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**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HARTSHILL**



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## Hope

It seems like quite a while since I wrote my last magazine letter. So much has happened and it has become cliché to say ‘never has the word unprecedented been used so much’. The last year has been very difficult for so many people and that struggle goes on today for many more, all over the world. The coronavirus has affected everyone and my thoughts go out especially to all those families who have lost loved ones. With restricted funeral arrangements it has made a difficult time even harder, if that were possible.

But through all these challenges the church has managed to provide a focus for our hope. Services sent out by email and shared via social media have meant that even though we are physically apart we have been able to worship our loving God together. A new community spirit has been born out of these challenging times and the church has very much been a part of that. Shopping has been collected and delivered, medicines as well. A phone call or a socially distanced chat at the end of the drive-way has been a comfort to many I would even go so far as to say a lifeline for others.

The bible contains many stories of hope and many of these are born out of hard times and personal challenges, the passion of Jesus being just one example, concluding in the glorious hope of his resurrection and the promise of eternal life for all who believe in him.

As we (hopefully) continue to return to some kind of normality in our daily lives then – let us take comfort in the never changing and everlasting love of our God. We continue to give thanks for all who are working hard to look after the sick and the lonely. But most of all we thank God for the love available to all who ask. As it says in Revelation Chapter 3 Verse 20 “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”

God Bless.

Nick (M)

## Praying for our Parish in May

### Psalm 19:14

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

- 1 May the **Prince of peace** sweep through Europe
- 2 May the **light of the world** help the **church** to be a light in the community.
- 3 May **the lamb of God** protect the lambs in Trinity Tots
- 4 May God's **power** be with the Emergency services
- 5 May **the chief cornerstone** be a foundation on which we build our friendships and family
- 6 May God's **Spirit** touch the lives of those in Girls' Brigade
- 7 May **El Roi**, the God who sees, bless the work of Christian organisation
- 8 May **the God of life** restore life back on this world
- 9 May the **bridegroom** find a Church ready for His coming
- 10 May God's **wisdom** be with those sitting exams
- 11 May the **Son of Man** touch the lives of those attending Boys Brigade

- 12 May **the Alpha and Omega** be with the Over 50's
- 13 May we remember the **Saviour** 's sacrifice on this Ascension day
- 14 May **Jehova Jireh** provide for Food bank
- 15 May God's **grace** be acknowledged in the world
- 16 May God's **omniscient** guide our church Leaders and bishops
- 17 May **God's rest** be with those who should be sitting A levels and GCSE's
- 18 May God's **comforter** be with those struggling with Mental health
- 19 May **the Word** be honoured in Messy church
- 20 May we see God **the creator** in creation and how we treat the environment
- 21 May **the truth** be present in Businesses
- 22 May **God's love** reign over the world
- 23 May **the way** be always known to Church leaders worldwide
- 24 May the **teacher** be with Schools and nurseries
- 25 May **God's joy** be with those in Guides and scouts
- 26 May the **restorer of hope** be with the unemployed
- 27 May **Abba** be with the Vulnerable in our society

- 28 May the **servant God** be with our government  
as they serve the country
- 29 May God's **omnipresence** be revealed in the  
world
- 30 My the **Good shepherd** lead and guide His  
church
- 31 May **the healer** heal our broken world

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the  
love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.*

*Amen.*

Prayers by Ruth



The Apostles' Creed as displayed to the left of the Altar at Holy Trinity

## **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](http://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.



This charity works to provide hope and aid for the persecuted Church and operates in the same way that Barnabas and the apostle Paul did in the early church when they took gifts from the church in Antioch to the church in Judea at a time of famine.

Quite often in countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith, they are denied well paid jobs, education for their children and in places where aid is handed out in times of famine or natural disasters, very often Christians are not given any food or shelter. Barnabas Fund stands alongside our Christian brothers and sisters by providing aid through Christian partners (or churches where they are allowed). Money is given by Christians, and is sent through Christians to reach the Christians suffering deprivation, meeting their physical, practical and spiritual needs. This encourages, strengthens and enables the local church and Christian communities to carry on; knowing that their fellow Christians in free countries are praying and caring for them. The charity believes in the power of prayer to change people's lives and situations, either through Grace to endure or through deliverance from suffering and fulfilling the Bible verse from Matthew's Gospel chapter 25 v 40 - "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me".

The charity also raises awareness regarding the plight of the persecuted Church, educating Christians and others about the current situation and needs. They also speak on behalf of those Christians who have no voice in their own land and the charity organize public petitions and letter writing campaigns or meeting contacts behind the scenes.

Some of the projects funded by Barnabas Fund are education of children, training support and funding for Christian leaders, help for setting up small

businesses, setting up young people in apprenticeships, provision of wells and water filter systems, relief for disaster victims, provision of Bibles or New Testaments, renovation or repairs of church buildings, medical aid and feeding programmes.

Although the charity has many offices across the world, the UK office is based locally in Coventry.

Contact details: Barnabas Fund, 9 Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX. Tel: 02476 231923 or look online to see free Barnabas Aid magazine and a daily prayer.

*Lynda Kelly*



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# Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK, NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



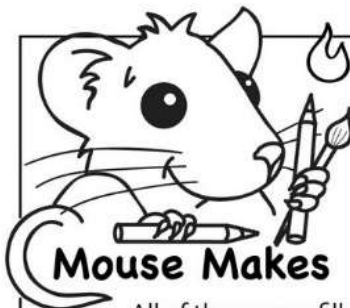
JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10:38-42



## Mouse Makes

It was the festival of **Pentecost**, 50 days since **Passover** and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate.

The Apostles and other believers were all together in one place when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and touched each person.

All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language

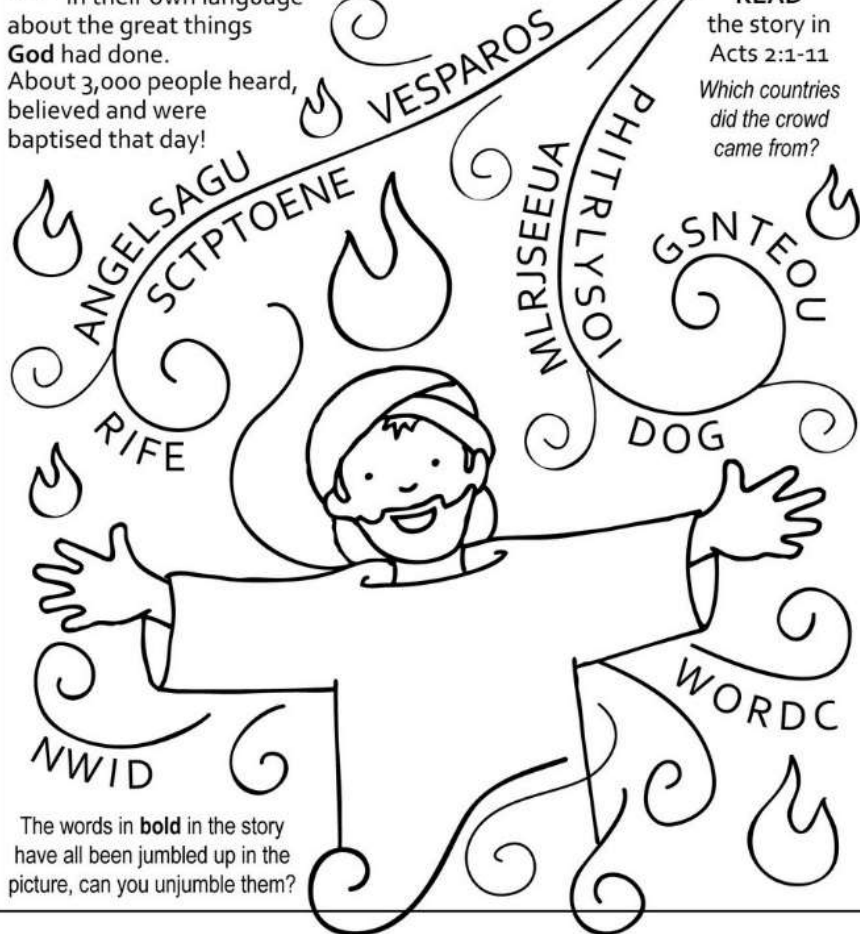
about the great things

**God** had done.

About 3,000 people heard, believed and were baptised that day!

**READ**  
the story in  
Acts 2:1-11

Which countries  
did the crowd  
come from?



The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the picture, can you unjumble them?

## Sharon's Recipe - **MUTABBAQ RECIPE (SAUDI STREET STYLE PARTHA)**

### **Ingredients**

#### **For the Dough**

160 grams all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon oil  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
120 millilitre lukewarm water

OR

Spring roll sheets



### **Ingredients For the Minced Meat Filling**

1 tablespoon oil  
200 grams minced beef or substitute with chicken mince or mutton mince  
1/2 tablespoon ginger garlic paste  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste  
1/2 teaspoon cumin powder  
1/2 teaspoon red chilli powder  
1/4 teaspoon turmeric powder  
2 eggs  
1 tomato roughly chopped  
4 spring onions chopped

### **Instructions**

#### **For the Dough** (If Using Spring Roll Wrappers Skip This Part)

- Add flour to the bowl of the stand mixer.
- Add the oil and salt, and mix.
- Now slowly start adding the water, about 1 tablespoon at a time and mix.
- Continue doing this (it will take about 3-4 minutes of kneading) until the dough starts leaving the sides of the bowl, and forms into a ball. You will not

need to add all of the water. If kneading by hand, it will take about 8-9 minutes.

If the dough is too sticky, add about 1/2 tablespoon of flour.

The dough should be smooth and soft, but not sticky.

Brush with a little bit of oil, cover, and rest for 30 minutes.

### **For the Minced Meat Filling**

- In a frying pan, add the oil and meat. Cook for a minute
- Add the ginger garlic paste and spices. Cook for about 10 minutes or until the minced meat is browned and cooked.
- Add eggs to a mixing bowl, and add the cooked minced meat.
- Then add the tomato and green onions, and mix until incorporated.

### **For Making the Mutabbaq**

- Divide the dough into 3 equal balls.
- Roll one ball into a rectangular shape (doesn't have to be perfectly shaped). The dough needs to be rolled so thin, that you can almost see through it. You can also gently use your fingers to stretch it a bit.
- Add the filling in a square shape on the rolled out dough.
- Fold from the sides, and then the bottom to make into a pocket. Make sure all sides are covered, and no filling is exposed.

OR

If using spring roll sheets, simply add the minced meat filling, and close from both sides. You will have to use a little bit of water to seal the pockets if using spring roll sheets.

### **Frying the Mutabbaq**

- Heat oil in a frying pan, and add the mutabbaq bottom side down (the side that has the folds) and poke with a toothpick to help the steam escape. Keep heat level to medium high.
- Flip side when golden brown, and poke with toothpick again.

- When both sides are golden brown, brown the edges as well so that the dough cooks through from all sides.
- Remove from frying pan, and serve immediately.

### Notes

Make sure to rest the dough for at least 30 minutes, or make it one night before and keep it in airtight container in the fridge. Take out when making the meat filling.

Cook on medium high heat so that the mutabbaq cooks well from the inside and crisps up too.

Mutabbaq can be stored in the fridge in an airtight container for up to 1-2 days. To reheat it, place in preheated oven on a baking tray for 15 minutes or so. It will heat up really well, but might not be as crispy as it is when fresh.



The Lord's Prayer as displayed to the right of the Altar at Holy Trinity

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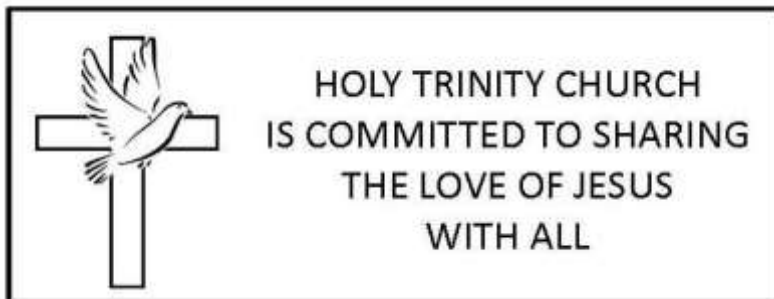
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