Taking time out

Taking time out from the everyday norms is vitally important for our wellbeing

Hello, my name is Sharon Crofts and I've been appointed as the new curate for Hartshill and Galley Common. For those who don't know what a curate is, I'm basically an assistant vicar in training, or an assistant vicar with 'L' plates on and Heather Barnes is my trainer and mentor. Having completed a short summer training placement here with you in 2016, I can honestly say I'm really delighted to have been asked to come and serve my curacy with you all.

My prayer, when I began my curacy at the beginning of July, was that I would not become so busy that my relationship with God becomes squeezed out. If that should happen I know I would not be able to serve the needs and hopes of the communities, for without my enjoyment of God and God's provision for me I would be tired, wrung out and useless to everyone, including myself.

I therefore found it somewhat strange that newly ordained Deacons begin their curacies on the tail end of a long, focussed and very full academic year with limited opportunity to take a break before we embark upon our new roles. That said, new Deacons have been training hard at Theological colleges for a number of years in response to God's call to priesthood and by the end of their training are chomping at the bit to get stuck into their new parish curacies. Now the real work begins. Surely then you would think it makes sense to have a break or take a holiday before that next phase starts?

Even God, after creating the heavens and the earth, ceased his work and rested, taking the time to enjoy all that he had made (Genesis 2:1-3). Rest from our work is good and as many of us embark on summer holidays during this period, it is good to know that taking time out from our normal everyday roles is vitally important for our wellbeing. It offers us

opportunity to rest, relax, take stock and enjoy our accomplishments and to enjoy the company of our family and friends.

Taking a break from the everyday norms is about living wisely. In today's global society we can often find ourselves pressured by external sources and our busyness can become all consuming. Yet our time is a valuable God given resource and a gift to each of us. If we use our time out wisely we can find ourselves returning to our normal daily routines properly refreshed and rejuvenated.

For me, it is important that my time out from the everyday norms are spent in God's company.

Oswald Chambers, an early twentieth century Scottish evangelist and teacher wisely advises "the busyness of things obscure our concentration on God. Never let a hurried lifestyle disturb the relationship of abiding in Christ."

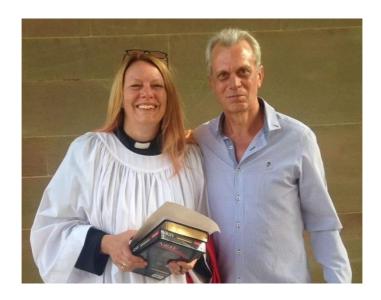
God's time out on the 'Sabbath' day was a day and time that he blessed and made holy. God wants you to be blessed as you take time out, however you might choose to do that.

I was privileged to manage to squeeze in a damp week in Wales the minute I had finished my final college assignment and prior to a wonderfully warm and sunny retreat where I had time out focussing on God in preparation for my ordination. By the end of this I was more than ready to begin my curacy – in fact I was raring to go!

So may this summer provide you opportunity to rest and enjoy all that God has gifted because of his love and his care for each of us, including his gifted time out.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend Sharon Crofts - Curate, Holy Trinity, Hartshill and St Peter's, Galley Common



Welcome to Sharon who is pictured here with her husband Allan at her ordination at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday July 1^{st} .

We were pleased to officially welcomed Sharon to our church at our Sausage Sizzle in July.



Church Flowers



IN AUGUST:

5th For Mrs A Taylor 12th For Ada Kelly 19th For Don Gledhill 26th For Derek Edwards

IN SEPTEMBER:

2nd For Mr Upton 9th For Mr J Barker 16th For Florence Thornton 23rd HARVEST FESTIVAL 30th For Family & Friends

Thank you for your generous donations towards the flowers.

If you would like to 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.

Also, if anyone would like to help with arranging the flowers, Jan would be delighted to hear from you!

The Feast-time of the Year

This is the feast-time of the year,
When plenty pours her wine of cheer,
And even humble boards may spare
To poorer poor a kindly share.
While bursting barns and granaries know
A richer, fuller overflow.
And they who dwell in golden ease
Blest without toil, yet toil to please.

by Dora Read Goodale

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.

Singing Group



The next meeting of the Singing Group is Thursday 6th September at 7pm in church. The group meets on the first Thursday of each month for an hour (apart from our summer break in July and August). It is a very relaxed time of enjoying worship songs and hymns, old and new - we simply gather at the piano and sing our favourites.

Please come and join us and bring your friends, there is no need to be able to read music and there are definitely no auditions!!

Everyone is very welcome to help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing (Psalm 100)

Wendy Albrighton and Nick Miles

Service Dates in August/September

Date/Time & Service	Season / Theme	Readings to reflect on
5 th August –	10 th After Trinity /	Ephesians 4
<u>10.00am</u>	Proper 13	v1 to 8 & 11 to 13
Holy Communion		
<u>12th August – </u>	11 th After Trinity /	John 6
<u>9am</u>	Proper 14	v35 & 41 to 51
Holy Communion		
19 th August -	12 th After Trinity /	Psalm 111
<u>10.00am</u>	Proper 15	
Holy Communion		
26 th August -	13 th After Trinity /	Ephesians 6
<u>10.00am</u>	Proper 16	v10 to 20
ALL AGE		
<u>2nd September –</u>	14 th after Trinity /	James 1:17-25
<u>10.00am</u>	Proper 17	
Holy Communion		
9 th September –	15 th after Trinity /	Isaiah 35:4-7 ^a
<u>9am</u>	Proper 18	Or Mark 7:31-37
Holy Communion		
<u> 16th September -</u>	16 th after Trinity /	Mark 8:27-38
<u>10.00am</u>	Proper 19	
Holy Communion		
23 rd September -	17 th after Trinity /	Luke 12:22-34
<u>10.00am</u>	Proper 20	
ALL AGE -		
HARVEST		

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday 15 th August	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre	
Thursday 6 th September	Singing Group in the Church	
Wednesday 19 th September	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre	
Wednesday 19 th September	7.30pm Mothers' Union in the library	

Children' groups take place on 1st and 3rd Sundays during Holy Communion

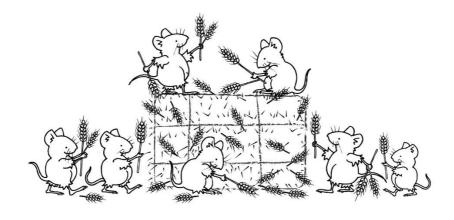
Trinity Tots takes place in the Community Centre every Monday during term time at 1pm

Prayer group takes place in Church every Tuesday at 9.15am

Fellowship Group takes place every Tuesday during term time at Nick and Carol's at 7.30pm

Over 50s group takes place in the Community Centre every Wednesday at 1pm - 3pm

To Colour





For Hartshill, Galley Common and area

We met again as a committee on Wednesday 13th June to plan ahead for the rest of the year – including our Advent Sunday service which will be at Holy Trinity Hartshill on December 2nd at 3pm. During the meeting we were also planning our Christmas Carol Singing – but perhaps we'll give you those dates nearer the time!

We also enjoyed a fabulous open air songs of praise at the end of June – with thanks to the Quaker church for hosting us. We enjoyed hearing about why songs were special and poignantly sang one of the hymns in memory of Sandra Smith – a faithful supporter of the Churches Together services for many years.

It was good to have each church represented – and as an extra bonus the end of service collection went to the Chinthowa trust – a locally based charity supporting the development of the village of Chinthowa in Malawi working especially with orphans and children. So thank you for your support with this.

As always all are most 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

Aug 15th – Summer games and activities

Sep 19th – Harvest (Parable of the Sower)

Oct 17th – Centurion

Nov 21st – Elizabeth, Zachariah and John the Baptist

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 August

So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11: 24

- We pray for the children of the Parish that they will continue to enjoy their school holidays. May god keep them safe in all their activities.
- We thank you for our homes and families, and we think of all those who are homeless. Cause them to be met with compassion and kindness. Bless the work of the Salvation Army, local churches and Doorway.
- We pray for the persecuted church around the world, help us to support them in prayer and practical ways, for we are all part of one body.
- We thank you for the freedom we have in this country to attend church and worship you, help us never to take this for granted.
- We pray for those being baptised today, that God would bless them and their family and friends.
- We thank you for the beauty of your creation, help us never to be too busy to enjoy this.
- We pray that you will make us a church with open doors and open arms, that we would welcome people as you do and that we would bring hope and light to our community.
- We pray for all our uniform groups that they will continue to provide a strong foundation for our young people.
- We thank you for the gift of life and pray for a greater respect for all life from conception until natural death.

- We pray for all those living in poverty, that you will meet their needs. Help us to share what we have with those in need. We pray for our local foodbank.
- 11 We pray for those being baptised today, that God would bless them and their family and friends.
- We pray for all the children's groups, Sunday school, Tiny tots and Messy church and pray that children will gain a secure foundation in you.
- We pray for local schools, teachers and staff, direct them in the challenges they face engaging with children and their parents.
- We think of all those in residential care, that they will enjoy the company of those around them and feel cared for and loved.
- Messy church meets today, we pray for all the children to have a fun time learning about Jesus.
- 16 'A' level results today. We pray that all young people will know your direction and guidance.
- We remember all those in hospital, that they will be treated with dignity and respect. Bring healing and comfort to them and their families.
- We pray for all those caught up in wars and conflict and pray that you would bless all those who strive for peace.
- We pray for those being baptised today, that God would bless them and their family and friends
- We pray for all refugees and those seeking safety, help us to be welcoming to those in need.
- We pray for all those who live alone, cause them to know the kindness of neighbours and friends.

- We pray for churches together, that the spirit of Christian unity would continue to bless our local area.
- We pray for the Home Communion team as they minister to those who are unable to get to church.
- We pray for all who are bereaved that they would know the comfort that their loved one is safe with you.
- We pray for our young people as they await their GCSE results tomorrow. Cause them to know you have a plan for their lives whatever results they achieve.
- We pray for all foster carers, bless and support them in the life-changing work they do.
- We pray for all those who care for animals, promoting kindness not cruelty. Pray that all people would be faithful stewards of your creation.
- We pray for all those suffering from mental illness that the love of God will break into their lives and bring healing.
- Lord Jesus, we pray for all those who do not know you, that you will touch their hearts with your love and bring them into a relationship with yourself.
- We continue to pray for Heather and all those who serve in Hartshill and Galley Common.
- We thank you for all the promises we have in you and that you are with us at all times and in every situation.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 38-39

Praying for our Parish in September God is

kindness, greatness, love, forgiveness, patience, meekness, compassion, peace, just, timeless. Ageless, caring, awesome, knowledge, wisdom, serving, good, joyful. Gentle, eternal, powerful, mighty, healer, holy, righteous, provider, merciful, trusting, creator, teacher, good shepherd, alpha and omega, rock, friend, advocate, light, king, the way, understanding, father, trustworthy, comforter,

- Pray that the **timeless** God will be with those in their special time of birthdays / anniversaries this month.
- 2 Pray that the God of **peace** would help for the police and young people to see each other in a positive way.
- Pray that as the deanery standing committee meets today they will stand firm on the rock
- Pray that the God of all **knowledge** will help teachers pass on their **Knowledge** to the children this year.
- Pray for the over 50s that the **Good Shepherd** would help shepherd their flock.
- Thank God that He is the healer and comforter for those who are sick and / or lonely
- Pray for young people in care that they will be able to see God as the perfect **Father**.
- Pray for the wedding couple today that they will be quick to ask God forgiveness to help them forgive each other

- Pray that children won't give in to peer pressure but as God is **trustworthy** so their own instincts could be.
- Pray for the PCC who meets tonight that they know
- 10 God is Alpha and Omega, all begins and ends with Him.
- Pray that God's patience would be in all circumstances as Boys Brigade meets tonight.
- Thank God our friend for all the teachings and friendships in the fellowship / prayer groups
- Pray for the leaders of Girls Brigade as they teach about God's greatness.
- Pray for our **serving** God to guide the government and ask that they would be focused on serving those in their constituencies.
- Pray for the God of understanding to be with emergency services that they will find a calm place amidst the turmoil
- Pray for God's **goodness** to be with the parents of the Christening child.
- Pray that the God of **joy** will be in for family relationships of Trinity Tots.
- Pray that a caring God will show how the church can work with the environment.
- Pray for Messy church and the families who come as they learn about God's love.
- Pray for the **righteousness** of God to be with the Deanery synod that they will stand for **righteousness**.

- Pray that the **light** of God will guide church leaders and that they will stand firm.
- Thank **provider** God as we celebrate the Harvest Supper tonight.
- Pray for the **gentleness** of God to fill the Christening's family home.
- Pray for God's wisdom as university students make big decisions.
- Pray for our teenagers and young people that they will know God and walk in **His way**.
- Pray that God's **kindness** be in schools and clubs instead of bullying and cyber bullying.
- Pray for yearly events like shoebox appeal and ongoing events like foodbank. As God shows
- compassion, thank Him that those who supporting them show compassion.
 - Pray that God the **teacher** will be with all
- grandparents that they will have a positive influence on their grandchildren.
- 29 Thank creator God for His creation.
- Pray that the **powerful** God will make powerful links between the two churches.

Galatians 5 v 22 and 23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

LONDON CITY MISSION

London City Mission was founded in 1835, working in the slums of London and its vicinity, for the purpose of bringing to the people an acquaintance with salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ; something they still strive to do today, over 150 years later.

When a deadly outbreak of cholera swept London in the 1840s more than 200 missionaries entered the slums, into the homes of the sick to bring God's good news. They prayed with suffering families, shared the gospel with them and held their hands as they died, risking everything themselves to care for those on the very margins of society.

After that, they set up schools (the Ragged Schools) for poor children in the 1850s, then went out to the docks to minister to working men and found homes for the homeless. Later, they helped families bombed in the Blitz and came alongside traumatized soldiers returning from the war.

Today, they still take the gospel to the least reached people and can be found on the toughest estates, talking to gang members about Jesus. They also go into prisons to run Bible groups. They show love and hospitality to immigrants. They run a drop-in centre for homeless people and provide cooked breakfasts, showers, medical support, advice and friendship to them.

They work right across London, sharing God's love with people who are shunned, ignored or overlooked. They do this "because London needs Jesus". How true is this, but not just London, England in general.

Of course, London's population has changed vastly in 150 years and people from all over the world now live, work or study here and the missionaries

now work with people of many faiths or none, seeking to make Jesus known to them. Many of the missionaries are now from a variety of backgrounds and languages and are able to reach their fellow residents in a language familiar to them. They chat on the local streets conversing with people from their original countries and telling them what Jesus means to them.

There are many opportunities to serve the Lord in this Mission whether it's by street evangelism, working in their cafes, prison visiting, providing hospitality in the drop-in centres, working with the local schools, church planting, office work or many other areas.

Contact details: London City Mission, Nasmith House, 175 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 2AH. Telephone: 020 7407 7585 or online at London City Mission.

P.S. Our local cities of Coventry and Birmingham also have City Missions, serving their local communities in similar ways.

Lynda Kelly



'Heritage Open Day'

Saturday 8th September 2018

in St Peter's Church. 10.00am—4.00pm Audio Visual and heritage displays, including excerpts from the popular 'Mining Memories' exhibition and much, much more —

DURING THE WARS

Exhibitions & Displays chronicling life in Galley Common during the wars. Visit our WW2 ARP Command Shelter.

Includes local 'Diaries'.

Food available from 11am. (Soup & a roll) 'WW2 Afternoon

Tea Dance'

2pm with live themed entertainment and

'High Tea'

(TICKETS £5.00)

Must be purchased in advance

'Harvest Festival'

& Sale of Produce

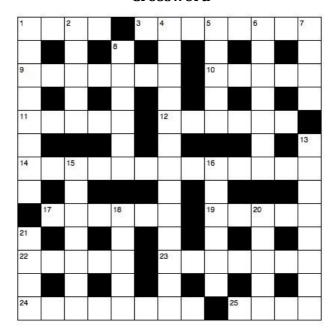
Sunday 16th September 2018 in St Peter's Church.

Service 4.00pm then Auction.

McMillan Coffee Morning 27th September 2017

10.30am—12.00pm St Peter's Church Hall. Bring & Buy, Home made cakes & Refreshments.

Crossword



Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You are one of them" (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to —, O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)

- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust ——' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all —, but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)



Eco Top Tips



In the car

- In the car drive away immediately when starting from cold idling to heat the engine wastes fuel and causes rapid engine wear.
- 2. When driving the most efficient speed depends upon the car in question but is typically around 55 65mph, faster speeds will greatly increase your fuel consumption. Slow down and allow a little more time for journeys.
- 3. Change your car breakdown cover to a company that campaigns for better environmental transport measures, rather than being part of the road transport lobby e.g. Environmental Transport Association www.eta.co.uk
- 4. In the car switch your engine off if you pull over or are stuck in traffic for even a minute. It saves you fuel, reduces the nitrous oxide pollution for you and those around you and cuts noise pollution.

Lighting your home

- Light bulbs! If the average household replaced all of their bulbs with LEDs, it would cost about £100 and save about £35 a year on bills. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins
- 2. Use natural light when you can to save energy. Sit by the window. Decorate your hone in light colours to maximise natural light.
- 3. Turn your lights off when you're not using them. If you switch a light off for just a few seconds, you will save more energy than it takes for the light to start up again, regardless of the type of light. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins
- 4. If you have lights in your garden use solar powered lights that charge during the day and don't require electricity.

Sharon's Recipe - Quick Spicy Beans and Sausage - Serves 4

Ingredients

1-2 tsp olive oil

1 medium onion

12 Quorn or Irish recipe Sausages, sliced

3 tsp Rose Harissa Paste

400g can chopped tomatoes

400g can butter beans

400g can Red Kidney beans

142ml / 5 fl oz hot vegetable or beef stock

Salt and freshly ground pepper

½tsp Worcester Sauce

Method

- Heat the olive oil and cook the onion for 5 minutes until softening
- Add the sliced sausages and cook for 2 minutes to brown a little
- Add the Rose Harissa paste and stir for 30 seconds
- Stir in the tomatoes, stock and beans
- Cover and simmer for 10 minutes
- Continue to simmer uncovered for a further 10 minutes to reduce the sauce
- Add the Worcester sauce and serve

Solution to crossword on page 19

ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

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 October magazine is 24th September.

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