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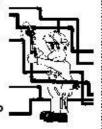
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Happy Easter – every day!

Happy (albeit belated) Easter to you all!

Although we have just celebrated Easter – as Christians we kind of celebrate it every day of the year as we remember that with Jesus death is not the end and that we are each and every day offered a new start with Him.

However, somone once said that Christians are Easter people living in a Good Friday world – and watching the news reminds us more than ever of the pain and destruction that we face each and every day. And so that is why it is as ever important to keep in mind the promises that God has for us and the hope that He brings.

Some of Jesus' friends thought that they had blown it with Him. They denied Him, betrayed Him, rejected Him and, when it came to the crunch, ran away. That's the story of the journey to the cross. However, the journey from the empty tomb was one of restoration, friendships being renewed and the disciples given a new start and a new call to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

So Happy Easter – every day – to you all. And remember, the story didn't end with the cross – but the story re-starts with the empty tomb. Jesus is alive and wants to make all things new – including our relationship with Him and making us friends with Him and one another.

God Bless

Heather 3

SERVICES AND SEASONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date/Time & Service	Season / Theme	Readings to reflect
		on
3rd April – 10am	2 nd Sunday	John 20:19-31
Holy Communion	After Easter	
10 th April – 9am	3 rd Sunday	Acts 9:1-8
Holy Communion	After Easter	(or John 21:9-17)
17 th April – 10.00am		
Holy Communion &	4 th Sunday	John 10:22-30
APCM – followed by	After Easter	
bring and share		
Lunch		
24 th April – 10.00am	5 th Sunday	Revelation 21:1-6
All Age Worship	After Easter	
1 st May – 10am	6 th Sunday	John 14:23-29
Holy Communion	After Easter Lent	

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL		
Thursday 7th	7pm Singing Group in church	
Wednesday 20th	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre 7.30pm Mothers' Union in the Library	
Saturday 23rd	6pm St George's Day supper	

Prayer group takes place in Church every Tuesday at 9.15am

Children' groups take place on 1st and 3rd Sundays during Holy Communion Trinity Tots in the Community Centre every Monday during term time at 1pm Over 50s group in the Community Centre every Wednesday at 1pm – 3pm



Since the last edition of our magazine we enjoyed celebrating the Woman's World Day of Prayer together – and our thanks go to our friends at The Society of Friends for hosting us and to everyone else for supporting both the coffee morning and the service – with a special well done for braving the snow that evening!

We have also enjoyed celebrating Easter together – despite the even earlier start with the clocks unhelpfully changing that day. It is always very special to be able to celebrate special days and festivals together

Our next event isn't for a while yet – but you can put it in your diary. It will be a Songs of Praise combined with Messy Church first – so fun for everyone. So save the date and join us if you can....

* Dates for the diary *

<u>Sunday 17th July – St Peter's Galley Common</u>

Messy Church 2.30-3.30pm (in the Hall)

& Songs of Praise 4pm (outside if dry, in the church if wet!)

...for... "How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity...for there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." (Psalm 133)

Heather

Praying for our Parish in April

He is not here, he is risen! (Luke 24:6)

1	For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5. Thank God for his faithfulness and love.
2	We pray for the vulnerable and needy in society. May they be treated fairly.
3	Teach our hearts to be still so that we may know that you are God.
4	For wisdom and courage in the PCC meeting
5	Help us to love our neighbour and give them the time that they need.
6	Forgive us when we moan and complain and move away from you.
7	Help us to think beyond our own wants and think only of Your will.
8	Thank you for providing us with food and shelter in a world where many go hungry and are homeless. We pray for the homeless and destitute.
9	Show me where I can make a difference in my daily life. Help me to see opportunities to help others. May I offer a helping hand or a kind word.
10	Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25–26. Thank you that in you we can entrust everything, for you have given us life.
11	We pray for those involved in business, may they be fair and honest in their dealings.
12	We pray for blessing and guidance for all who lead - in the church, Government, Local Authorities, education, the health service etc.
13	Help us to trust you at all times and in everything.

14	We thank you for our homes and families, for their love and forbearance.
15	We pray for those trying to escape war and poverty and seek your will as to how we can help.
16	Help us to live by your Commandments in our actions and our hearts.
17	For the APCM
18	We pray for all those who struggle with mental health issues. May they know that you love each one of them.
19	We pray for all those involved in the justice system – judges, magistrates, solicitors, probation officers, the police, prison officers, support charities and all those who are victims of crime.
20	That all who attend Messy Church will learn more about Jesus.
21	Help us to live humble and simple lives with only a need for you and not the clutter we surround ourselves with.
22	We thank you for the wealth and health we often take for granted.
23	For fun and fellowship at the St George's Day Social. For all those attending the Young Women's Vocational Day at Coventry Cathedral – that they will hear God's calling clearly
24	That the Baptism family will be truly blessed
25	Help those stuck in destructive habits to leave the past behind and seek a brighter future with you.
26	When we hit a barrier, please help us.
27	Help us to be mindful of those countries and people less fortunate than ourselves.
28	We thank you for those people who have fought and sacrificed themselves so we can have a better life.

29	Help us to learn to share the gifts you have given us.
	Protect all those who are travelling today and may there be
	happiness at the end of their journey.

From the Registers in March

Baptisms

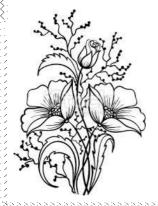
13th March – Myiah Parkes

20th March – Keira & Nicola Allen & Amy Martin

Church Flowers

April 3rd

For Lilian May Foster



Thank you for your generous donations towards the flowers.

If you would like sponsor the altar flowers, perhaps to celebrate an event or remember a loved one, please see Jan in church or telephone her on 02476 395467.

St George's Day Supper Saturday 23rd April 6pm

Adults £5, Children £3. Ploughman's platter and traditional games. Tickets on sale April $1^{\rm st}$



Walk from Ascension to Pentecost: 5th - 15th May 2016

As a Diocese we are taking part in a pilgrimage walk all around the Diocese. The exciting thing is that part of the walk is coming through our Deanery and parish...and so anyone is invited to join in and the details of the local parts of the pilgrimage are below.

Bishop Jonathan (Honorary Assistant Bishop and Bishop of Ebbsfleet) will be walking along the Centenary Way in the **NORTH** of the diocese.

Churches and times

- Monday May 9th 9.30am Mancetter to <u>Hartshill</u> The Dean
- Tuesday May 10th 10am Hartshill to Old Arley Bishop Jonathan
- Wednesday May 11th 10am Old Arley to Stockingford
- Thursday May 12th 10am Stockingford to Chilvers Coton Archdeacon John
- Friday May 13th 10am Chilvers Coton to Bedworth Bishop Jonathan

You are encouraged to complete the entire route. However, if that's not possible, you are very welcome to join in for just one or two sections of a route ** especially the sections starting / ending at Hartshill**

The Walk is also happening each evening towards the centre of the Diocese and there are other walks with other Bishops elsewhere in the Diocese. More information will be displayed nearer the time. Alternatively keep up to date with the information from the website:

http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org and click on the pilgrimage link.

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All are welcome

Our dates for the next year are:

Come along for fun, crafts, food and a little mess!!!

Dates for 2016

Jan 20 th	Feb 17 th	Mar 16 th	Apr 20 th
May 18th	June 15 th	July 20th	Aug 17th
Sep 21st	Oct 19th	Nov 16th	Dec 21st

All at the usual time of 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm

*** At Hartshill Community Centre ***
(next to Holy Trinity Church, Church Road)

<u>Children must be accompanied by an adult.</u> Cost? <u>Free</u> – but donations are welcomed.

Hope to see you there!

CHRISTIAN CHARITY NEWS

Tutapona Trauma Counselling

This month we look at a fairly new and mostly unheard of charity. It was formed in 2008 and grew out of a vision to reach refugees near Gulu in northern Uganda which was the epicentre of Joseph Kony's infamous Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) which raided villages and stole children to become child soldiers in the LRA. Tutapona workers minister in four of Uganda's sprawling refugee camps using their skills as trained clinical social workers to try to help counsel some of the world's most broken and vulnerable people traumatised from war and suffering; many of whom were suicidal. One refugee camp houses 92,000 people, mainly from South Sudan when violence erupted there in 2013.

Over 25,000 refugees have been counselled since Tutapona's beginning and 12,000 people have made a commitment to Christ. There are many testimonies of people who received Christian counselling and have been healed by Christ of their trauma and can now sleep through the night without nightmares and can move on with their lives. They receive hope for a better future and are able to help rebuild their communities. Besides counselling, Tutapona also provides programmes which train leaders in local communities to ensure that follow up support can be provided.

It's hard for us to even imagine the suffering that some people have to endure. Take Kiir for example. When he was 8 years old Kiir was living with his mother and sister in a refugee camp in Ethiopia after escaping the violence and civil war in Sudan. His father had been killed in the civil war. They had been living in the camp for a year but tensions were building within the local community. One day Kiir was away fishing when fighting broke out in the camp. People fled. When Kiir arrived back, no one was there. His mother came back to look for him, but they missed each other and Kiir became one of the "lost boys". He joined a group of 12,000 boys

near a river, but tragically soldiers violently attacked the boys' camp and many hundreds died. The survivors formed groups of around 500 boys and Kiir's group was led by an 11 year old and they carried on moving, moving, moving all the while. 7 and 8 year olds like Kiir took care of each other sharing small cups of rice and muddy water, tending wounds and carrying the smallest ones when they became too weak to continue. After walking for over a year, Kiir crossed the border into Kenya and ended up at another refugee camp very ill with TB but thankfully still alive. After the peace process began Kiir returned to South Sudan and finally completed secondary school in 2009. 18 years passed by during which time he had become a Christian and it had been his prayer to find his mother and sister and in 2010 they were reunited. You can imagine the happiness and joy. Kiir now works for another Christian charity and supports his mother, sister and her three children (his sister's husband was killed in the violence in 2013). He hopes one day to start a home and school for orphans - having spent his days in the bush believing that he himself was an orphan.

The story of Kiir gives us a little insight into the traumatised people that Tutapona's workers are trying to help daily with Christ's help to bring relief from the horrors which people have lived through, to give hope for their future.

To read more about Tutapona and more stories of peoples' lives you can find them online at www.tutapona.com or tutapona.wordpress.com

POSTAGE STAMPS

Thank you to everyone over the years who has given used postage stamps for various charities. With the closure of Haswells shoe shop recently I don't know of anyone locally who takes stamps. It became too expensive to post the stamps to the various charities - probably the Post Office received more out of it than the charities! However, if anyone belongs to a group who collects postage stamps, please let me know and I can pass them on to you.

Lynda Kelly

Foodie Facts

Have you ever wondered how some of your favourite foods came to be discovered or invented?

Here are ten interesting facts (or myths) about British food, some going back to Roman times:

It was the Romans who made oysters popular in Britain and were responsible for establishing their cultivation. The rich waters of Camulodunum (Colchester today) are ideal for cultivating the delicious Colchester oysters.

In Spring, you can trace the routes of the Roman Army through the south of England by following the white blossom on tall, wild cherry trees. Roman soldiers brought cherries from Italy and spat the pips out as they marched.

The world's most eaten 'convenience' food, the humble sandwich was named after an English aristocrat. The Earl of Sandwich had such a passion for gambling that he didn't want to have to stop playing. To ensure his game was not interrupted and to keep his hands clean for the cards, the Earl of Sandwich asked for meat to be put between two slices of bread.

King James I of England and VI of Scotland imported 10,000 mulberry trees to start a silk industry. Unfortunately, he ordered the wrong variety and the silk worms wouldn't eat the leaves. The mulberry tree 'berries,' however, made excellent jam.

Crowdie, a soft, fresh milk cheese, also known as 'gruth' in Gaelic, is the result of traditional methods dating back to Scotland's Viking occupation. The first farm to flavour it with garlic only did so after their cows had escaped from their field, wandered into woods and ate wild garlic. The flavour that went into the milk was so good that garlic crowdie quickly became a favourite item.

'Bletted' Medlars were a much loved after dinner treat in Victorian homes in November and December. The fruit was gathered from trees in September, laid in sawdust and kept until the flesh turned dark and soft, as they had to be 'rotten to be ripe'.

It is not only Stilton cheese that is important to the people of the Heart of England. In 1734, the Mayor of Nottingham was bowled over with a 100 lb. wheel of cheese during a riot after stall-holders at an annual street market had increased cheese prices by more than a third.

The world's first chocolate bar was made in Bristol in the late 1720s by Joseph Fry. His company was eventually taken over by Cadbury, another British, family owned firm.

Mint sauce became the 'essential' accompaniment to roast lamb in Britain thanks to Queen Elizabeth I. To stop her subjects eating lamb and mutton (and help the wool industry), she decreed that the meat could only be served with bitter herbs. Enterprising cooks discovered that mint made the meat taste better, not worse.

Ice cream was so popular in London in the 19th century that massive 'ice wells' were dug in the city. Ice was imported from America, and later from Norway to fill them.



Hartshill Community Library

Tuesday 10am to 2pm Wednesday 2pm to 4pm Thursday 2pm to 4pm (new times) Friday 10am to Midday Saturday 10am to Midday

The following sessions are also held in the library: Family History Group Mondays 1.30pm to 3.30pm Book Club first Tuesday of the month 10.30am IT Support Sessions Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm

Sharon's Recipe - Chocolate Chip Cake

Ingredients Cake

4oz Stork SB margarine at room temperature 4oz castor sugar 2 large eggs Half a tsp vanilla essence 3-4oz Chocolate Chips 4oz self-raising flour – sieved

Ingredients Filling

2oz of salted butter at room temperature 4oz icing sugar 1 oz chocolate melted Half an oz cocoa powder Very tiny amount of milk

Ingredients Topping

1 oz of dark or milk chocolate melted

1 oz white chocolate melted

Method

- Preheat oven to gas mark 4/180 degrees C/ 350 degrees F. Grease and line 2x7in round sandwich cake tins
- 2. Beat together margarine and sugar until soft and fluffy in mixer is best
- 3. Add eggs very gradually beating to mix thoroughly
- 4. Stir in vanilla essence and chocolate chips
- 5. Gradually blend in flour using figure of 8 movement with a metal spoon.
- 6. When thoroughly mixed, divide mixture between sandwich tins
- 7. Bake for 20-25 minutes
- **8.** Leave to cool on wire rack

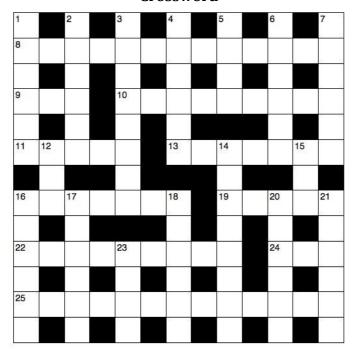
Method Filling

Beat butter until soft, add the icing sugar, cocoa powder and chocolate and mix with a wooden spoon. Add a little milk then beat in the mixer until light and fluffy. Sandwich the cake together with the filling.

Method Topping

Put a little melted chocolate onto a teaspoon and gentle drizzle over the cake in zig-zag and swirls patterns working alternately with white and other chocolate until the cake has an attractive topping.

Crossword



ACROSS

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

- 24 'Go to the —, you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

DOWN

- 1 My for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

See page 19 for answers.

St George - our patron saint who isn't English - by David Winter



It's perhaps typical of the English that they should have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who may not have existed at all. That didn't stop him being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day. It's most likely that he was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated

with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that he was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the middle ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeared. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause. Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our gratitude and admiration.

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Buble in Genesis chapter 1 to 2 verse 3. This story is at the start of the Bible, and the start of time...





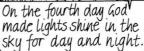




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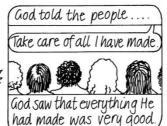








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Answers to crossword on page 15



From the Editor

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If anybody has anything they would like to share with readers of the magazine, please either write it down and give it to me or email it to me at susan.foster@bcs.org.

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