

"Running the race"

Summer sport highlights are tennis, cricket, athletics, swimming, bowls, golf etc. Wimbledon will probably be in full swing as you read this. The competition starts on the 3rd of July until the 16th.

I love to watch sport on the television and sometimes I'm even inspired to take part! Not at any competitive level but I do enjoy swimming and keeping fit by walking and cross training. I'm not exactly the obvious athletic type!

The Bible uses the imagery of an athlete to encourage us as Christians. Hebrews 12 v 1 and 2 says *"let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

To run the Christian race, like training for an athletic race, requires endurance and hard work. We need to persevere and, on those occasions when we feel weary and need help to keep going, the key to doing so is to keep on looking to Jesus or, as the verse puts it, *"fix our eyes on Jesus"*. We should be running for Christ, not ourselves, and we must always keep him in sight.

Jesus himself was required to trust that God was working his purposes out as he faced the cross. He did so by focusing on the *"joy set before him"*. So, Jesus is our supreme example and also the means by which we are to live by faith and keep doing so in all circumstances.

Training for a sport, especially if you want to be at the top level of it, is never easy. As Christians we can expect at times to have to work

hard at our faith but we can look to Jesus to provide us with the strength, encouragement, peace and perseverance that is needed each day to follow him.

And finally remember that the Christian reward for running the race is “*a crown of righteousness*” (2 Timothy 4 v8), eternal life in the presence of God. What joy! A final victory worth running for and doing our best on the way.

May God help each one of us to run and succeed for Him.

Yours in Christ

Sally Young (Lay Reader)

Church Flowers in July

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| 2nd | For Betty Percival |
| 9th | For Christopher Merry |
| 16th | For Albert Latham |
| 23rd | For Walter and Betty Miles |
| 30th | For Marian and Robert 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.

Service Dates in July

Date/Time & Service	Season / Theme	Readings to reflect on
2 nd July - 10am Holy Communion	3 rd after Trinity / Proper 8	Welcome and invitation to strangers Matthew 25:31-40
9 th July - 9am Holy Communion	4 th after Trinity / Proper 9	An equal welcome before God Luke 14:7-14
16 th July - 10am Holy Communion	5 th after Trinity / Proper 10	A welcome for all Romans 14:13-19
23 rd July - 10.00am All Age Worship	6 th after Trinity / Proper 11	All gifts and talents welcomed Romans 12:3-8
30 th July -10am Holy Communion **Joint Service at Hartshill **	7 th after Trinity / Proper 12 <u>** followed by a Picnic**</u>	Love and welcome to God & others Mark 12:28-34

***** Please note the joint service on July 30th will be at Hartshill at 10am Followed by a picnic - ALL welcome *****

WHAT'S ON IN JULY	
Saturday 1st	Sausage Sizzle
Thursday 6th	7pm Singing Group in church
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	



All are
welcome

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

Our next few dates for the next year are:

July 19th - Eternity and Amen

August 16th – Summer Games

September 20th - Harvest

All at the usual time of 3.30pm – 5.30pm

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

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost? Free – but donations are welcomed.

Invite your friends too & hope to see you there!

HARTSHILL CHURCH SAUSAGE SIZZLE

(5th Year)

SATURDAY 1ST JULY

TIME : 1 - 3 PM

2017 - Shire
Horse rides

Free -
"Sausage
Sampling"



Games :-

- Batter a Sausage,
- Sausage Can Shy,
- Sausage 'Wanging' :-)
- plus more



REFRESHMENTS

TEA AND COFFEE

CAKES

SOFT DRINKS

REFRESHMENTS - ALL PROCEEDS TO

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



CHRISTIAN CHARITY NEWS

TOYBOX

The Toybox charity was established in 1992 by a Christian couple who wanted to challenge the injustice of children living on the streets in some of the most dangerous cities in the world. They left England and went to live in Guatemala City where they came face to face with the horrors and dangers that the street children faced daily. Gradually they gained the trust of the children and helped many of the young children into a safe house where they lived as a family by feeding, clothing and helping them to receive an education.

Since then, Toybox have opened homes in Bolivia, El Salvador and Peru in Central and South America and are now helping street children in India and Kenya too. Toybox also provide day centres where children can come for food and care and to be able to be like children where they can play games together and have fun.

The United Nations estimates the number of street children around the world to be in the HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS. Hard to imagine isn't it? Some children are born on the streets to young mothers who are themselves street children, but not all street children were homeless. Many children are abandoned by parents who are too poor to cope and others have run away from their homes where their parents were abusive or violent towards them.

A street child has NO rights whatsoever and are considered the lowest of the low who live in danger from violent gangs, drug dealers and even from the police in some countries who beat them (and even worse). After being abused it is easy to understand why the children are afraid of adults; so it can take some time for the children to respond to adults who actually want

to help them. Toybox also becomes a voice to speak up for those who no-one takes notice of.

Toybox run a child ambassador programme, where a child who has been rescued from the streets then becomes an ambassador for other street children to try and help them to come off the street. Toybox are currently helping 18,000 street children each year.

Another scheme that Toybox are involved in is obtaining a birth certificate for a street child. A birth certificate is beyond the reach of a street child and without a birth certificate a child is denied an official education, cannot see a doctor when ill, is not allowed to get a job to earn an income, cannot get married or even be buried in an official cemetery. Although a birth certificate only costs £1 in Guatemala, this is often an item overlooked as many families only receive £1 in income a day with which to keep a whole family. Obtaining a birth certificate isn't an easy task as they need to search for the midwife who delivered the child, find 2 non-family witnesses, pay fines (for the child not being registered as a baby), pay other costs and taxes; so it is quite a long and expensive process and will not be possible for many street children who do not even know when they were born, but for those fortunate enough to receive a birth certificate it opens up the chance of a new life and is invaluable to the child. Around 2,000 children are now registered. The cost of obtaining one is around £32. A birth certificate is something most of us would take for granted and if you feel you'd like to be involved in buying one for a street child, this would make a wonderful gift for someone.

If you would like to learn more about the work of Toybox their address is:- Toybox, G4 Challenge House, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6DP. Their phone number is 01908 360 050. You could also look them up online and read some stories about street children at <http://www.toybox.org.uk/>

Lynda Kelly

Summer fayre

Many thanks to all who helped at, donated to, and attended our Summer Fayre on June 17th.

The weather was fabulous (if a little warm!!) so we were able to hold the event outside for the first time in a few years. We all had a lovely afternoon and raised £369 for church funds.

Thank you for your support,
Social Committee

Future dates for your diary

Harvest Supper and Quiz Saturday 23rd September
6pm

Christmas Fayre Saturday 2nd December 2pm

Please come and join us at any of these fun and informal events, you will be very welcome.

Further details will be in future magazines or please ask a member of the social committee for information.

Our next meeting is to be held on Monday 2nd October, we always welcome new ideas or members and help at individual events.

Praying for our Parish in July

- 1 Our annual Sausage Sizzle today. We pray for all who organise and help at the event and that everyone who attends will enjoy fun and friendship
- 2 We thank God for the beauty of the countryside around us and the leisure time to appreciate it
- 3 As the school year draws to a close, we pray for all students that they will make the most of the opportunities shown to them
- 4 For all groups that meet together in God's name, may they enjoy each other's company
- 5 We pray for everyone affected by natural disasters in the world, may they rebuild their lives with God's guidance
- 6 We think of the Singing Group meeting tonight and give thanks for the pleasure of worshipping in song
- 7 We think of everyone linked by the prayer chain, and the people prayed for
- 8 We pray for those in financial difficulties or in danger of losing their job
- 9 We pray for Heather, that she may have health, strength and energy to carry out her ministry
- 10 We think of all who are housebound and their visitors
- 11 We pray for all members of uniformed groups and the leaders who work so hard to make memories for our young people
- 12 We pray for safety on the roads for all users

- 13 We give thanks for the leaders of Youth 180, dedicated to working with local young people
- 14 We give thanks for those who tend the roses, lawns and church grounds for us all to enjoy
- 15 We pray for our Readers and Churchwardens as they carry out God's work
- 16 We pray for Dawn and Bryan whose wedding blessing takes place today
- 17 Our PCC meets tonight, we pray for good decisions on the life of this church and wisdom to act in the interests of the whole church family
- 18 For all who donate to, or volunteer at, the Foodbank
- 19 For the Mothers' Union throughout the world, and for fun and fellowship at our summer party this evening
- 20 For all who attend Youth 180, may the young people know the love of God in their daily lives
- 21 We pray for all who work in schools, that they may enjoy rest and relaxation
- 22 We think of Alison and Daniel as they marry today
- 23 Churches Together songs of praise today – we give thanks for the opportunity to join together in worship
- 24 At the start of the school holidays, we pray for the safety of our children as they enjoy the freedom to play together
- 25 We pray for all who volunteer in the community library, giving their time to provide a valuable service

- 26 For all who serve in the armed forces, keep them safe in their duties
- 27 We pray for looked after children and their carers
- We think of the importance of Home Communion to those who are
- 28 housebound and give thanks for those who spend their time visiting and serving in this way
- 29 We pray for Jade and Steven who will be married today
- 30 We think of Bill and Jayne as their placement with us comes to an end, and continue to pray for them on the next stage of their journey
- 31 We think of all who have lost a loved one, that they will know God is with them in their daily lives as they face a different future

Great is Thy faithfulness,

Great is Thy faithfulness;

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided –

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Wendy

From the Registers in June

Baptisms

25th June – Rhia Jane O’Neill-Wilson

Funerals

12th June – Alice Beryl Kilburn

Colouring Page

Loaves and Fishes, "Feeding of the 5,000" (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:31-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-14)



Wordsearch - St. Swithun - Saint for a rainy day

St. Swithun is the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15th July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. Swithun became Bishop of Winchester in 852, under King Ethelwulf of Wessex, in the days when Wessex was the most important kingdom of England. Swithun was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, all he asked was that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door. But on 15th July 971, the monks decided to move Swithun into their newly built cathedral. And so his bones were dug up. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was disturbed again in 1093, when he was moved into the new Winchester cathedral. So if it rains on 15th July....get out your umbrella!



Swithun
Rainy
Summer
July
Forty

Days
Bishop
Winchester
Kingdom
Charitable

Churches
Dying
Cemetery
West
Door

Bones
Heavy
Power
Disturbed
Umbrella

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Needles and Natter

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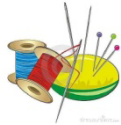
HARTSHILL LIBRARY

Fridays, 10.00 – 12.00

COME & SHARE YOUR WORK

KNIT, SEW, CROCHET, CROSS-STITCH

Beginners welcome



April saw the start of a new venture in the library, a 2 hour session on Friday called ‘Needles and Natter.’

Being a recent ‘born again’ knitter after a gap of at least 30 years, I thought I would try it, especially as my Mum enjoys knitting and so it is something we can enjoy together. I now look forward to it each week and I am sure that the other loyal band of regulars do too. For me, the ‘nattering’ takes priority over the ‘needling’ and I am delighted on the rare occasions that I succeed in knitting more than I undo.



Knitting is only one of the activities that people undertake at Needles and Natter; I have watched other ladies involved in embroidery, cross stitch,

crochet, tapestry, rug making; the possibilities are endless. (Incidentally, it's not meant to be exclusively women!)

If you haven't tried needlework for a while, or have never tried it, why not give it a go. It can be very therapeutic. Needlework in a group can help to reduce stress, overcome loss, form friendships, and connect with your community. And I find that I learn from my more experienced knitter friends every week!

And you can use your talents to benefit others; google 'sewing and knitting for charity' and you'll find lots of ideas. Alternatively, if you come along to 'Needles and Natter', we'll needlepoint you in the right direction.

Sue

Solution to wordsearch on page 14



Sharon's Recipe - Home-made Raspberry Jam - Makes 51b / 2.3 kg



At this time of year what better than to go and pick your own raspberries and make your own Jam – it's a good activity for the children in the holidays too.

Notes:

Fruit should be firm, under-ripe or just ripe and fresh (over-ripe fruit does not have a good level of pectin for setting jam)

The saucepan should be strong and roomy with a heavy base to prevent sticking and burning. There should be enough room to allow the jam to boil vigorously, the pan should be about half full when the sugar has been added. E.g. the bottom of a pressure cooker is a good pan to use

Scum will form and this should not be removed until the jam is made as too much skimming is wasteful. A small piece of butter rubbed over the bottom of the pan helps to reduce foaming and prevent sticking. When boiling has finished, remove scum with a metal spoon

Add sugar only when the fruit is well cooked and broken down, then boil the jam rapidly until setting point is reached

To test for setting, pour a tiny teaspoonful of the jam onto a cold saucer and leave for 1 minute. Setting point has been reached if the surface sets and crinkles when pushed with the finger. Remove the jam from the heat while this test is being made, otherwise it may boil too rapidly and the setting point may be missed. A sugar thermometer will register about 105°C (220°F) once setting point has been reached

After removing the scum, allow the jam to cool off slightly before pouring into perfectly clean, dry, warm jars

Jars should be filled to the brim with hot jam to allow for the shrinkage that takes place during cooling. After filling, press a well-fitted waxed disc on the surface of the jam in each jar and wipe the rim carefully with a hot, damp cloth. Cover the jam either while it is still very hot or completely cold.

Label the jam and date; store in a dry, dark, cool, ventilated cupboard.

Ingredients

3 lb / 1.4 kg raspberries

3 lb / 1.4 kg granulated sugar

½ oz / 15g butter

Method

Put fruit into a large saucepan and crush finely with back of wooden spoon.

Simmer gently for 5 minutes

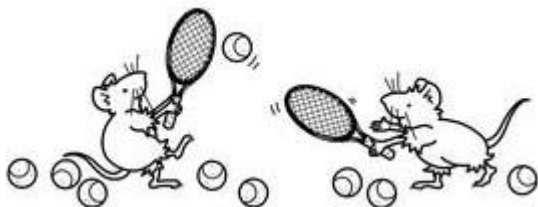
Add sugar and stir until dissolved

Bring to the boil. Boil briskly for 5-7 minutes or until setting point is reached

Draw pan way from heat. Stir in butter to disperse scum

Remove scum with a metal spoon

Pot and cover



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

**We are always happy to welcome new volunteers –
just pop in & see us!**

From the Editor

Thank you to all contributors to the magazine.

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 susan.foster@bcs.org. Please send text in either email form or as a word attachment and send photos as jpg attachments.

The next issue is a bumper issue for August/September.

The deadline for articles for the August/September edition is 24th July..
You can find past recent editions of the magazine at
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