

Christ is risen – Allelulia!

I recently came across the following article and felt I would like to share it with you:

‘I always find the time after Christmas very ‘flat’ – the excitement at the arrival of God’s wonderful gift to us is over and then there is nothing. You could be tempted to think that the time after Easter is the same – Jesus has died and risen, conquering sin and death – but what next?’

Spring is traditionally a time when we think of new life and it is this that should give us cause to be excited. Apart from being beautiful after the darkness of winter, it is a time of, and for, new beginnings and this is what we have to look forward to.

If we read our Bibles, we see that Jesus appeared to his disciples several times after his resurrection. What gives me such cause for excitement and hope was his appearance to Peter. Peter – who had let Jesus down terribly after he was arrested to the extent that he denied even knowing him. But Jesus did not judge Peter according to one of his worst moments. No, Jesus looked beyond Peter’s failings to the person he could be working for God. And Jesus doesn’t measure us by our failings either.

Peter acknowledged that he had done wrong and that he truly loved Jesus. Because of this, he was given a new beginning. He went on to do great things for God but only because he didn’t define himself by the times that he had gone wrong.

So, in this time after Easter, let us start to get excited about the new beginnings that God may be calling us to. Let us not be scared of these challenges knowing that God’s grace is freely available to each one of us.’

So I finish with a prayer - Lord, I give You this day. It may not be exactly as I would like it to be, but it's Yours; opportunities, anxieties, obstacles, fears. Amen.

Diane

Church Flowers

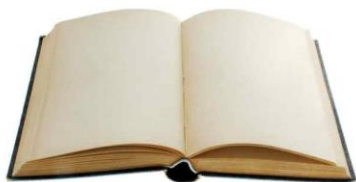


1st April Easter Day
8th April for Lilian May Foster

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

From the Registers in February



Baptisms

18th March - Poppy Yates

Service Dates in April

Date/Time & Service	Season / Theme	Readings to reflect on
1 st April – 10.00am Holy Communion	Easter Day	John 20:1-18
8 th April – 9am Holy Communion	2 nd Sunday of Easter	John 20:19-30
15 th April - 10.00am Holy Communion **followed by a bring and share lunch**	3 rd Sunday of Easter *including the APCM*	1 John 3:1-3
22 nd April - 10.00am ALL AGE	4 th Sunday of Easter	1 John 3:16-24
29 th April – 10.00am Joint Communion Service At Holy Trinity, Hartshill	5 th Sunday of Easter	1 John 4:16-21

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Thursday 5 th	7pm Singing Group in church
Wednesday 11 th	7.30pm Meeting of the Social Committee
Wednesday 18 th	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre Mothers' Union in the library
Saturday 28 th	2pm to 4pm Spring Fair in the Community Centre
<p>Prayer group takes place in Church every Tuesday at 9.15am</p> <p>Children' groups take place on 1st and 3rd Sundays during Holy Communion</p> <p>Trinity Tots in the Community Centre every Monday during term time at 1pm</p> <p>Over 50s group in the Community Centre every Wednesday at 1pm – 3pm</p>	



For Hartshill, Galley Common and area

Well done to all who braved the snow to join us for the Women's World Day of Prayer and thanks to St Anne's for hosting us. Our next event is Easter Day (details below)

Easter Day - Sunday 1st April –

Sunrise Service – 6am Hartshill Hayes

Followed by breakfast at Holy Trinity Hartshill at about 7am (ish)

We will then be looking ahead to our annual Songs of Praise service later in the year – as always - all are welcome – so do get involved where you can... ...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



**All are
welcome**

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

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

Dates for 2018 – Theme – People who met Jesus

Apr 18th - Thomas meets the risen Jesus

May 16th – Mary and Martha

June 20th – The Widow's offering

All at the usual time of 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost? Free – but donations are welcomed.

Praying for our Parish in April

“I am the resurrection and the life and whoever lives and believes in me will never die”*

John 11:25

- 1 Celebrate and thank the Lord on this Easter Sunday for saving us all and pray that by the power of His Holy Spirit we may reach more people and bring them into God’s kingdom so that they may share in His goodness
- 2 Pray for safety and happiness in families on this Bank Holiday
- 3 We give thanks for Rev Heather and her many gifts and her ministry to us. Pray for her and all clergy as they recuperate after the busy Easter period
- 4 Remember and pray for the elderly and for our care homes and their staff
- 5 For all parents we pray for patience, love and the ability to guide their children
- 6 Remember those who are homeless
- 7 Pray for our community facilities and that local people will use them
- 8 We pray for peace in the world, in our community and in each of our homes
- 9 Give thanks for the emergency services and pray for their safety
- 10 For anyone who is facing a difficult situation or decision – may they turn to Christ for comfort and guidance
- 11 Our Church Social Committee meet today – pray for more members to join the team and that God will bless all the activities they arrange for us to enjoy
- 12 Remember refugees throughout the world today and pray that they may find a place of peace and hope for their future
- 13 Pray for safety for all Christians and Aid Workers who spread the Good News of Jesus

- 14 For other churches in our community and that we may be united in serving God and one another
- 15 May God be with us at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting today
- 16 We pray for all teachers and pupils as they return to school for the summer term
- 17 Pray for the Eco Church Conference tomorrow – thank God for his goodness and the beautiful way He made our world and ask for ways that we may protect and cherish it
- 18 Messy Church meet today – pray that the children who attend will grow in understanding and faith in God
- 19 For anyone who is bereaved – May they turn to Christ and receive his unfailing love and comfort
- 20 We ask Jesus to sustain all those who care for someone at home
- 21 For God’s blessing upon all businesses and shops in Galley Common and Hartshill
- 22 Pray that many will feel the presence of Jesus and that he can be as real to us as he was to his Disciples who lived and worked with Him
- 23 We remember the fantastic work of the Scouting movement and ask that our Scouts will be blessed through their activities as they bless others in our community.
- 24 Remember Guides and Brownies and their leaders and, as their gift of poppies given at Christmas continue to grow strong, we thank God for the blessings these children and their leaders bring to us
- 25 For Food Banks and the families who currently need to use them
- 26 For our Church Wardens and their many responsibilities
- 27 Pray for our nation and our Government
- 28 Pray for God to bless our Spring Fair at Holy Trinity today
- 29 Thank God for our friends from Galley Common as we join together in our service today at Holy Trinity
- 30 For community life – that we will all have time for our neighbours



**Holy Trinity
Church
Hartshill
Spring Fayre**



Saturday 28th April

2.00 – 4.00pm

Free Admission





*Refreshments
Knitting Supplies
Handmade Gifts
Cakes
Tombola
Raffle*



And more.....

Everyone welcome!





OPERATION MOBILISATION SHIPS INTERNATIONAL (OM)

MV "Logos Hope" is the world's largest floating book fair, travelling the world providing Christian books and literature to over 110 countries. Logos means "word of God".

Operation Mobilisation was established in 1957 by George Verwer and is a dynamic, international Christian mission movement. Working in every region of the world, OM's aim is to motivate and equip Christians to share God's love and to strengthen and plant churches, especially in areas where Christ is least known.

The crew of over 400 on the ship is made up of volunteers from an international community and includes singles, couples, groups and families, all committed to Christ, serving from short term of one week to living aboard for a couple of years at a time. The ship usually stays in a port for around two weeks and apart from providing literature, teams go from the ship into surrounding areas to supply aid and community care.

OM's purpose covers five areas of activity - Evangelism, Relief and Development, Discipleship and Mentoring, Justice and Advocacy and Church planting. Their work varies from country to country, but the focus is always the same with one message - the same message Jesus brought - to bring Good News to the poor, to proclaim freedom for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

As I write this article, "Logos Hope" is berthed in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. It's been the first visit to Guatemala and an affectionate welcome was given by the mayor of Puerto Barrios, Hugo Sarceno. To quote him, he said he felt his heart "overflowing with joy due to the presence of the Holy Spirit" and said that upon taking office at the town hall his first goal was to declare Puerto Barrios "God's Land" because "we believe that without God, nothing can be done and without God, there is no reason to live". WOW!! Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear our nation's leaders saying something like that. He went on to say "It is no coincidence that this ship is here today. We have prayed a lot for the education of our children, for the culture of our people, for the help our whole town needs and "Logos Hope" does all these things - that's why I think God has heard our prayers and that's why you're all here. It is a blessing for our people".

When you read this, the ship should be in Mexico.

In each port, the ship's crew joins local churches and trains young people for more effective life and service, sharing a message of hope in God wherever there is the opportunity. Tens of thousands of children have been given copies of "The Most Important Story Ever Told", a book designed to communicate God's love in a visual and colourful way; so that children of any background can understand.

Over one million people a year step on board the ship, as they bring knowledge, help and hope to the people of the world. Over 35 million books have been distributed through the onboard book fair and many others donated to universities, schools and libraries in some of the world's neediest nations and an estimated 50 million Bibles and scripture portions have been given out.

As well as serving on the ship, OM also have many short term land based opportunities for serving the Lord in Europe and further abroad, in summer camps, evangelisation, teaching English to children and relief aid and development work.

Around 15 years ago, I had a short break in Edinburgh and visited The Royal Yacht Britannia. I was then delighted to see the "Logos II", the predecessor of "Logos Hope" berthed in front of the yacht. I was even more delighted to see that the ship was open to the public; so I felt very privileged (and excited) to go aboard and have a look around the book shop and was able to purchase a few books and also some Christian music.

If you would like to learn more, their address is OM UK National Office, The Quinta, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, SY10 7LT. Telephone number is 01691 773388 and email is: info.uk@om.org - or to see stories and pictures go online to www.omships.org

Lynda Kelly



The next meeting of the Social Committee will be held on Wednesday 11th April at 7.30pm. This is a very informal group and we would love to see new members or hear your ideas for events.

For more information please see a member of the group

Sheila & David Hinds, Jan Blamire-Brown, Nick Miles and Wendy Albrighton



Thank you to those of you who supported our cake sale following the Mothering Sunday service. We raised £40 for “Make a Mother’s Day”.

We enjoyed a very interesting talk in March by Glynis Gayton on "Village Life in Malawi – having a bakery to feed children and orphans". In addition to building a bakery in Malawi, Glynis is also providing knitted and sewn garments for the children and so I am hoping that we can add some of these garments to our creative repertoire.

In April, we look forward to welcoming our Diocesan chaplain, Pam Gould. We will also be joining with the whole Diocese in celebrating Lady Day on April 9th at St Martin’s Church in Finham, Coventry.

If you want to find out more about the work of the Mothers’ Union, you are welcome to join us at any of our meetings which are held in the library at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. In addition to talks by interesting speakers, we also have creative and fun activities. You can find details of our programme of events on our website at

<http://www.little-blue-boat.co.uk/mu/program.html>



MOTHERS' UNION IS WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AND SEE RELATIONSHIPS FLOURISH



To be a pilgrim is to undertake a journey with a spiritual purpose. We invite you to walk some or all of the Coventry Pilgrimage route in 2018.

What is it?

We will walk the almost 50 mile route, circling Coventry from church to church around the Coventry Way footpath and reaching the Cathedral down the Sherbourne Valley Way. We will walk a section of about 4 to 6 miles on the last Saturday morning of each month for 9 months from Easter Eve, March 31st, to the Eve of Christ the King, November 24th.

Why are we doing it?

To wait for and welcome Christ the King in Coventry.
To spend time with friends and make new friends – building a reconciling community.
To celebrate the Centenary of Coventry Diocese.
To explore and enjoy our environment.
Because walking is good for us!

When is it?

We will meet outside a church at 10 am on the last Saturday morning of each month and set off by 10.15 am.

March 31st St Laurence Meriden via St John the Baptist Berkswell to Burton Green Village Hall (congregation of Westwood Church Coventry) 5.4 miles

April 28th Burton Green Village Hall (congregation of Westwood Church Coventry) to St Mary Stoneleigh 5.6 miles

May 26th St Mary Stoneleigh via St Giles Bubbenhall to St Leonard Ryton on Dunsmore 5.8 miles

June 30th St Leonard Ryton on Dunsmore via St Margaret Wolston to St John the Baptist Brinklow 5.9 miles

July 28th St John the Baptist Brinklow to St James Ansty 4.3 miles

August 25th St James Ansty to All Saints Bedworth 4.6 miles

September 29th All Saints Bedworth via St Andrew Bedworth to St Mary & All Saints Fillongley 6.2 miles

October 27th St Mary & All Saints Fillongley to All Saints Allesley 5.9 miles

November 24th All Saints Allesley via St John the Baptist Coventry and Holy Trinity Coventry to Coventry Cathedral 3.1 miles

Details of the walk for each month, guidance about where to park and suggestions for convenient places for lunch at the end of each walk will appear on the Diocesan Centenary website www.cov100.org month by month. (The churches on the route may or may not be open for pilgrims so please check month by month.)

Who is it for?

Anyone, church-goer or not, who wants to pray Christ's peace and blessing where we walk and on Coventry. Particularly welcome are all who work, volunteer or worship on Hill Top or around the route. Pilgrims walk at their own risk. Under 16s welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Well-behaved dogs welcome.

How do I get involved?

Just turn up. No need to register.
Because the walks are linear not circular, if possible arrange transport in a group, sharing cars and leaving a car at your destination, before driving to the starting point. There will be a few lifts back to the starting point for stranded drivers if needed.
Wear trainers, walking boots or sturdy shoes and bring a waterproof and some water. Bring a flask and a snack if you like.

Coventry Pilgrimage 2018 Planning Group (Paul & Pam Cavendish, John & Margaret Lloyd)

c/o John Lloyd, Cathedral Reader wloyd49@gmail.com Cathedral & Diocesan Offices, 1 Hill Top, Coventry CV1 5AB

Sharon's Recipe - Salmon and Broccoli Pasta

Serves 2

A light quick spring time meal.

Ingredients	Method
<p>6oz/180g spaghetti 2oz/50g broccoli each stalk halved 1 tbsp olive oil 3 spring onions 1 clove garlic finely chopped 4 oz/125g smoked salmon cut into thin strips 3 tbsp low fat crème fraiche Juice of ½ a lemon Salt and pepper</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Add spaghetti to a pan of lightly salted boiling water and cook for 4 minutes2. Add broccoli to the pan and cook for further 7 minutes3. Meanwhile, heat oil in a frying pan, add spring onions and garlic and fry gently for 3-4 minutes4. Drain the spaghetti and broccoli and add the onion and garlic and mix well5. Add salmon and crème fraiche and stir6. Add lemon juice and season to taste7. Serve immediately

Hartshill Community Cafe



Open Every Tuesday

11:00 – 2:00

In the Community Centre

Enjoy home made food and good company



EASTER SYMBOLS

At Easter it is all bunnies, eggs and lambs in the shops. Why are they symbols of Easter?

One of the oldest Spring symbols in the world is the egg - it promises new life as in Spring, fluffy yellow chicks are hatched from eggs.



The hare was a symbol of the moon and is connected with Easter because the date of Easter depends upon the full moon. Over time, the hare became a rabbit, because there are more rabbits around than hares!

The lamb represents Jesus and links His death to that of the lamb sacrificed on the first Passover. Jesus is called "the Lamb of God."

EASTER WORDSEARCH

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with Spring and Easter - can you find them all?

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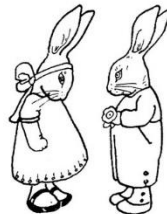
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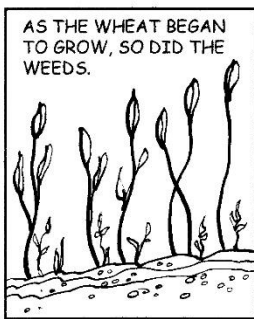
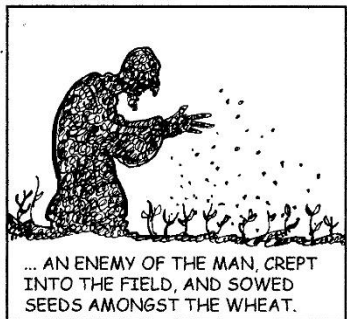
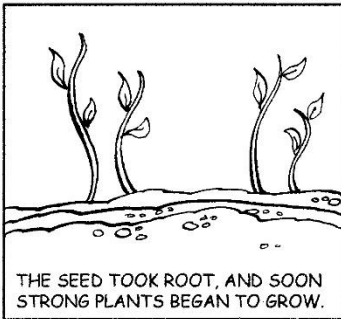
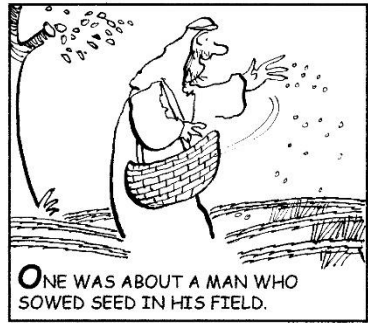
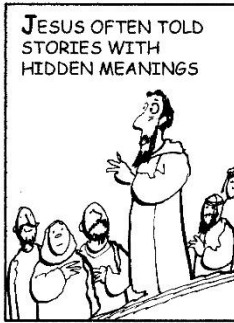
How do baby hens dance?
Chick to chick.

Why does the chicken go to the theatre?
For hentertainment.

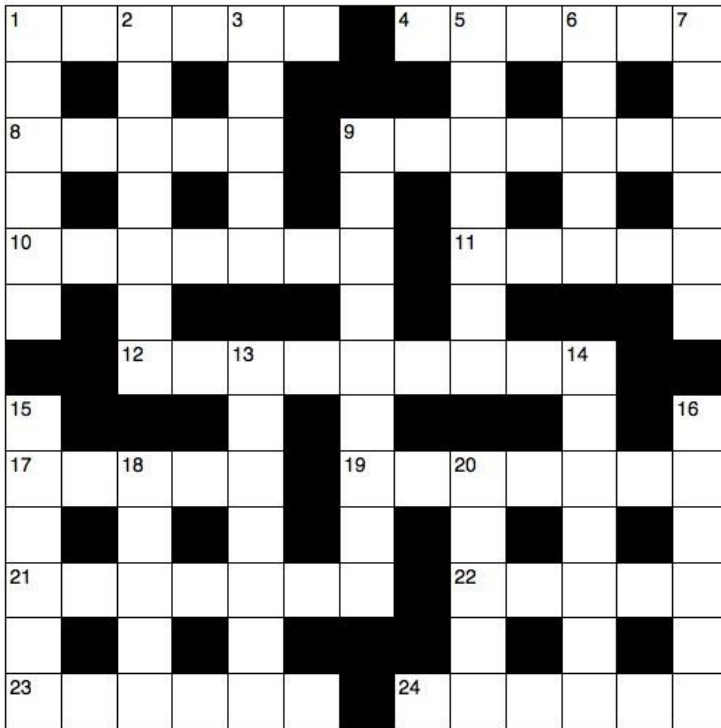


Which rabbits were famous bank robbers?
Bunny and Clyde!

The tale of the Wheat and the Weeds



Crossword



Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 ““They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!”” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)

- 19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

Solution on page 18

Eco Top Tips

Get to grips with your bills



1. Get to grips with your energy bills. The information on a typical energy bill can be confusing. But understanding it can go a long way to helping you get to grips with your energy use. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins
2. Switch your electricity supplier so that you support renewable electricity generation rather than electricity made by burning fossil fuels. You could use the Green Journey price comparison site <http://greenjourney.switchgasandelectric.com/>
3. More than half the money spent on fuel bills goes towards providing heating and hot water. Installing a room thermostat, a programmer and thermostatic radiator valves and using these controls efficiently could save you around £75 a year.
4. If you already have a full set of heating controls, turning down your room thermostat by just one degree can save around £80 a year. Jumpers are in this year!

Solution to crossword on page 16

ACROSS: 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar.

DOWN: 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.

Hartshill Community Library

Your Warwickshire Library card works here!



Tuesday 10am to 2pm
Wednesday 2pm to 4pm
Thursday 2pm to 4pm
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
Needles and Natter Fridays 10am to 12pm
Book Club first Tuesday of the month 10.30am

If you feel able to join our band of volunteers, pop in any time.

Magazine Deliverer Wanted

If anybody is willing to deliver about 8 magazines in and around Castle Road, Hartshill, please contact me.

Sue Foster (editor)

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 mu@susanmfoster.co.uk. Please send text in either email form or as a word attachment and send photos as jpg attachments.

The deadline for articles for the May magazine is 23rd April 2018

You can find past recent editions of the magazine at <http://hartshillmu.uk/publications.html>

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