

## Life Changing events

If I were to ask you what has impacted or changed your life the most I am sure that in the answers somewhere you will have names of people who are important to you rather than just lists of things. Yes material goods can make life easier or more comfortable but it is often the people in our lives that make life that all the more special and relationships that make the journey more enjoyable.

This year at Messy Church we are looking at different characters in the Bible who met Jesus and whose lives were changed dramatically. We have already looked at some of the disciples who left everything to follow Jesus and most poignantly gave their lives in the ultimate way for their faith. And so imagine my delight that when I gave the lent course leaders a pile of books to choose from for the Lent Course this year – that they also chose a similar theme “Meeting Jesus”. Perhaps this theme is one for us all to aspire to in 2018.

I loved doing the Posada for Christmas – travelling with Mary & Joseph during the season of Advent. Maybe then it is now time to focus on travelling with Jesus (or letting Him travel with us) as we approach the season of Lent, Easter and beyond.

I know at Messy Church and in the Lent Course we will learn more of Biblical characters who encountered Jesus and were changed forever. But that can be our story too – as Jesus longs for us to encounter Him. We are encouraged to “come and see” for ourselves, respond to His offer of eternal love and eternal life... and then, after being changed and inspired to “go and tell” others.

So, if you want to know more – come and see for yourself..and may your lives be changed for the better after an encounter with the real and risen Jesus. God Bless...

*Heather*

## Church Flowers

4th Feb

for Mr L Taylor

11<sup>th</sup> February

for Marian Wilkinson



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.

Our tradition is not to put flowers on the altar during Lent except for Mothering Sunday.

## From the Registers in December/January

### Baptisms

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Amelia, Sienna & Brodi Foster

### Weddings

28<sup>th</sup> January – Dave and Samantha Pointon

### Funerals

5<sup>th</sup> January – Sean Sutton

## Thank you



Thank you to everyone who attended the Christingle Service. Thanks to your support we have been able to send £262.78 to The Children's Society.

Also, thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fayre and Wreath Festival, we raised a fantastic £630!! There was a lovely atmosphere and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Thanks, *Wendy*

## Service Dates in February

<b>Date/Time &amp; Service</b>	<b>Season / Theme</b>	<b>Readings to reflect on</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 10.00am Holy Communion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	The Epistle of Paul to Philemon
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 9am Holy Communion	Sunday before Lent	Mark 9 v 2 to 9
***14 <sup>th</sup> February - <u>Ash Wednesday</u> *** Communion Service and the imposition of Ashes – at Hartshill 7.30pm		
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 10.00am Holy Communion	Lent 1	Psalms 25 v 1 to 9 or I Peter 3 v 18 to 22
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 10.00am ALL AGE	Lent 2	Mark 8 v 34 to 38
Hartshill – Tues Evenings <u>LENT COURSE</u> Galley Common – Thurs Afternoons	See Lent Course Flyer for more details Or FOR MORE INFO CONTACT HEATHER	

<b>WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY</b>	
Thursday 1st	7pm Singing Group in church
Wednesday 21st	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre
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	

# Holy Trinity Hartshill & St Peter's Galley Common

## Lent Course 2018 Theme – Meeting Jesus

This year we will be joining together again for our Lent Course. All of these sessions are repeated (Tuesday evening at Holy Trinity and Thursday afternoon at St Peter's) so please feel free to mix and match sessions. Also each session stands alone –so please feel free to come to as many as you are able.

Topics will include: people in the Bible who met Jesus ranging from Lazarus to Blind Bartimaeus and others whose lives would never be the same after meeting Jesus.

Session & Topic	Held at (the Library) <u>Holy Trinity, Hartshill</u> <u>Tuesday Evenings</u> <u>7.30-9.00pm</u>	Held at <u>St Peter's Galley</u> Common <u>Thursday Afternoons</u> <u>1.30pm – 2.30pm</u>
<u>Session 1</u>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
<u>Session 2</u>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
<u>Session 3</u>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Session 4</u>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Session 5</u>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
<u>Maundy</u> <u>Thursday</u> Maundy Supper & Communion	Joint Maundy Supper and Communion Service <u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Holy Trinity, Hartshill</u> Supper starts at <u>7.00pm</u> & <u>Communion starts approx. 7.45pm</u> (Please let Heather know if you are coming to help with planning / catering) <u>ALL WELCOME</u>	



For Hartshill, Galley Common and area

It was lovely to be hosted at St Anne's for our Advent service and it was great that our Posada friends joined us too. Thanks also go to all who supported our Carol Singing in the local residential homes - I hope the residents enjoyed our visits as much as we enjoyed singing with them!

As we look ahead to the new year, our first churches together event is the Woman's World Day of Prayer – which we are combining again with the coffee and cake + bring and buy sale after the service. All are welcome to this service as we reflect on the lives of Christian Women in Suriname.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

2.30 service at St Anne's

followed by coffee & cake & bring & buy.

All 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**

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - Jesus and the Paralysed man**

**Mar 21<sup>st</sup> - Zacchaeus the Tax collector**

**Apr 18<sup>th</sup> - Thomas meets the risen Jesus**

**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 February

### Psalm 40:1-2

I waited expectantly for the LORD, and he took notice of me  
and heard my cry.

He plucked me out of a pit of confusion, even out of the  
quicksand; he placed my feet on a rock and established my steps.

1	Pray for people whose birthday is this month.	Pray for them as you write their name on the calendar.
2	Candlemas day. Pray for the church to be a light in the community	Light a candle and pray for the church.
3	February comes from Latin Februm which means purification	Every time you wash your hands pray for yourself.
4	Pray for the church, that people will feel welcome.	Every time you open a door pray
5	Pray for the leaders and mums of Trinity Tots.	Sing a nursery rhyme before praying.
6	Pray for the leaders and members of the uniformed groups.	Stand to attention.
7	Over 50s group. Pray that they will continue to reach out to those around them.	Make yourself a cup of tea. Sit down comfortably and pray.
8	Pray for the world.	Draw a flag and put it on your fridge. When you open the fridge pray for that country
9	Pray for those in hospital and those who are ill.	Put a plaster on your finger. When you notice the plaster pray.

10	Pray for the people coming to the beetle drive, that they feel welcome	Throw a dice
11	Pray for the church.	Every time you sit down in a chair pray for the church.
12	Deanery synod and Mothers' Union deanery prayers.	Draw around your hands and write your prayers inside them.
13	Shrove Tuesday. Pray for a true understanding of Lent which starts tomorrow.	When someone mentions pancakes pray.
14	Valentines day. Pray for those you love.	Draw a heart and write inside all the names of the people you love
15	Pray for marriages and good communications within them.	Write down all the married couples you know and pray for them by name
16	Pray for countries at war or suffering from disaster	Find friends or a target. Make paper balls. Whenever you hit them pray.
17	Pray for people to make true and lasting friendships	Make a card while praying. Then give it away.
18	Pray for the church to be Spirit filled and Spirit led.	Blow up a balloon and pray while letting the air out.
19	Pray for the members of the PCC as they meet tonight	Write a To-Do list. Pray that the PCC will achieve what they need to do.
20	United churches AGM. Pray for unity between the churches.	Write down as many denominations as you know.



21	Pray for Messy church	Put flour on your table and write your prayers for Messy church in it.
22	Thank God for all he has given you. Pray as the Lent course continues.	Do this every time someone mentions giving something up for Lent
23	Pray for the homeless and night shelter	Make a shelter under the table and pray for them.
24	Pray for those who are lonely.	Find a space away from anyone.
25	Christening of Sofia and Lilly Browns	Fill the sink with some water. Put a rubber duck in it. Pray for the family
26	Praying for the poor in this country.	Carry a coin your pocket. When you feel the coin pray for them. At the end of the day give the coin away.
27	Pray that you will learn more from God this month.	Read a Bible passage and ask God to speak to you through it.
28	Pray for the young people who come to the Youth 180 games afternoons	Play a quick game of nought and crosses, then pray.

### Psalm 42:8

Every day, you are kind, and at night you give me a song as my prayer to you, the living LORD God.

*Ruth*



### COMPASSION UK

Compassion is a leading children's charity whose mission is to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. Established in 1952, they have 65 years experience of giving children the opportunity to escape the suffering and fear that poverty brings.

Back in 1952 God moved Everett Swanson on a war-torn street in Korea with compassion as he saw the desperate plight of the orphans there. On the flight home, he heard a simple message in his head saying over and over "what are you going to do?" He responded to the challenge and knew he needed to take action. He raised money to support a Korean orphanage and soon established a unique programme linking each Korean orphan with a caring individual whose generosity provided them with education, food, clothing, shelter and medical care. This same belief drives Compassion today and has grown to a movement releasing more than 1.8 million children from poverty in 25 developing countries in Central and South America, Africa and Asia. They work with local based churches in these countries, who ensure the support reaches the children who need it most. There are thousands of Compassion graduates who have been released from poverty and are bringing change also to their families, communities and nations.

We've all seen pictures of children suffering from poverty on our TV screens and wonder how we can help, when the situation looks overwhelming and impossible and of course we can't help everyone that we would like to. There are approximately 100 million street children in the world and apart from these there are countless others who have loving families whose parents work many hours a day to provide as best as they can for their children, but still don't earn enough after paying rent on a

shack and some food, to pay for education for their children, which would enable the children in the future to lift themselves out of the poverty trap.

Do you remember the story featured in a previous parish magazine some time ago of a boy walking along the beach seeing starfish stranded on the sand? He picked one up and threw it back into the sea. A man nearby scoffed at the boy's effort and said "there are hundreds of starfish here, what difference will throwing one back make?" The boy replied "well, it made a difference to that one".

This is how Compassion's sponsorship scheme works.

They connect one child born in poverty with one sponsor. By sponsoring a child you can send a child to school, feed them nutritious meals and protect their health with regular medical check-ups. This costs £25 a month. Over time, sponsors are able to see the difference made to "their" child through letters and photographs. Educating a child not only helps that child, but also helps the family and community too as an educated child has a chance of a better job, and many have become community and church leaders in later life. For example, Jean, a boy born in the slums of Port au Prince, Haiti had very little chance of bettering himself, but thanks to a sponsor in Compassion he was educated and went on to achieve a Bachelor degree in business management and another Bachelor in economics and now works for the Haitian government as an accountant. He is also secretary of his church and vice president of the youth association at that church. If you can go online, you can read many stories of changed lives.

Of course, sponsorship is not possible for a lot of people to afford; but there may be someone reading this whose children have "flown the nest" or the hoped for grandchildren didn't arrive, who may like to consider helping another child somewhere in the world and maybe one day going out to visit that child. If so, contact details are: Compassion UK, 43 High Street, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8BB. Telephone number is 01932 836490. Email address is [info@compassionuk.org](mailto:info@compassionuk.org) or go online at Compassion UK.

*Lynda Kelly*



*Adults £2.50*

*Children £1.50*



*Including tea and  
cakes*



## Hartshill Community Library

Your Warwickshire Library card works here!



Tuesday 10am to 2pm  
Wednesday 2pm to 4pm  
Thursday 2pm to 4pm  
Friday 10am to Middy  
Saturday 10am to Middy

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




### Mothering Sunday, 11th March

Beneath the cards and the flowers gifted to 'that caring and supportive someone' there is a simple message of love and appreciation that can be given on Mothering Sunday. For many years now Mothers' Union have supported this act through our fantastic Make a Mother's Day Appeal where our ethical gifts have the added benefit of making a difference to mothers and communities around the world.

If you would like to buy an ethical gift for, or in memorium of your Mother, please visit <http://www.makeamothersday.org/> or take a brochure from the Mothers' Union box at the back of the Church.

Hartshill Mothers' Union will also be selling cakes in aid of "Make a Mother's Day" following the Mothering Sunday service on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Mothers' Union – Make A Mother's Day Appeal 2018



### Join us this Mothering Sunday and help mothers bloom

Celebrate Mothering Sunday with us on **Sunday 11th March** and raise funds for our Make a Mother's Day Appeal 2018. **All proceeds will go to support mothers, families and communities in the UK and around the world.**

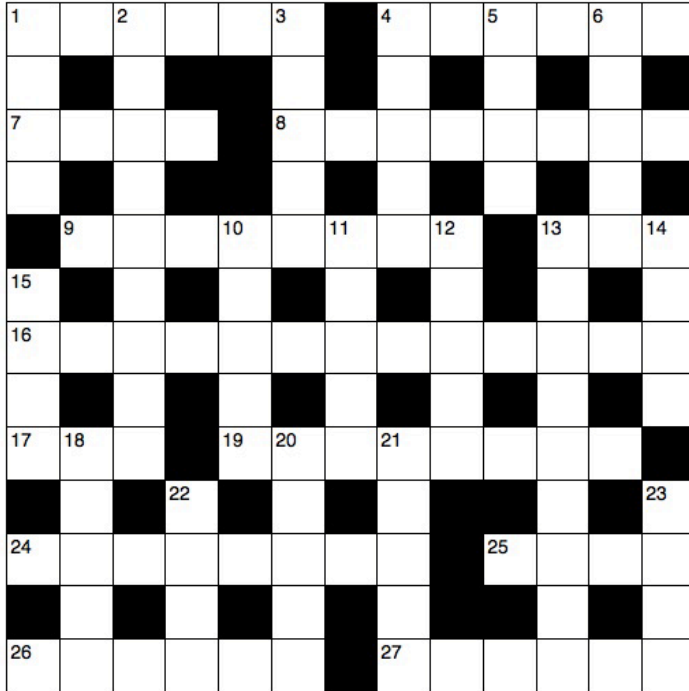
Please take a look at our free Mothering Sunday resources for Churches and children's groups.

“ Mothers' Union has provided me with so much support. They helped me to see I am a woman of value. ”

To order gifts or download free resources, please visit  
[www.makeamothersday.org](http://www.makeamothersday.org)

**Mothers'UNION**

## Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1–2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)

26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)

27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

## **DOWN**

1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)

2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)

4 Belief (5)

5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)

6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)

10 A seer (anag.) (5)

11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)

12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)

13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)

14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of

16 Across, — and Dolls (4)

15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)

18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)

20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)

21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)

22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)

23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4) (*Crossword solution is on page 19*)

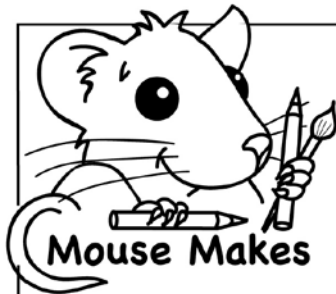


## Sharon's Recipe - Simple Light Sponge and Fruit Dessert

**(makes 2 batches) Each batch serves 6 – 8 people**

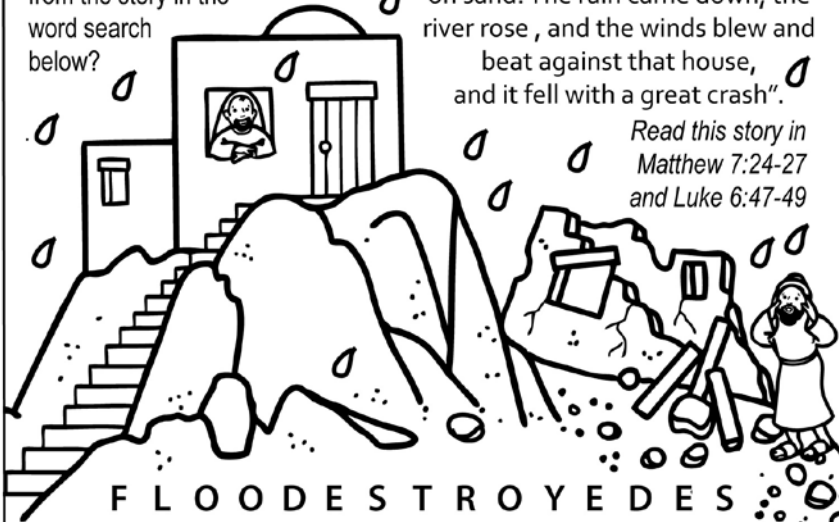
This is a good way to use up any left-over ingredients from the Christmas cake that might still be in your cupboard (use any combination of fruit and peel to give 4-5 oz)

<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Method</b>
<p>4oz Stork SB margarine at room temperature 4oz castor or light brown sugar 2 large eggs 1 tsp strong coffee (let it cool a bit) 1 oz sultanas 1 oz raisins 1 oz currants 1 oz glace cherries, washed and chopped ½ oz mixed candied peel 4oz self-raising flour – sieved ¼ tsp baking powder – sieved with flour ¼ tsp mixed spice (optional) sieved with flour 1 Pint hot toffee sauce or custard to serve</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Preheat oven to gas mark 4/180 degrees C/ 350 degrees F. Grease and line 2x7in round sandwich cake tins</li><li>2. Beat together margarine and sugar until soft and fluffy - in mixer is best</li><li>3. Add eggs very gradually beating to mix thoroughly after each addition</li><li>4. Add coffee and stir in</li><li>5. Add fruits and peel and gently stir in</li><li>6. Using a metal spoon and figure of 8 movements, gradually blend in flour, baking powder and mixed spice if using.</li><li>7. When thoroughly mixed, divide mixture between the sandwich tins</li><li>8. Bake for 20-25 minutes</li><li>9. Leave to cool slightly for 5 minutes</li><li>10. Remove from tins and cut one “cake” into 6 to 8 pieces and serve whilst still warm with hot toffee sauce or custard.</li><li>11. Put the other “cake” in the freezer and when ready to use defrost and then warm in the oven at same temperature as above for 10 minutes.</li></ol>
<p><b>Hot Toffee Sauce</b> 500 ml double cream 175g light muscavado sugar 175g butter 1tbsp golden syrup 1tbsp black treacle</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Gently heat the cream in a saucepan. Add the sugar and butter and whisk until melted</li><li>2. Whisk in the syrup and treacle</li></ol>



## Mouse Makes

Can you find the words from the story in the word search below?



Jesus taught his disciples...  
 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds his house on solid rock. Though the rain came down, the river rose and the winds blew and beat against the house it did not fall. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the river rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash".

*Read this story in  
 Matthew 7:24-27  
 and Luke 6:47-49*

F L O O D E S T R O Y E D E S  
 O W J H W A R B I F E L L F A  
 B O P O I F O U N D A T I O N  
 G R O U N D C I J E S U S O D  
 E D U S D O K L B U R S T L M  
 A S H E A R T T E W I S E I A  
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 C O L L A P S E D R U I N H T

LISTEN • HEAR • JESUS • WORDS • WISE • MAN • BUILT • HOUSE • SOLID  
 FOUNDATION • ROCK • RAIN • WIND • FLOOD • RIVER • BURST • FOOLISH  
 SAND • GROUND • COLLAPSED • FELL • DESTROYED • RUIN

## Hartshill Community Cafe

Open Every Tuesday from 11:00 - 2:00

Bring this voucher for a **free** cup of  
Tea or Coffee

Valid until 28/2/18

In the Community Centre



## Coventry 100

In 2018 the Diocese of Coventry celebrates 100 years in its present form. There will be events and activities for all of us to participate in and enjoy, with our churches, including the visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Diocese during May. For further info, see <https://cov100.org/>

**Solution to crossword on page 15 - ACROSS:** 1, Credit. 4, Tackle. 7, Cain. 8, Kenaniah. 9, Strength. 13, Beg. 16, Salvation Army. 17, ARC. 19, Every day. 24, Admonish. 25, Dire. 26, Sneeze. 27, Bronze. **DOWN:** 1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene.

The deadline for articles for the March magazine is 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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

## Who's Who?

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**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/holytrinityhartshill/>

**Hartshill Mothers' Union website:** <http://hartshillmu.uk/>

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