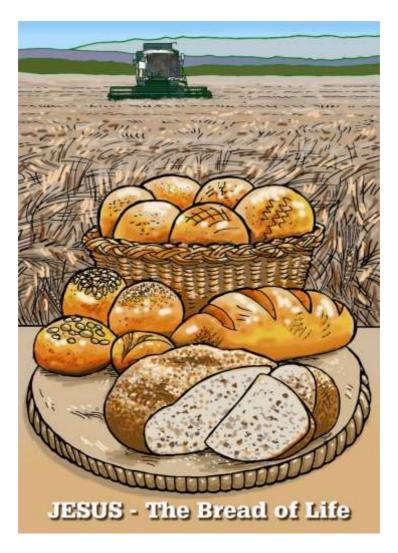
# August 2020



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HARTSHILL, NUNEATON

#### So where is God in all of this?

#### A question asked and answered by a colleague of mine....

God is found in random acts of kindness. In the forming of neighbourhood hubs, coordinating help for the housebound and those in lockdown shielding. In health and care workers straining to keep people safe, and get them well, often at great personal cost. In posting silly jokes and cute animal videos on social media to help us smile. In contacting those we can't meet and giving them virtual hugs. Even in the Government giving grants to cushion businesses from catastrophic shut-downs. God mainly operates through us.

#### St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) wrote:

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

#### The Lord's prayer starts:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Caring for our communities, smiling at passers-by, reaching out to those in need, all these are doing God's will here on earth. God operates through individuals and communities during these times of disjointed living. It is through us that God is in all of this. (SFR)

And I would like to add my thanks to all of you who have looked for and found ways to help others – from the practical acts of kindness to the phone calls and encouragements – it has been great to see and hear God's grace and love in action.

We are looking at opening our church buildings again ... although the services will be limited both in content and numbers allowed back into the building. If you want to 'book a place' (we may have to do it on rota system to keep us both legal and safe) then let me know.

With my thoughts, thanks and prayers, Heather <><

#### 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.

I have included all of our usual adverts at the end of the magazine but businesses may not be operating normally at the moment.

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



#### **Church Services**

Church Services are hoping to start again on Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Holy Trinity at 10am. All services for the time being at Holy Trinity will start at 10am (there will be no 9am service on Second Sunday – but 10am instead). We are making our decisions for St Peter's at our Galley Common PCC meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to decide when we exactly start back there and if the services are likely to resume at 10.30.

A lot of preparation has gone into considering how we can operate to comply with all the Covid 19 secure advice. <u>Unfortunately we are going to be very</u> restricted on numbers who can attend at both churches. As the Pastoral

Letter explained there will be strict distancing measures including how people sit in church, there will be no singing, no communion, no sharing of the peace and no refreshments. Sadly we will not be able to encourage people gathering for a chat before or after the service. So it is going to be a very different experience with a pared back and simple service. **However** it is a first step to be able to worship with others in Church.

Because of restrictions we do need to know who is hoping to attend a service so please ring or email Heather to ask to be put on a list of attendance for a Sunday. This is vital as we do not want to turn people away. Please note we will be continuing with these services being sent out by email and resources being sent in the post as at present.

We are grateful to all those who have replied to Heather after her questions in the Pastoral letter and especially to those who have said so graciously that they will continue with virtual services at home to enable others to attend church.

The Churches' Premises are still closed to everyone outside service times 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.

In the light of constant changing advice and the initial opening up of the Churches we will keep you informed of developments and would ask for your prayers during what is going to be a difficult and developing situation.

Heather emails a weekly service each week for us to say together on Sunday at 10am. All services sent out by Heather since the start of lockdown can be found at

hartshillmu.uk/churchservices.html

# **Praying for our Parish in August**

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5)

1	Dear God, please be with us as we move into a changing world.			
As lockdown eases pray:				
2	That decision makers will offer good leadership			
3	That society will follow the ongoing guidelines for the safety and wellbeing of everyone and with patience and perseverance			
4	For businesses as they continue to deal with modifications to working practices and conditions in their workplaces			
5	For the employed as they return to work, that they will work safely and flexibly			
6	For those who have lost their jobs			
7	For all those who are looking at how we can meeting together again safely as a church			
8	For patience as we wait to worship together again			
9	For open hearts and minds to accept that change may be necessary as we move ahead			
10	For creativity as normal gives way to new (remembering that God made the universe out of nothing)			

11	For those on their own who have felt particularly separated over the past months from family, friends and the church family	
12	For Heather and Sharon as they continue to lead our church forward in this new phase	
13	For families who may still not have been able to meet	
14	For cities that may still be under 'lockdown' conditions	
15	For those who would have been getting married this year but have changed their plans	
16	For the staff at our local hospital (George Eliot)	
17	For NHS staff throughout the country who continue to work tirelessly for our health and wellbeing. Give them fresh energy and continued protection	
18	For all residents and staff at care homes throughout the country. Thinking particularly of those at the Stables, Linden Grange, Oldbury Grange and Bentley House	
19	For those who continue to 'fight' the virus or are suffering the after-effects of it	
20	For those seeking to find a cure or vaccine against the virus	
21	For those who have lost loved ones, that they may know the comfort of family and friends but also our Lord Jesus Christ	
22	For the homeless, that they will not be forgotten as lockdown eases	
23	For our young people, that they have remained safe during the school holidays and that their education has not been adversely affected	

24	For those moving to other schools or hoping to go to university	
25	For all those who use the foodbank, that their needs have been met over the holiday period	
26	For farmers as crops ripen, that they will have a suitable workforce to harvest it	
27	For Christians throughout the world who were already having to worship in secret and may now be finding it even more difficult	
28	For those who continue to feel anxious, Lord, comfort them. For those who continue to feel afraid, strengthen them, for those feeling weary, uplift them	
29	Help us to be a light to others and may we shine for You, Lord Jesus	
30	Thank God that His Word is living and active giving us hope and certainty for the future	
31	Dear God, as we reach out towards the future, please fill us with faith, hope and love	

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

Prayers by Diane



# OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL UK

This charity was founded in 1971 by two visionary leaders who were inspired to take action by their experiences with people living in extreme poverty. Al Whittaker from the USA and Australian entrepreneur David Bussau sought a solution which would help people transform their lives. Opportunity International was one of the first non-profit organizations to recognize the benefits of offering financial services for people living in poverty in developing countries.

It is a charity which provides marginalised people and their communities with access to business loans, savings accounts, financial training and community support, which can empower people to work their way out of poverty and build a sustainable future for themselves and their families. They describe it as giving a hand up, not just a hand out. It simply gives people a chance on the first step i.e. giving a small grant to set someone up in a simple business and training or giving advice on how to run a business, as often the people who are helped have had no education.

Opportunity International's Vision is for a world in which all people have the opportunity to achieve a life free from poverty, with dignity and purpose. Their Motivation is responding to Jesus Christ's call to love and serve the poor. They serve all people regardless of religion, race or gender. The charity now serves more than 10 million hardworking families in over 20 countries around the world. Funds to support their work are raised from supportive members, individuals and businesses, from the richer countries including the UK.

Opportunity International is a network of organizations (programme partners) which provide loans and other practical support and training directly to families in need.

Deep poverty is extremely hard to get out of. People can work very long hours for very little pay. They may be able to buy some food, though often not enough to eat well. They may be able to pay rent, maybe a one room hovel to give their families a roof over their heads, but even after working up to 18 hours a day as many do, including children, there is no money left to pay for medication or for educating their children, and certainly nothing

to put aside to set up a business, even if the idea is there. They just survive day after day with no chance of anything getting any better.

Giving people a small loan can make all the difference in the world. Take Leila for instance who lives in a remote village in Ghana. She has been farming since she was a child. Her father died when she was very young and her help was needed in the fields. She is still farming to take care of her own children now. Before Opportunity International became involved she harvested only 3 bags of crops; but with the help of the charity she had a loan to buy fertilizer and training in how to farm more successfully. She now gets 9 bags at harvest and is able to save some money from the profit enabling her to pay for her children's education and money to pay for hospital treatment if they get ill. Another result is that she now has confidence and respect in her community.

Said lives in Uganda and sells bananas and plantains for a living. He sets off at midnight with his cycle laden with his goods and walks 15 km in darkness to the nearest town to sell his produce to hotels for the guests to eat at breakfast. It takes 3 - 4 hours to walk on the dusty or muddy road. He then comes home, reloads his cycle and sells in the local market. Five years ago he received a loan of £69 from Opportunity International enabling him to buy the land and fertilizer, which in turn has enabled him now to buy a roof for the small hut he lives in with his family on the plantation and he has also been able to pay school fees for his children. In time he hopes to build a house of bricks.

Just two of the many success stories of people being given a helping hand with a small loan and training - a small loan but a massive difference to their lives. Other people have set up small shops, children's nursery, dressmaking and hairdressing, and market stalls to sell their fruit and vegetables to name a few. Some have done so well, that they are able to employ others.

Contact details are Opportunity International UK, Angel Court, 81 St. Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AW. Tel: 01865 725304 or look online to see more stories and photos at Opportunity International UK.

Lynda Kelly

#### Sharon's Recipe - Cheese Scones & Sultana Scones - Makes 7-8

Summer is a lovely time to enjoy afternoon teas outside with scones and chutneys, or cream, jam and fresh berries.



#### **Cheese Scone Ingredients** Method

8 oz / 225g self-raising flour
1 tsp / 5ml dry mustard powder
Pinch of cayenne pepper
½ tsp / 2.5 ml salt
2oz / 50g butter
2 oz / 50g grated English
Cheddar cheese
¼ pint / 150ml fresh milk
Extra milk for brushing
To serve
Butter and Caramelised

onion chutney

- 1. Preheat oven to gas mark 8/230 degrees C/ 450 degrees F. Grease a baking sheet with oil or butter
- 2. For Cheese Scones sift the flour, salt, mustard and cayenne pepper into a large bowl
- 3. For Fruit Scones sift the flour and salt into a large bowl
- 4. Rub butter into flour mixture until it resembles fine breadcrumbs
- 5. Mix in Cheese or Sultanas and Sugar
- 6. Add milk all at once. Mix to a soft but not sticky dough with a knife.

#### **Sultana Scones Ingredients**

8 oz / 225g self-raising flour ½ tsp / 2.5 ml salt 2oz / 50g butter 2 oz / 50g sultanas 1 oz / 25g sugar ¼ pint / 150ml fresh milk Extra milk for brushing

- 7. Turn on to a lightly floured work surface.
- 8. Knead quickly until smooth
- 9. Roll out to about 1 cm (½ inch) thick.
- 10. Cut into 7 or 8 rounds with a 6.5cm (2½ inch) biscuit cutter
- 11. Transfer to the greased baking sheet.
- 12. Brush tops with milk
- 13. Bake for 7-10 minutes or until well risen and golden.
- 14. Cool on a wire cooling tray

Serve Cheese Scones with butter and caramelised onion chutney and serve the fruit scones with butter, clotted cream and strawberry conserve or jam and fresh berries if you have them.

Scones are best eaten on the day of baking – they are absolutely at their very best whilst still warm (not hot).

If you only want to use half the mixture or bake fresh on another day but don't have time to make from scratch, freeze them at the dough stage.

#### Lord of the mountains

You, O God, are the Lord of the mountains and the valleys. As I travel over mountains and through valleys, I am beneath your feet. You surround me with every kind of creature... Open my eyes to see their beauty, that I may perceive them as the work of your hands...

Tonight, I will sleep beneath your feet, O Lord of the mountains and valleys, ruler of the trees and vines. I will rest in your love, with you protecting me as a father protects his children, with you watching over me as a mother watches over her children. Then tomorrow the sun will rise and I will not know where I am; but I know that you will guide my footsteps.

A prayer of the Sioux Indians



Due to the restrictions in church during services we are **still not able** to continue with the bringing of items to Church or deliveries to the warehouse. We will review that as restrictions relax.

This is at a time when the Food Bank is still under huge pressure, especially with not all children being able to attend school.

The food bank is still working with its volunteers and there are collection points in most supermarkets. If you are visiting a supermarket for your own shopping please consider adding a few items to donate in this way. A list of the most urgently required items can be found on the food bank website.

Please note, they are no longer able to accept infant formula milk or baby food due to a UNICEF directive.

Can we urge everyone to consider if they can give a donation of money?

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.

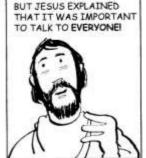
The doctor and the ill person











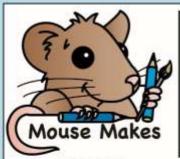
THIS SET PEOPLE'S TONGUES WAGGING. THEY THOUGHT JESUS WAS LETTING THE SIDE DOWN!









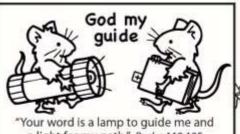


The PSALMS are hymns of PRAYER and PRAISE to God.

"I will proclaim your greatness, my God and king; I will thank you: I will praise you for ever and ever." Psalm 145:1-2



Cut out and colour these cards to help you to thank and praise God.



a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

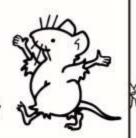
#### God's World

"The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord: the earth and all who live on it are His." Psalm 24:1



## Praise the Lord!

"Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6



#### Give thanks!

Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you. I will give You thanks as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer." Psalm 63:3-4

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# BID BIR

It can be read in the Bible in Luke 7:1-10 , Matthew 8:5-13

# A short story from the Bible

When the Romans invaded Israel, they used soldiers to keep order. For the centurion in Capernaum it was more than just a job...

The centurion had a young servant who was in great pain and dying.





When he heard that Jesus was near, he asked the town leaders to ask Jesus for help. The leaders told Jesus...

This man deserves your help. He loves our people

(He has even built us) a meeting place!)









But the centurion knew that, as a Jew, Jesus could not go into the houses of non-Jews so as Jesus got near, he sent some friends to him.



he isn't worthy enough for you to come to his house.

But he says he understands authority and knows you have it. You only have to say so and his servant will be healed



Jesus was amazed!



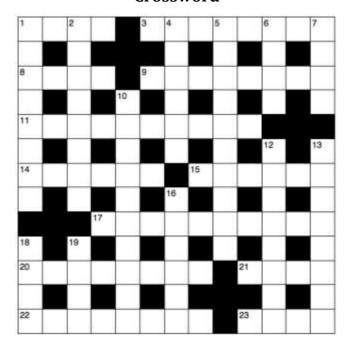
Thave never met anyone in Israel with as much faith. He said to the friends ...



You may go now. What he L has believed has happened When the friends got to the house they found the servant completely healed!



#### Crossword



#### Across

1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)

- 3 See 1 Across
- 8 'Let us draw to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
- 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)
- 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
- How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)
- 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)

- 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
- 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
- Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
- 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
- 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

#### Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
- 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
- 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
- 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
- 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
- 7 'For Christ died for once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
- 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
- 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
- 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
- 16 'You have of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
- 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held —, and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
- 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1) (solution page 18)

#### No Internet?

If you are reading this magazine, then you probably have internet access and so may have enjoyed Sunday Services which have been live streamed from around the globe. I have enjoyed services from Coventry Cathedral which are broadcast on YouTube, particularly the Sunday morning service at 9.15am. (of course, I then "participate in" the written service which Heather sends out to the congregations of Holy Trinity and St Peter's at 10am.)

However, for those who don't have access to the internet, the following telephone services have been introduced.

#### 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.



The Church of England has launched Daily Hope, a 24 hour free phone line.

#### Isolated but not alone- Hartshill Community Helping each other

In line with the Government appeal, help is needed for those self-isolating and volunteers are needed.

During this time many elderly or ill people are self-isolating due to the spread of Covid-19 (coronavirus).

If you can offer any time to help out people on your street by picking up groceries, prescriptions, emergency supplies or offering a friendly phone call to ease loneliness, then please phone Olwyn on 07927141037.

Please also remember your local shops are well stocked.

For any more details on how to help or if you need help finding your local volunteer again call Olwyn.

#### If you are self-isolating you are not alone in Galley Common

If you need help during this time, please be encouraged to make contact with local Counsellor Daniel Gissane who is putting together a team of volunteers to support those in need, on 07771 340650.

Age UK's website has some fantastic advice about how to stay safe and well at home. Take a look at: https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/coronavirus/staying-safe-and-well-at-home/

Age UK is also encouraging "neighbourly volunteering" and has some great advice on how to do this during the COVID-19 pandemic. Have a look at <a href="https://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/neighbourly-volunteering/">https://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/neighbourly-volunteering/</a>

#### **Crossword Solution**

**ACROSS:** 1, John. 3, And James. 8, Near. 9, Omission. 11, Theocratic. 14, Asleep. 15, By-path. 17, Stalingrad. 20, Backbone. 21, Baca. 22, Whose eye. 23, Seth.

**DOWN:** 1, Jonathan. 2, Heavenly. 4, No meat. 5, Justifying. 6, Maid. 7, Sins. 10, Acceptable. 12, Marriage. 13, Shadrach. 16, Plenty. 18, A bow. 19, ECHO.

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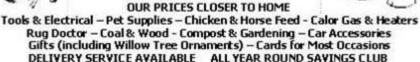
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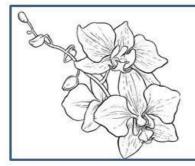
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