-19 has really gained momentum. The vaccines were developed in less than a year and offer such high levels of protection. This is seen by many as nothing short of miraculous.

For Christians, Easter is a celebration of the greatest of miracles!

I imagine that as we journey along, through this time of Lent, towards that empty tomb on Easter day, we will increasingly move from the darkness of lockdown and the limitations we've experienced, to the light of more freedom and immunity from infection. Our Christian path to Easter replicates this - death to life, darkness to light and a hope for the future.

God is with us every step of the way. He promises to never leave or forsake us and He is our Almighty God who keeps his covenants.

We have come through difficult days but as the saying goes 'there is light at the end of the tunnel'.

So, as we continue our personal journeys through Lent, we can feel assured of knowing that God is beside us. If life seems tough, just think of these words of Corrie ten Boom "Let God shine his promises on your problems".

With every prayer and blessing during this Lenten season.

Sally

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.

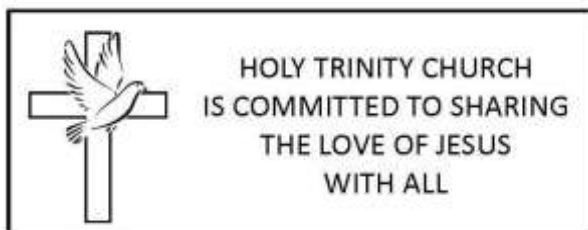
We would love to hear of anyone who needs prayer or contact during these difficult and worrying times. We will be really pleased to arrange regular phone calls to support people at this time.

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 March 2021

Mon 01 Mar 2021	Loving Father we give thanks and praise for the privilege of having this life with you. We are blessed with all that you provide and the knowledge that we always have you at our side. We praise you.
Tue 02 Mar 2021	Loving Father God we bring to you those in our church whom are under great pressure due to the circumstances that we are in, especially Heather, Nick and Sally at Hartshill, Kate and Debbie at Galley Common. We give you praise for the work that they are doing for you.
Wed 03 Mar 2021	Loving God, we give thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of teachers and all those involved in serving children and young people in education. Help them all to prosper.
Thu 04 Mar 2021	Dear God we thank you for all that you have given us, food, each other, our health, nature and freedom. We pray for those who lack these things we enjoy.
Fri 05 Mar 2021	Dear God we bring before you our family. We praise and thank you for being there for them and looking after them.
Sat 06 Mar 2021	Heavenly Father we are not been good custodians of your creation. Give Wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders. Give strength beyond human strength to our workers to heal your land we pray.
Sun 07 Mar 2021	Loving God we give you thanks and praise for the pleasure of our gardens and country side. We see the spring growth coming alive with all the colour with it. What a joy. We give you praise.

Mon 08 Mar 2021	Loving Father we hold before you those who care for the elderly, Isolated and vulnerable, that they would be strengthened and encouraged.
Tue 09 Mar 2021	Dear God we bring before you those who face great uncertainty in their work. We lift before you those who have lost their jobs and face an uncertain and difficult future. We pray for a renewed commitment to our common life together.
Wed 10 Mar 2021	Lord Jesus, help to give us thankful hearts and opportunities to share your gifts with others.
Thu 11 Mar 2021	Loving Father we give thanks for those who serve this country in the National Health Service and front line workers. We ask that they would all be encouraged in their continued work of sacrifice and care amongst us.
Fri 12 Mar 2021	Lord God we pray for those who are in positions of authority with responsibility for decision making at national and local level at this difficult time. We ask that you would give great wisdom and deep commitment to all.
Sat 13 Mar 2021	Dear God we bring to you all those who suffer in body, mind, spirit or with grief. We ask that in your great loving kindness they might know your sustaining presence amidst their pain.
Sun 14 Mar 2021	Loving God we ask for your help for those facing natural disasters, fires and famin. Help us to be there for them.
Mon 15 Mar 2021	Lord Jesus Christ, In these dark and difficult days we turn our hearts to you. Please help us all through these times of trouble and wrap your arms of love around those in need.

Tue 16 Mar 2021	Loving Father God we pray that you would give health to the sick, hope to the fearful, and comfort to the mourners.
Wed 17 Mar 2021	Loving God we praise you for the joy that nature brings us. Birds singing, plants and trees growing and the different weather that we have, sunshine, rain and wind. We worship you.
Thu 18 Mar 2021	Loving Father we bring to you those who have lost loved ones recently. We ask you to comfort them and be close to them.
Fri 19 Mar 2021	Dear God we thank you for all those working on the front line helping all our lives to run smoothly. We thank you for keeping them safe during this difficult time.
Sat 20 Mar 2021	Loving God help us to be a shining light for you.
Sun 21 Mar 2021	Dear God we ask that these days of lockdown can be eased and that our church members can come together as one again, worshiping, singing and praising you.
Mon 22 Mar 2021	Loving Father God we lift those we hold in our hearts, praying for their health, their well-being and their sense of hope.
Tue 23 Mar 2021	Lord Jesus Christ, we lift those to you who have no homes to go to or regular meals to be had. We thank you for organizations that help take care for those in need.
Wed 24 Mar 2021	Loving God, at this time of crisis when so many are suffering, we pray for our nation and our world. Lead us through these parched and difficult days.
Thu 25 Mar 2021	Loving Father we give thanks and praise for the staff working in care homes looking after and caring for our elderly. Give them strength to continue to be

	compassionate, loving and caring. We especially think of those at the Stables, Linden Grange and Oldbury Grange.
Fri 26 Mar 2021	Loving Father I bring to you our family. Thank you for the gift of close and distant family.
Sat 27 Mar 2021	Dear God during these difficult times we give thanks for the time that you have given us to get closer to you.
Sun 28 Mar 2021	Heavenly Father I look out and see all the splendor that you have created. The wildlife, Flora and fauna. I see the stars at night and the Sun with its colour in the morning and evening. What beauty you have created. We worship you.
Mon 29 Mar 2021	Dear God I am not always focusing on you. I lose my way being distracted with things of the world. Loving father I am sorry and ask for your forgiveness. Help me to be a better person. Help focus me on what you would want from me.
Tue 30 Mar 2021	Loving Father I worship you for the joy that you give for being here enjoying what you provide. The experiences that you give. The comfort that you bring. We give you thanks and praise.
Wed 31 Mar 2021	Loving Father God we thank you and praise you for hearing our prayers. You are always with us, knowing our needs and answering our requests. We worship you.

Prayers by Alan



This is a fairly new and little known charity, founded in 2011 by Caroline Lamb, who had visited the Anglican diocese of Kajo Keji in South Sudan in 2009, with another charity. The visit left Caroline very moved by the plight of the people, lack of education, healthcare and poor infrastructure and on returning home to the UK she shared her vision with her local community in Wiltshire and she started fundraising in earnest to help the desperately poor people she had met. The charity is in partnership with the Anglican church of South Sudan and the Anglican church of Uganda. Many South Sudanese people are Christians.

Sudan has suffered civil wars for decades and South Sudan became the world's newest country in July, 2011 when it became independent of Sudan. Unfortunately, this didn't bring peace to the people of South Sudan and civil wars still rage there. Around 4 million people became displaced, either internally or in neighbouring countries, when they fled from terrible massacres. One of the world's largest refugee camps is in Northern Uganda where more than a million of those who left South Sudan are now living.

The CRESS charity was set up to help these people. Initially, the charity began its work in Kajo Keji in South Sudan; but in 2017 the civil war became so terrible that almost the entire population of that area fled into northern Uganda and remain there today. Whilst in South Sudan, a sponsorship scheme began for children to be educated and this has continued in Uganda and around 80 children have sponsors. A clinic had been set up in 2015 to provide health care in the area and employed a nurse, a midwife, laboratory assistant and a dispensing assistant. On leaving South Sudan, by God's Grace, the clinic and equipment, including solar roof panels, was taken down and is now functioning in Uganda.

Vocational training is also a part of the charity's work, funding agricultural training for some refugees to train at an organic centre in Kampala. They learn about different methods of growing fruit and vegetables and back at the refugee camp put this into practice at the group gardens, with the charity supplying tools and seeds for their first crop. This gives the refugees a better diet and any spare crops can be sold, enabling the children of the refugees to be able to go to school, as lessons in camp are restricted to one lesson a day, due to lack of teachers.

Other vocational training can be in mechanics, sewing and knitting skills, enabling others to start a small business in various ways. Savings schemes were also started as people earned a little money in their chosen professions and can also borrow money to help with the costs in setting a business up.

Refugees are restricted in where they can go and what they can do when they are not citizens of their host country. Being able to work and pay their way gives dignity and respect whilst in exile.

The charity's vision was of enabling communities to be self-sufficient, sustainable and ethical, while in exile and hopefully, when they return to their own country one day they will be able to rebuild their ravaged land, and not to require Western aid. In these few short years of the life of the charity, we can see again, where one person's passion and vision can enable so much for seemingly impossible situations, but as we know, with God, all things are possible.

Contact details are: CRESS, Knighton Manor, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire. SP5 5EB. Tel: 01722 780789 or look online to see the stories of those being helped.

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.

Make A Mother's Day 2021

Give a Gift of Togetherness to help empower women and strengthen communities.

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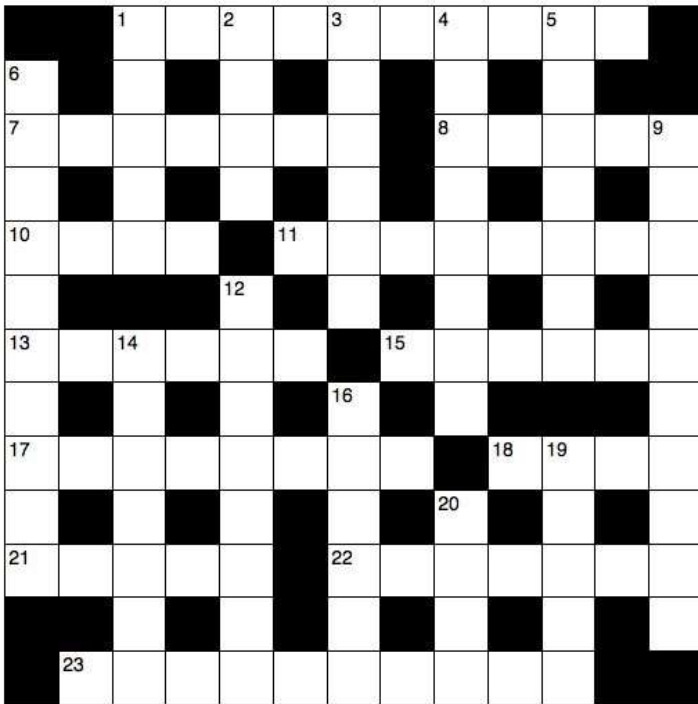
www.makeamothersday.org 14th March 2021 Mothers UNION
Christian care for families

A promotional banner for Mother's Day 2021. The background is a photograph of a woman hugging a young child from behind in a park-like setting with trees and yellow flowers. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image. At the bottom, there is a green bar with white text containing the website, date, and Mothers UNION logo.

God of health and healing,
we pray for those who work in the NHS,
and in health services across the world.
We ask for protection from the effects of the virus,
and a lifting of exhaustion as they continue to deal
with the ongoing challenges of this global pandemic.
May their efforts and sacrifices be valued by all,
whether a patient or a grateful community.
Amen



Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
- 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)
- 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
- 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
- 11 Much in evidence after weddings (8)
- 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)
- 15 Breakwater (6)
- 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)
- 18 More usually now called Pentecost, — Sunday (4)

21 After living for 365 years, it was said of him that ‘he walked with God’ (Genesis 5:23–24) (5)

22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)

23 For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

Down

1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)

2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)

3 So rapt (anag.) (6)

4 Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)

5 Paul’s ‘fellow worker’, to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)

6 God’s foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)

9 Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)

12 ‘The Lord... has given the — of Israel to David and his descendants for ever’ (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)

14 ‘My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my — ’ (Luke 1:46–47) (7)

16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)

19 ‘On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of — will not overcome it’ (Matthew 16:18) (5)

20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)

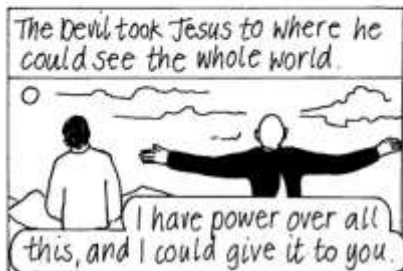
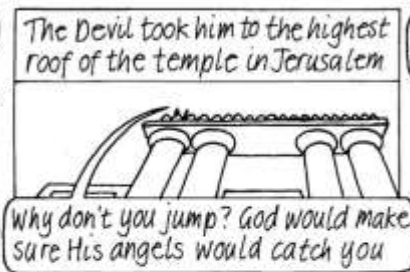
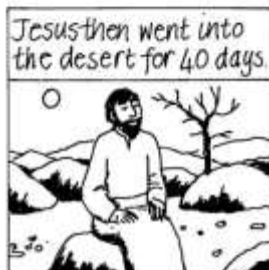
See page 18 for answers.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Jn 1:29-34, Mt 3:13-17, Lk 3:21-4:13, Mk 1:9-12

People came to John to be baptised - washed
in the river Jordan - to say sorry for what
they had done wrong. Then Jesus came...



Word Search for Bible Bite

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alive

washed

God

Jesus

manipulate

jump

Jerusalem

precious

Spirit

Devil

world

stone

temple

river

John

drink

baptise

eat

sorry

bread

angels

desert

worship

Jordan

Solution on page 17

Sharon's Recipe - Vietnamese Caramelised Pork Bowls

Serves 4

Ingredients

MAIN COURSE

1 1/2 tbsp cooking oil
1/2 onion, finely diced
2 tsp ground ginger
2 garlic cloves, diced
2 tsp lemongrass (optional)
1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
1 lb / 500g minced pork
5 tbsp brown sugar
2 tbsp fish sauce

SERVING:

1 spring onion, finely sliced
400g Rice
Sliced red chilli
Sliced tomato
Sliced cucumber



Instructions

Rice will need to be cooked separately – timings to coincide with end of cooking of the rest of the recipe.

1. Heat the oil in a large pan or wok over high heat.
2. Add the onion, ginger, garlic, lemongrass and chili and cook for 2 minutes.
3. Add the pork mince and cook for 2 minutes or so until white all over, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon.
4. Add the sugar and fish sauce. Stir, then leave it to cook without touching until all the juices cook out and the pork starts caramelised - about 2 minutes.

5. Then stir it and leave it again, without stirring, for around 30 seconds to get more caramelisation.
6. Repeat twice more until caramelised to your taste.
7. Serve over rice, garnished with sliced chili, tomato and cucumber.

Total cooking time ~ 6 minutes

Just in case – below is link to a youtube clip that may help:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIYCZGBbf_k&ab_channel=RecipeTinEats

Word Search Solution (page 15)



E-magazine

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.

You can find this magazine and all the electronic magazines at <http://www.little-blue-boat.co.uk/mu/churchmagazines.html>

Answers to crossword on page 12

ACROSS: 1, Prosperity. 7, Raisins. 8, Admit. 10, View. 11, Confetti. 13, Distil. 15, Groyne. 17, Navigate. 18, Whit. 21, Enoch. 22, Trodden. 23, Prophetess.

DOWN: 1, Pride. 2, Ovid. 3, Pastor. 4, Reaffirm. 5, Timothy. 6, Providence. 9, Tridentine. 12, Kingship. 14, Saviour. 16, Statue. 19, Hades. 20, Rome.

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@susanmfooster.co.uk. The deadline for articles for the April magazine is 26th March.



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