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**THE MAGAZINE OF  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,  
HARTSHILL, NUNEATON**

## E-magazine

Welcome to this e-magazine. As a printed magazine is not possible currently, we decided to produce this electronic version. It does have the advantage that we can add colour! 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 but, of course, businesses and organisations may be currently closed.



## Strange times

I write this letter as we enter our eighth week in 'lockdown'.

Since the arrival of the Corona Virus, or Covid-19 as it is now often called, life as we know it has changed considerably. The church buildings are closed; worship gatherings are not permitted and special services, including weddings and baptisms are on hold. Funeral families are restricted to a simple Committal service at the Crematorium or a graveside Committal in the Cemetery - with both types of service subject to restricted attendance numbers and 'social distancing' rules. In addition to church restrictions we cannot see our families and hugs and kisses from grown up children (and grandchildren) are sorely missed.

And yet, in amongst all the sadness and worry we see great signs of caring in our communities. Volunteers are delivering prescriptions, going shopping for neighbours and phoning for a chat to stay in touch with those most at risk. This is happening, not just in Hartshill and Galley Common, but up and down the UK I am sure.

Our Sunday virtual service at 10:00am each week offers a chance to come together while apart, to stay in contact with God and to hear the word of the Lord. This, for me, renews my **Faith** each week and gives me a feeling of unity with God and with my church family. The Sermons have been emotional and inspiring and if I had to pick one theme that has been seen in each service I would say it is **Hope**. It is during difficult and

challenging times that the important things come to the fore. What was important a few weeks ago now pales into insignificance. New phrases have emerged like; ‘The new normal’, ‘We must keep R below 1’ and ‘Clap for the NHS’ - and daily press briefings are now expected. Within all this I feel a renewed sense of **Love** has been established in our daily lives. So as I reflect on these ‘Strange Times’ I am mindful of:

*1 Corinthians Chapter 13 v13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

God Bless. *Nick (M)*

### **Service Dates**

In line with Government advice and Church of England regulations ALL services (including meetings, groups, Messy Church etc....) are suspended and church buildings are to remain closed until further notice.

The building is closed – but the ‘church’ (the people) are active and out there....so keep ‘being church’ – sharing and showing God’s love to the community and the world. Bless you, with my thoughts and prayers,

*Heather*

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/publications.html](http://hartshillmu.uk/publications.html)

## Praying for our Parish in June

***“Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow”***

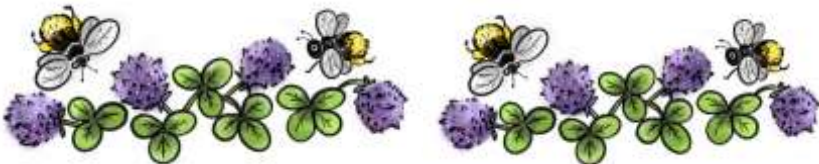
1	We pray for all who work in schools, help them to make a safe space for our children
2	We give thanks for the technology available to us which allows us to keep in touch with our families and friends wherever they are
3	Pray for opportunities to share our faith
4	We think of all who are housebound and their carers
5	We pray for all who are sick and ask for comfort in their suffering
6	We pray for all couples whose wedding plans have been disrupted as a result of the current situation
7	Trinity Sunday – Gift Day Help us to use our gifts wisely for God’s purpose
8	We think of all church groups and look forward to the time when they can meet again
9	Pray for safety for all Christians and Aid Workers all over the world
10	For all who donate to, volunteer at, or use the Foodbank
11	We pray for care workers and give thanks for their love and dedication to all they serve

12	For anyone who is bereaved, may they turn to Christ and receive his unfailing love and comfort
13	We pray for looked after children and their carers
14	We think of members of all local churches and look forward to a time when we can worship together
15	We thank you for the workers who are working so hard to keep our vital services going
16	We pray for Heather, that she may have strength to carry out her ministry
17	We give thanks for local volunteers who work in our community
18	Trinity Sunday – Gift Day Help us to use our gifts wisely for God’s purpose
19	We pray for all scientists that they may be successful in developing a vaccine or treatment for COVID 19
20	We think of those in financial difficulties or in danger of losing their job
21	We pray for leaders of all countries that they will use courage and honesty to deal with their nations’ problems
22	We give thanks for long evenings and warm weather that we may appreciate God’s creation
23	We give thanks for the skill and devotion of those who work within the NHS

24	We give thanks for our Readers as they preach God's word
25	For the Armed Forces, keep them safe in their duties
26	We pray for everyone affected by natural disasters in the world, may they rebuild their lives with God's guidance
27	For the work of the Mothers' Union in our Diocese and throughout the world
28	We think of all families with young children, may they enjoy time together to relax and play
29	We pray for all those who are ill at this time with the COVID 19 virus or with any other illness
30	We say thank you for our musicians and the joy of music in our lives

“May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light” Colossians 1 v11, 12

*Prayers by Wendy*



## **A prayer for a global pandemic**

‘Love...bears all things,  
believes all things,  
hopes all things,  
endures all things.  
Love never ends.’  
(1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

Loving God,  
strengthen our innermost being  
with your love that bears all things  
even the weight of this global pandemic  
even the long haul of watching for symptoms  
of patiently waiting for this to pass  
watching and waiting,  
keeping our gaze fixed on you,  
and looking out for our neighbours  
near and far.

Instil in our shaken souls  
the belief and hope that all things  
are possible with your creative love  
for strangers to become friends  
for science to source solutions



for resources to be generously shared  
so everyone, everywhere, may have what they need  
for your perfect love that knows no borders  
may cast out any fear and selfishness that divides.

May your love that never ends  
be our comfort, strength and guide  
for the wellbeing of all and  
the glory of God.

*Amen.*

( source:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/churches/coronavirus-prayers> )

## Colouring

For those of you who like colouring, there are some bookmarks to colour at <https://www.mothersunion.org/sites/default/files/resources/public/Colouring%20Bookmarks.jpg>





## **YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YMCA)**

On 6th June, 1844, a 22 year old draper, George Williams, along with 11 friends met together for Bible study and prayer forming the first YMCA for young men seeking escape from the hazards of life on the streets of London. Today, still inspired and faithful to their Christian values, they create supportive, inclusive and energizing communities where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive. It is the oldest and largest youth charity in the world and they now serve more than 60 million people in 120 countries. In England and Wales they support 228,000 young people every year in a variety of ways. (The organization for women YWCA was founded in the 1850's and is still active too over the world, but as YMCA help both male and female young people now, I will just refer to the YMCA).

But back to the 1840's. Soon after the formation of the YMCA, public lectures and education classes were developed and reading rooms and refreshment areas were set up. Within a year, branches opened in Manchester and Leeds and a few years later YMCA spread across the world. In 1873 the first holiday centre opened on the Isle of Wight which was hugely popular as you can imagine and led to another 25 centres opening. Later on, gyms were opened and sporting events were set up. In 1912 the first purpose built hostels were opened in Cardiff and London. After the First World War a YMCA employment department was established to help deal with unemployment and finding jobs for ex-servicemen. During WW2 they introduced mobile canteens bringing refreshments to the troops and also supported displaced persons, refugees and prisoners of war. By the end of the 1950's there was concern about the need for better leisure facilities for teenagers which resulted in many local YMCA's beginning youth clubs. In 1970 the YMCA George Williams College was established in London providing training programmes for

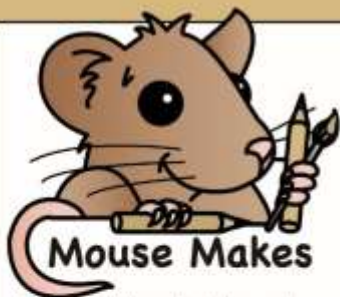
professional youth workers and the college today is one of the leading trainers for informal education. YMCA Training has supported over a million people to date.

Since that small beginning in 1844 YMCA now works with young men and women, regardless of race, religion or culture, to help young people build a future. It is the largest provider of safe, supportive accommodation for young people in England and Wales, offering over 9,000 beds - from emergency accommodation to supported longer term housing and also youth hostels, not just offering a bed but also the help to enable a young person gain the training skills and confidence to go on to lead independent lives.

YMCA are also involved in family work which includes creches, nurseries, school clubs, holiday clubs and camps, youth work, respite for young carers, parenting programmes and family mediation. They also provide health and well being gyms, exercise classes, swimming pools and sports groups which include disability programmes, rehabilitative and special care, and support and advice seeing young people through difficult times with a wide range of services.

There are many opportunities for volunteering with YMCA and also for paid work with the organization in around 600 communities across England and Wales in youth work, sports activities and other areas, and there are many YMCA charity shops too which need volunteers. Our local cities of Coventry, Leicester and Birmingham have YMCA groups.

Contact details: YMCA England and Wales, 10-11 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EH. Tel: 020 7186 9500 or look online at <https://www.ymca.org.uk/> to read some of the stories of young people helped by the Association.



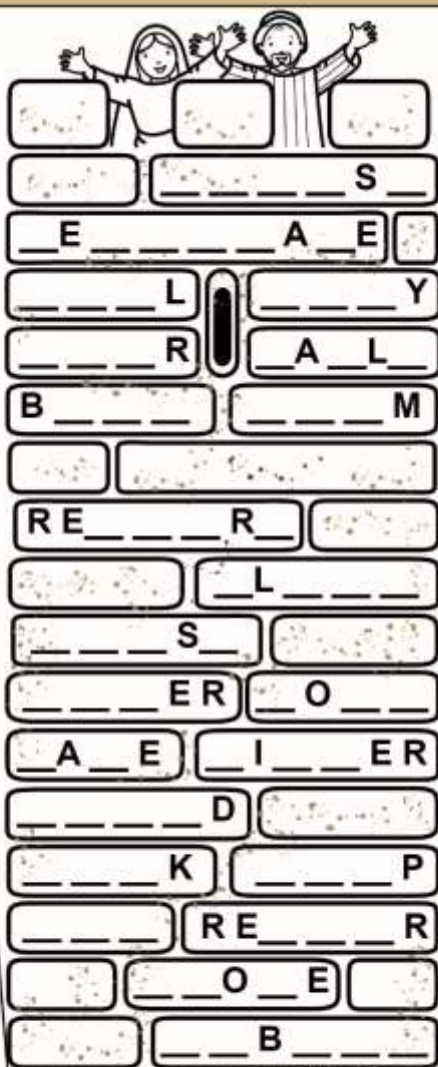
When Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins he sat down and wept. For days he fasted and prayed before God.

Finally the opportunity came for him to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, but it was not going to be easy...

**READ** Nehemiah's story in the *Old Testament* book of **Nehemiah**, chapters 1-7

Here is Nehemiah's list of all the things that needed to be done to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Fill in the missing gaps on the tower to help rebuild the wall.

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|-------------|------------|
| ○ PRAY      | ○ GATE     |
| ○ RUBBLE    | ○ BEAM     |
| ○ REPAIR    | ○ BOLT     |
| ○ RESTORE   | ○ BAR      |
| ○ BUILD     | ○ STEP     |
| ○ WORK      | ○ TOWER    |
| ○ STONE     | ○ HOUSE    |
| ○ TIMBER    | ○ POOL     |
| ○ WALLS     | ○ FINISH   |
| ○ FLOOR     | ○ DEDICATE |
| ○ ROOF      | ○ DOOR     |
| ○ CELEBRATE |            |



How many gates were repaired?  
Who re-built them?

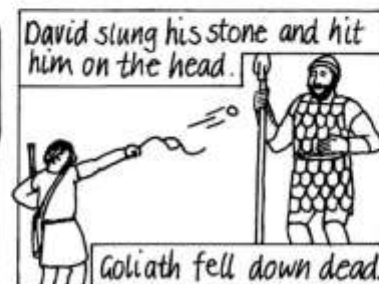
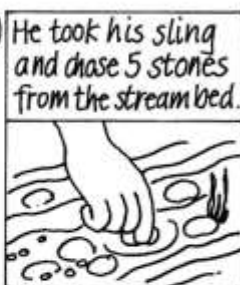
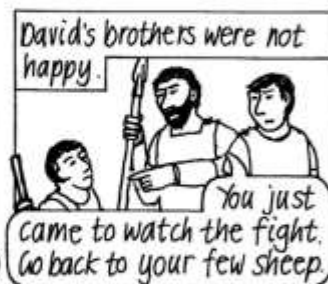
How long did it take to finish the walls?

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies  
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic  
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them.



## *Sharon's Recipe* - Orange and Raspberry Cheesecake – Serves 8

**Preparation 25 minutes + at least 4 hours chilling time**

<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Method</b>
225g digestive biscuits	Put the biscuits into a large plastic bowl and crush them with a wooden spoon until they are crumbs
50g tbsp butter, melted	Mix in the melted butter and press mixture into a 23cm cheesecake tin with a loose bottom, to form a firm base that is evenly spread. Put into the fridge for about 30 minutes to set.
400g full fat cream cheese (e.g. Philadelphia)	Put the cream cheese, orange zest, mascarpone, sugar and milk into a bowl and mix it well with a wooden spoon.
Zest of 3 oranges	Put the cream in a clean bowl and whisk until it is like thick custard (not too stiff and not fluffy)
Segments of the 3 oranges above	Add the orange mixture to the cream and combine thoroughly.
200g mascarpone cheese	Remove the cheesecake biscuit base from the fridge and pour the filling over and spread it evenly.
100g caster sugar	Refrigerate for at least 4 hours
2 tbsp milk	Decorate with the orange segments and the raspberries before serving.
184ml double cream	
250g raspberries	



Obviously due the measures taken to deal with the coronavirus we are not able to continue with the bringing of items to Church or deliveries to the warehouse.

This is at a time when the Food Bank is under huge pressure, especially with schools closed.

In the three weeks from April 19th, the food bank has distributed food to 332 people including 104 children (9.26 tons)

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](http://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 a Community show our love to the vulnerable people in our society.



# 2020 Spirit-vision

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## 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.

 <p>0800 804 8044</p> <p><b>Daily HOPE</b></p> <p>A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers</p>	<p>The Church of England has launched Daily Hope, a 24 hour free phone line.</p>
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## **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 <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/neighbourly-volunteering/>

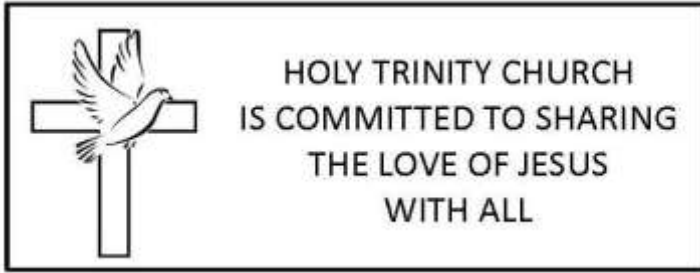
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Magazine editor	Mrs Susan Foster	02476 319943

**Church website:** <http://www.holytrinityhartshill.co.uk/>

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

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

**Prayer Requests** [prayers.holytrinity@gmail.com](mailto:prayers.holytrinity@gmail.com)



### From the Editor

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the magazine, If anybody has anything they would like to share with readers of the magazine, please email it to me at [mu@susanmfoster.co.uk](mailto: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 July magazine is 29<sup>th</sup> June..

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