

Cross of Nails



You may well be aware of the story behind the Cross of Nails at Coventry Cathedral – but did you know they actively remember this theme daily in the Cathedral ruins when the Litany of Reconciliation is said at noon each week day?

Just like when the cross of nails was first put together from the smouldering ruins of the Cathedral following a war time air raid – the message wasn't 'Father forgive **them**' – but simply 'Father Forgive.' There was a recognition that the enemy wasn't simply just the 'other' but we too need to be forgiven and be reconciled to ourselves, one another and to God. The message then is about personal responsibility and not just blame shifting and the Litany (words) that are still used represent many different aspects of life that we need to be conscious about in the day to day decisions we make.

The cross of nails has now become an international symbol of peace and reconciliation where peace is sought above revenge and unity valued above division. If you ever see the Archbishop of Canterbury on TV he is often wearing a cross of nails which is linked to his time of Ministry here in Coventry Diocese (including his curacy down the road at Coton!) We too have a small cross of nails inside church which we keep near the front of Church which serves as an important link for us to our Cathedral. But even more than that – the message of that cross is a challenge for us to forgive - just like the words that were said by Jesus on the cross – 'father forgive – for they don't know what they are doing'. Sometimes, sadly we do know what we are doing – but the good news is – that because of the cross, Jesus' death and resurrection, and God's love for us - we too can know forgiveness. Let us then offer that forgiveness (that we all so desperately need) to one another. Father forgive....

God Bless... *Heather*

Church Flowers



3rd Feb - For Mr L Taylor

10th Feb - For Marian Wilkinson

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. As you can see, there are a couple of dates available this month.

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



Many thanks to all who attended and supported the Arbury District Guiding Carol Service and the Christingle Service. The collections from both of these events has been sent to The Children's Society - a total of £365.92

Service Dates in February

Date/Time & Service	Season / Theme	Readings to reflect on
3 rd February – 10.00am Holy Communion	5 th Sunday Before Lent	John 2:1-11
10 th February – 9am Holy Communion	4 th Sunday Before Lent	Luke 5:1-11
17 th February - 10.00am Holy Communion	3 rd Sunday Before Lent	Luke 6:17-26
24 th February - 10.00am ALL AGE	2 nd Sunday Before Lent	Genesis 2:4-9

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Thursday 7th	7pm Singing Group
Wednesday 20th	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre and 7.30pm Mothers' Union in the library
Saturday 23rd	10am to 12 noon Prayer Workshop
Monday 25th	10am Mothers' Union Deanery Prayers in the library
<p>Children's groups take place on 1st and 3rd Sundays during Holy Communion</p> <p>Trinity Tots takes place in the Community Centre every Monday during term time at 1pm</p> <p>Prayer group takes place in Church every Tuesday at 9.15am</p> <p>Fellowship Groups takes place every Tuesday during term time at Nick and Carol's at 7.30pm and every Monday at 7.30pm at Sylv's</p> <p>Over 50s group takes place in the Community Centre every Wednesday at 1pm – 3pm</p>	



It was great to be able to join together over the festive season for both our Advent Service and Carol singing in the local care homes – with a big thank you to all who helped plan, organise and joined in with what we did.

As we look ahead to the new year – our next joint service will be the World Day of Prayer (formally known as Woman’s World Day of Prayer.)

By the time you read this we will have just had our planning meeting and our Churches Together AGM – so there will be more details in the next edition of the magazine....

Friday 1st March – 2.30pm

World Day of Prayer

At The Society of Friends (Quaker Church)

but please do put the date in your diary and join us if you canfor...
“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)**

2019 – Old Testament themes and characters

The next 2 sessions are....

20th Feb – Creation Part 2

20th March – Adam & Eve

All at the usual time of 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost? Free – but donations are welcomed.

A Collection of Short Prayers for February 2019

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1	Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle. Amen.
2	A prayer for the homeless – God of compassion, Your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross. We pray for those who are homeless and cold especially in the bitter winter weather. We pray for those suffering and sleeping on the streets. Father, make a way for them and draw them near, comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship.
3	Please remember the Synod meeting that takes place today, praying for wisdom and understanding of things discussed and decisions made.
4	I come before You O Lord. As the sun rises may your hope rise up in me. As the birds sing may your love flow out of me. As the light floods into this new day, may your joy shine through me. I come before You O Lord and drink in this moment of peace, that I may carry something of your hope, love and joy today in my heart.
5	A prayer for the sick – may you be wrapped up in God's love, found deep in his everlasting wings, carried and kept safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now.
6	Prayer for an end to human trafficking – Oh God, we didn't see them. But You did – the thousands of human beings trafficked each year to join the millions who are trapped in modern-day slavery. Under terrible conditions they work. You see them all, God of the poor. You hear their cry and you answer by opening our eyes and breaking our hearts and loosening our tongues to insist – No more.

7	Prayer for peace in war torn countries – God of compassion, hear the cries of the people in war torn countries. Bring healing to those suffering from the violence, bring comfort to those mourning the dead. Strengthen their neighbours in their care and welcome for refugees. Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms and protect those committed to peace. Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and seek reconciliation with enemies.
8	Lord God, you are my strength. Hold my hand in my weakness and teach my heart to fly. With you there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold me tight in your embrace, so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life. Amen.
9	Father, I have to thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life, and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You.
10	Prayer for the elderly – for those who walk more slowly through this world than in the days when they were young, may each step be made lighter and their joy be greater for seeing beauty in little things that the hurrying pass by.
11	Prayer for carers – For carers in this world, young and old, whose love, time and freedom, sometimes even childhood is given sacrificially for one who is in need. May they know your blessing, through good days and bad, and receive as they have given love in good measure, flowing as a gentle river into their hearts and lives.
12	Prayer for those with dementia – Gracious God, be with all those struggling today with symptoms of dementia in its many forms; mood changes, memory lapses, confusion and helplessness. May they know in their hearts your comforting embrace amid their daily frustrations, and continue to realise, as names and memories fade, that they are still loved by family, friends and especially by You.
13	Prayer for those working in hospitals – thank for all those that have chosen to work in our hospitals and clinics so that they may help others who are seriously ill or needing specialist health care. Bless

	all those who make up the different medical teams and those who ensure the smooth running of the hospitals. Give each one wisdom and patience to work in this stressful environment and may Your quiet calmness and peace settle in their hearts as they work together to care for all their patients.
14	Father, I am so sorry for the way I complain about my circumstances. Please forgive me for my bad attitude when things don't go my way. I want to see Your hand in every part of every day - good or bad. Help me learn how to face every storm with confidence, knowing that You really are in control even though I cannot hear Your voice or see Your hand at work
15	Dear God, If I cannot be brilliant, let me be kind. If I cannot change the world, let me inspire just one other to do so. If I cannot give away riches, let me be loving. Let me be known for kindness, for it is the greatest glory.
16	Dear God, thank you for the gift of family and friends. Holding them in my heart is one of the most precious things I can never get tired of. Bless everyone, for they deserve all the goodness You have given to me.
17	Dear God, Help me to remember that everything is under Your control. There is nothing that can harm me. No one who can hurt me. You are a great and powerful God who gives me strength to rise above each difficult circumstance and to react with grace to every difficult person. Praise God, Master of All.
18	Father, clear my sleepy head and fill my mind with expectation. Awake my slow body and energise my heart with love in action. Ignite my spirit and set this day on fire with promise. Make the ordinary extraordinary. Engage me, show me your kingdom alive. Help me to see that every waking moment is full of promise because of you.
19	Prayer for the Government – we pray for all those in Government and community leaders throughout out towns and cities. Give those in authority wisdom in every decision and help them to think clearly. Grant them discernment and common sense so they'll be strong and effective leaders. Help them to govern with integrity.

	Direct their steps according to Your Word and help those who are Christians to be strong and courageous, standing firm in their faith and influencing others for Your kingdom.
20	Dear God, I thank you for my job. You have provided me with steady income and I'm so thankful. I pray that You watch over me today at work and I pray that there are no accidents, so that everyone can go back to their homes. I thank you that my job has provided an income to support me and my family. I thank you for the provisions that You have given me. I pray for safe travels to and from work and I pray that You will use me as You see fit today for Your glory. I remember those who are not as fortunate as myself, guide them as they look for work.
21	Father, I am tempted to worry about so many things. Our world is a mess! Forgive me for focusing on anything or anyone but You. Thank You for the Bible that equips and empowers me to live each day. Right now, I declare that You are my only Hope. Please help me remember that You really are in control
22	Prayer for young people – O God, guide and protect our young people from the dangers that are ever present in our world today. Be with them as they experience both sickness and health, sorrow and joy, loneliness and friendship, success and failure. Give them the courage and strength to make the right decisions as they journey through life.
23	Be with all those who lead and attend the Prayer workshop. We pray that we will see the fruits of it in many ways.
24	Dear God, You never said it was going to be easy. You simply said, "Trust me." My faith is strong and I give myself to You. I will live this life with gratitude. Appreciating every little thing; its difficulties and pleasures. For all this and more, I am grateful.
25	Mothers' Union day of prayers – remember all those who serve faithfully and that they will continue to guide the organisation for God's glory.
26	A prayer for the lonely – Lord, we lift up those who are lonely and who feel deserted or left alone by those they love. Draw near to all

	who are broken-hearted or crushed in spirit and deliver them from the difficulties and troubles they are facing. Help us to recognise those who are lonely and reach out to bring comfort.
27	Prayer for the persecuted – Jesus warned those who follow Him that they may be oppressed and abused because of their faith. Comfort and give courage to all who fall victims to unjust imprisonment, physical harm and intimidation at the hands of their oppressors. And for those who persecute our brothers and sisters, may their spirits be touched by the incredible faith of those they attack. And may they turn away from sin and open their hearts to your love.
28	Lord, I trust in your unfailing love, in your promises. I give this day and all that it holds to you. May I walk in your goodness, knowing your gentle hand will guide me and keep me.

Proverbs 3: 5 -6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Diane

Registers

Due to new GDPR (data protection) laws that came into place last year we have (for now at least) stopped publishing register details in the magazine as we process the new legislation.

Heather



Christmas Fayre and Wreath Festival

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fayre and Wreath Festival. We raised £576. It was a lovely start to the Christmas celebrations!



Nottingham University Christian Union Events Week

The Christian Union is organising an events week at the University of Nottingham which will be running from the 25th February to the 1st March. It will consist of Lunchtime talks and evening talks along with a coffee shop that will be open during the day. The aim of these events is to spread God's word throughout the campus reaching as many students as possible. There are many things that will need to be done in order to make the week a success and people praying will make a difference. There are a few points that we would like prayer for:

Pray that we would maintain a good relationship with the Student's Union and that all of the events we have planned would be allowed.

Pray for our lunchtime speakers Roger Carswell and Martin Povey that they would communicate God's word clearly and that students would come to know Jesus as a result.

Wisdom as we plan on how to best steward the many resources that God has provided for the sake of the growth of his kingdom.

Pray that we would be able to acquire the funds required to run the events week.

If you feel that you can help the events week financially then please speak to Heather about donating money.

Thank you for your prayers and contributions.

Caleb Kinderman

Christian Union hall group leader.



CROSSLINKS

Crosslinks is an international missionary society working principally within the worldwide Anglican Community.

It was set up in October 1922 when a group of believers met "with sadness of heart" as they left an already established missionary society which had become rather liberal in its beliefs and practices; so they set up a new society which at first was known as the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society and later became Crosslinks. The "new" society will soon be celebrating its Centenary and has stayed true to the Bible's teaching as they take the Gospel all over the world.

Their prime focus is making Christ known through the proclamation and teaching of God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit. They are enthusiasts for creative worldwide mission as they seek to take God's Word to God's world and seek to observe two fundamental priorities. They are:-

Evangelistic opportunities. They aim to recruit and deploy Christian disciples to reach the unreached across the world.

Training trainers. As it is the gospel that produces and sustains churches they aim to serve churches by nurturing competent, godly pastor teachers. They focus their efforts on training, equipping and resourcing those who can teach others.

Some of the first Crosslinks' missionaries were sent to diverse places such as China, India, Burma, Iran and the Arctic. The work then extended in Asia, into Africa, Europe and more recently to Australia and South America and they have proclaimed the gospel of salvation in over fifty countries.

When we think of missionaries we maybe think of people going out to places in Africa; but Crosslinks wants to make it possible for every Christian to get involved in mission. For some, this may mean long term mission work abroad, for others it may be helping at summer camps for children or young people in Europe and for others it may be short term placements which can be from 2 weeks to 2 years.

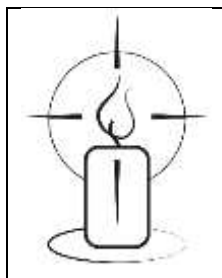
Mission isn't always about sending out missionaries from England to places abroad and Crosslinks support indigenous partners running projects in their own countries and trains Bible teachers and evangelists for this work.

Maybe you are interested in mission but are unable to go abroad to serve. You can still be involved in mission work as Crosslinks look for churches and individuals to pray for and maybe financially support a particular project or missionary. If you are able to go online, you can see the places where Crosslinks work, and "meet" some of the missionaries and their families and read their stories.

For further information contact Crosslinks at 251 Lewisham Way, London, SE14 1XF. Tel: 02086916111. email: info@crosslinks.org or look online at <https://www.crosslinks.org/>

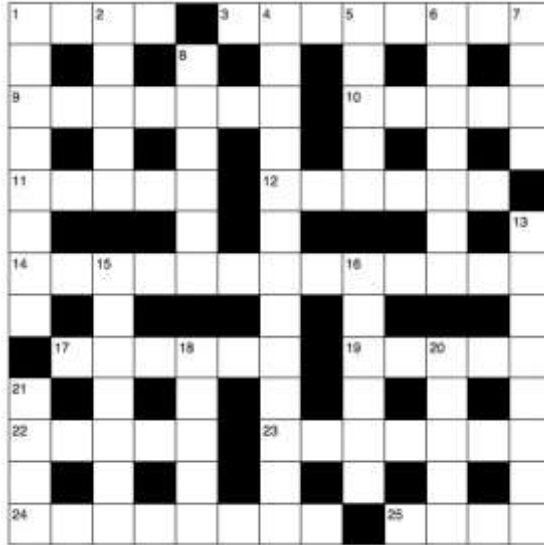
Lynda Kelly

Candlemas Day – February 2nd



If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will have another fight.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter won't come again.

Crossword



Across

1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)

3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, ‘Were not all ten — ?’ (Luke 17:17) (8)

9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)

10 ‘So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him’ (Matthew 24:44) (5)

11 ‘[He] said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He — — , and his hand was completely restored’ (Luke 6:10) (3,2)

12 ‘Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?’ (Proverbs 30:4) (6)

14 Not born again (13)

17 ‘Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins’ (Hebrews 10:11) (6)

19 Mails (anag.) (5)

22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)

23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)

24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)

25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

Down

1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)

2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)

4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)

5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)

6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)

7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)

8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)

13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)

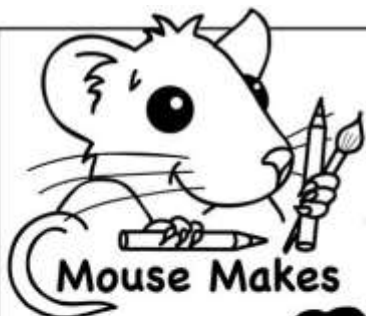
15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)

16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)

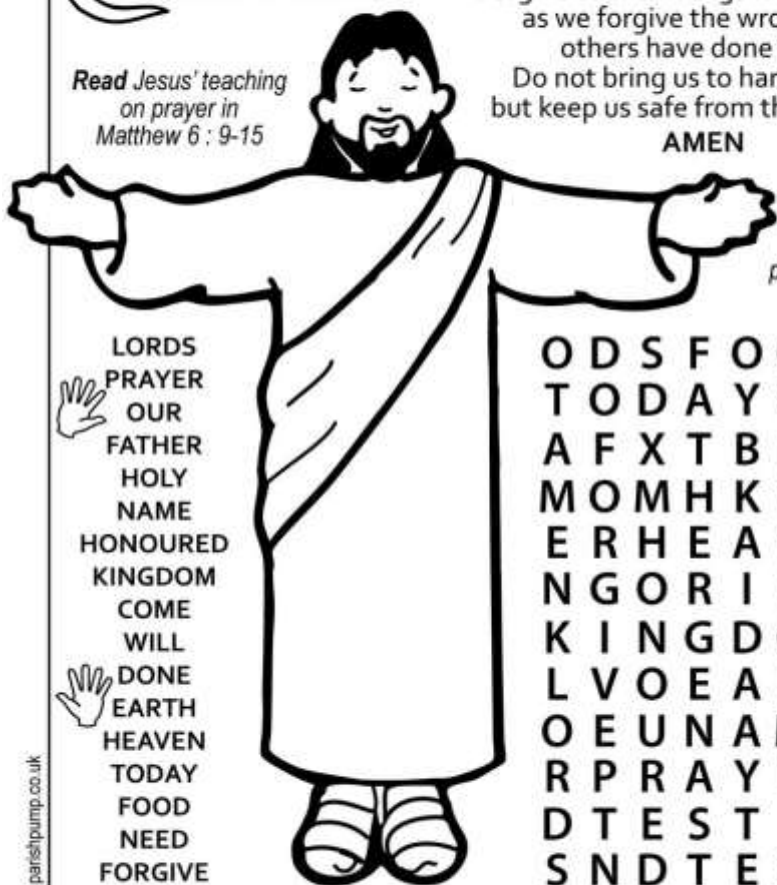
18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)

20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)

21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4) (Solution on P.18)



Read Jesus' teaching
on prayer in
Matthew 6 : 9-15



THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven:
May your holy name be honoured;
may your Kingdom come;
may your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need.
Forgive us the wrongs we have done,
as we forgive the wrongs that
others have done to us.
Do not bring us to hard testing,
but keep us safe from the Evil One.
AMEN

Write a
prayer of
praise to God

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OUR
FATHER
HOLY
NAME
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Can you find all
the words from
the list in the
wordsearch?

Sharon's Recipe – Baked Mushroom Risotto



Ingredients

1 lb Mushrooms (various kinds)
sliced

4 tbsp Balsamic Vinegar

Salt and freshly ground pepper

1 medium onion peeled and
chopped

1 tsp oil

1 vegetable stock cube
dissolved in 1½ pints of water

2 cloves garlic chopped

12 oz Risotto rice

2 tbsp chopped parsley

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C / Gas Mark 4
2. Place the mushrooms in a roasting tin, drizzle over the balsamic vinegar and season. Roast in the oven for 20 minutes
3. Meanwhile warm the oil in a large frying pan and gently fry the onion for 10 minutes over a low heat
4. Meanwhile bring the stock cube and water to the boil in a saucepan
5. Add the Risotto rice and garlic to the onions and cook for 2 minutes, stirring
6. Pour in the stock and mix well
7. Add the Risotto mixture to the mushrooms in the roasting tin and combine well
8. Return to the oven for 20 minutes
9. Then check the Risotto every 5 minutes until it is cooked through and all the stock has been absorbed by the rice and the rice is soft and creamy
10. Remove from the oven, check the seasoning, stir in the parsley and serve

Solution to crossword on page 14

ACROSS: 1, Wage. 3, Cleansed. 9, Plateau. 10, Ready. 11, Did so. 12, Hollow. 14, Unregenerated. 17, Offers. 19, Islam. 22, Is not. 23, Overran. 24, Barracks. 25, Legs.

DOWN: 1, Wiped out. 2, Guard. 4, Laughing-stock. 5, April. 6, Seaport. 7, Days. 8, Belong. 13, Oddments. 15, Refiner. 16, Raided. 18, Extra. 20, Large. 21, Limb.



Any non-perishable items welcome. Any gifts should be put by the table at the back of the Church. Wendy and Jan intend to take donations to the foodbank warehouse on Feb 11th and March 11th. It would be great if they had plenty to take!

From the Editor

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the magazine. This month, special thanks are due to the loyal band of volunteers who deliver the magazine every month. If you have your magazine delivered, your deliverer will be knocking on your door this month to request your annual payment which remains at the bargain price of £3.50 for 10 issues!

If you don't have the magazine delivered and you would like to, please email or ring me.

Also, 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 March magazine is Monday 18th February.

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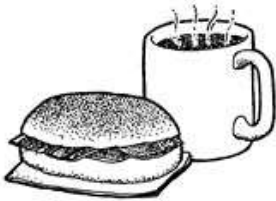
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Family History Group Mondays 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Needles and Natter Fridays 10am to 12pm
Book Club first Tuesday of the month 10.30am

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