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Hartshill

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March 2017

Get Ready!

I don't know about you – but I know that the more important an event or celebration is the more preparation I need to get ready for it. Things are no different in the church as although you may think Easter is many weeks away as a church we will soon be starting to get ready for it as we enter the season of Lent.

We often associate Lent with giving things up and see it as a sober, reflective and quiet time of preparation for Easter. It is a time when Christians remember the bible account of Jesus in the wilderness and the suffering he experienced as he prepared for his ministry and work here on earth. And yes it is all that...but it is also a time to get ready for Easter – perhaps the most important festival of the Christian calendar. And because it is important, it's even more important to prepare properly for it.

So how can we get ready? Well, we are doing our Lent course again both here at Holy Trinity, Hartshill (Tuesday evenings) as well as at our sister church at St Peter's, Galley Common (Thursday afternoons). It is a friendly, welcoming and informal time of getting together, exploring faith questions and journeying together with different members of the church.

We will also be holding special services and events for Ash Wednesday (1st March – Communion service at Hartshill at 7.30pm), Maundy Thursday (13th April – at St Peter's 7pm supper and 7.45 communion), Good Friday (14th April 11.30 Family Fun and 2pm Prayer stations) and then a 6am!! start on Easter Day at Hartshill Hayes or a 10 am communion in Church. All are welcome – get ready with us to prepare (Lent) to celebrate (Easter)

God Bless...



Date/Time & Service	Season / Theme	Readings to reflect on
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Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 1st March
Service of Holy Communion and imposition of ashes
7.30pm at Holy Trinity, Hartshill

March 2017

5 th March - 10am Holy Communion	Lent 1	Matthew 4:1-11
12 th March - 9am Holy Communion	Lent 2	Psalm 121
19 th March - 10.00am Holy Communion	Lent 3	Romans 5:1-11 or John 4:5-26
26 th March - 10.00am All Age Worship	Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	Exodus 2:1-10

April 2017

2 nd April - 10am Holy Communion	Lent 5 Including our APCM + Bring and Share	Verses from 1 Corinthians 12
9 th April - 9am Holy Communion	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11
13 th April – 7pm At St Peter’s Galley Common	Maundy Thursday 7pm Supper 7.45 Communion Service	The Last Supper Account Joint event ** at St Peter’s **
14 th April 11.30am Family Fun 2pm Prayer Stations	Good Friday	Activities for all See flyer for more information
16 th April – 6am followed by breakfast +++++++ 10am – Communion in church	16 th April Easter Day	Churches together On Hartshill Hayes +++++++ Matthew 28:1-10
23 rd April - 10.00am All Age Worship	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Reading / sermon series based on survey results
30 th April *10.30 am* GALLEY COMMON	3 rd Sunday of Easter	No Service at Holy Trinity, Hartshill

**** Please note our APCM will be part of our service on April 2nd
followed by a bring and share lunch****

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Thursday 2nd	7pm Singing Group in church
Friday 3 rd	2.30pm Women's World Day of prayer. See p. 6.
Saturday 11th	6pm Skittles and Supper. Ticket only. See p.7.
Wednesday 15th	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre 7.30pm Mothers' Union in the Library
Saturday 18th	9.30am Prayer Workshop

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

Prayer workshop



The final prayer workshops runs from 9:30-11:00 am on Saturday 18th March. Breakfast is included so that attending should not impact too much on your time during a busy Saturday. Do come and join us, you will be very welcome.

From the Registers in February

Baptisms

12th February – Alfie Sevellec

Thanksgiving / Dedication

19th February – Boaz Kinderman

Holy Trinity Hartshill & St Peter's Galley Common

Lent Course 2017 – Passionate Spirituality

Based on our Healthy Church Survey Results

This year 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: The Bible and decision making, Worship and faith, Welcome and Fellowship, The church and God and Evangelism and Testimony

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</u> Galley Common <u>Thursday Afternoons</u> <u>1.30pm – 2.30pm</u>
<u>Session 1</u>	Tuesday 7 th March	Thursday 9 th March
<u>Session 2</u>	Tuesday 14 th March	Thursday 16 th March
<u>Session 3</u>	Tuesday 21 st March	Thursday 23 rd March
<u>Session 4</u>	Tuesday 28 th March	Thursday 30 th March
<u>Session 5</u>	Tuesday 4 th April	No Session at Galley Common this week
<u>Maundy</u> <u>Thursday</u> Maundy Supper & Communion	Joint Communion Service <u>Thursday 13th April</u> <u>Held at St Peter's Galley Common</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

So we are about to celebrate the women's world day of prayer with a combined service followed by a bring and buy stall / refreshments. All are welcome to both – and you don't have to be a woman to attend!

The Women World's Day of Prayer is an initiative that runs across many counties and church denominations and each year focuses on the social and religious experiences of women in a particular country. This year we will be hearing the stories of the women of the Philippines and praying with and for them. The bring and buy stall will then help raise money for different projects around the world – so please do bring & buy!!!

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March at Holy Trinity Church Hartshill

Service 2.30pm & Coffee / bring and buy 3.30pm

We will then have an opportunity to celebrate Easter together with an informal service on Easter Day morning followed by breakfast.

Easter Day

Sunday 16th April – 6am – Hartshill Hayes

Followed by breakfast at Holy Trinity

Please do join us if 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

Holy Trinity Church Hartshill

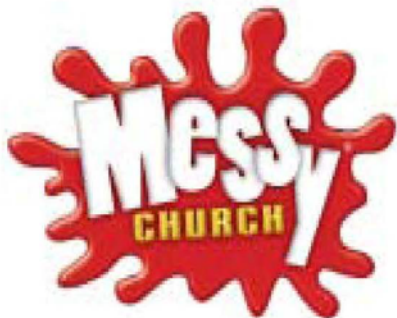


Skittles and Supper



Jacket potato, cheese, beans
Cake, tea and coffee

Saturday 11th March 6pm
Admission by ticket only
Adults £5 Under 11s £3
02476 397183 for details



All are
welcome

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

Our next few dates for the next year are:

March 15 th – Temptation (Lent)	}	Themes from
April 19 th – Forgiveness (Easter)	}	the
May 17 th – Daily Bread		Lord's Prayer

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!



**Free
Event**

Good Friday Family Fun

Hartshill Community Centre

11:30am to 2:00pm



Parachuting Teddy Bears

Come join in the fun with your own bear and see how brave they are



**Free Refreshments
with Hot Cross Buns**



Easter themed

Follow by Quiet and Reflective time in Church from 2pm

How to Read the Bible in One Year

Several times I have attempted to read the Bible from beginning to end but I've never reached the end. I haven't found it easy!

However, at the last Prayer Workshop, Heather mentioned "Bible in One Year" and so I 'Googled' it. "Bible in One Year" is a free Bible reading app with commentary by Nicky and Pippa Gumbel. Nicky Gumbel is the Vicar of HTB in London and pioneer of Alpha.

It's fantastic!

Each day, there is a passage from Psalms or Proverbs, the New Testament and the Old Testament, with commentaries provided by Nicky and Pippa. If you have a smart phone or tablet, you can actually listen to it. It takes about 20 minutes, little more than an episode of "The Archers". If you don't have a smart phone, you can sign up for a daily email.

Bible in One Year is helping me to connect with the Bible in a quick, simple and relatable way. I can't recommend it enough! You can find it at <https://www.bibleinoneyear.org/> *Sue*

LIBRARY



Hartshill Community Library

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

The following sessions are also held in the library:
Family History Group Mondays 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Book Club first Tuesday of the month 10.30am

Praying for our Parish in March

Wed 01	Ash Wednesday; reflect on what Jesus went through during these forty days. What should we be doing?
Thu 02	We have an ever changing world. Pray that we can be good custodians of our planet.
Fri 03	Women's World Day of Prayer. Pray that we can all contribute some time to the Lord.
Sat 04	Bring our political leaders and those around the world to the Lord. Pray that they may be given direction and guidance.
Sun 05	Pray for our Church leaders.
Mon 06	Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith.
Tue 07	Lent course begins. Pray that not just members of our congregation want to attend.
Wed 08	Lent has been going for a week., Pray for those who are doing something for this time.
Thu 09	Pray for peace. We have so many regions that are in conflict.
Fri 10	Reflect on areas in your life that the Lord would not be pleased with. Repent of these issues.
Sat 11	Skittles evening. Pray for an evening of fellowship and Joy.
Sun 12	Give thanks for the privilege of being the Lord's creation.
Mon 13	Pray for our Doctors and Nurses looking after all the sick.
Tue 14	Pray for staff who look after the needy in our care homes.

Wed 15	Messy church. Pray for the leaders and give thanks to those who attend.
Thu 16	Pray that our church can keep true to Jesus' teachings. Pray for Heather, our minister, and our lay readers, Nick and Sally.
Fri 17	Pray for organisations that promote Christianity.
Sat 18	Prayer workshop. Try stepping out of your comfort zone and join the workshop.
Sun 19	Roux's Baptism. Pray that seeds may be sown.
Mon 20	Have you neighbours who are sick or suffering? Pray for them.
Tue 21	Pray for our fellowship groups which meet weekly for prayer and Bible study.
Wed 22	Give thanks for the team who look after the church grounds.
Thu 23	Pray for the teachers in our schools and for the students.
Fri 24	Give thanks for the countryside that we have.
Sat 25	Diocesan Synod meeting. Pray for direction.
Sun 26	Pray for our Bishops, John and Christopher.
Mon 27	Pray for opportunities to share our faith with others.
Tue 28	Give thanks for our families.
Wed 29	Pray for the many groups that are based at our church.
Thu 30	Give thanks for outreach and pray that the church will grow.
Fri 31	Pray for the protection of our church.

Alan



CHRISTIAN CHARITY NEWS

MERCY SHIPS

Last month we read about the difference that planes can make to peoples' lives. This month it's ships!

Mercy Ships was founded in 1978 by Don and Deyon Stephens when they purchased a retired ocean liner for £600,000. Over the next 4 years it was gradually transformed into a floating hospital with 3 operating theatres and a 40 bed ward. In 1982 the vessel sailed with an international volunteer crew of 350.

Since then, the ship now being used "Africa Mercy" now has 5 operating theatres, 82 patients' beds and carries a CT scanner, x-ray equipment and laboratory services. It has visited more than 450 ports in developing nations around Africa, Central and South America, parts of Asia and the Pacific Ocean islands. While in port, operations are carried out including cataract removals, giving people their sight back, cleft lip and palate reconstruction and removal of tumours. The floating hospital provides a safe and clean environment to carry out these operations, providing free, life-saving medical care to some of the world's poorest people. Over two and a half million people have had their lives transformed by this care.

The crew are almost entirely volunteers donating their time, some on a short term basis from 2 weeks to 2 years and some make long term commitment of over 2 years. The 450 plus crew come from around 40 nations and the ship is like a small city with all kinds of facilities on board. The crew contribute towards the cost of living on board; so that donations from people, firms and churches can be spent on medical equipment.

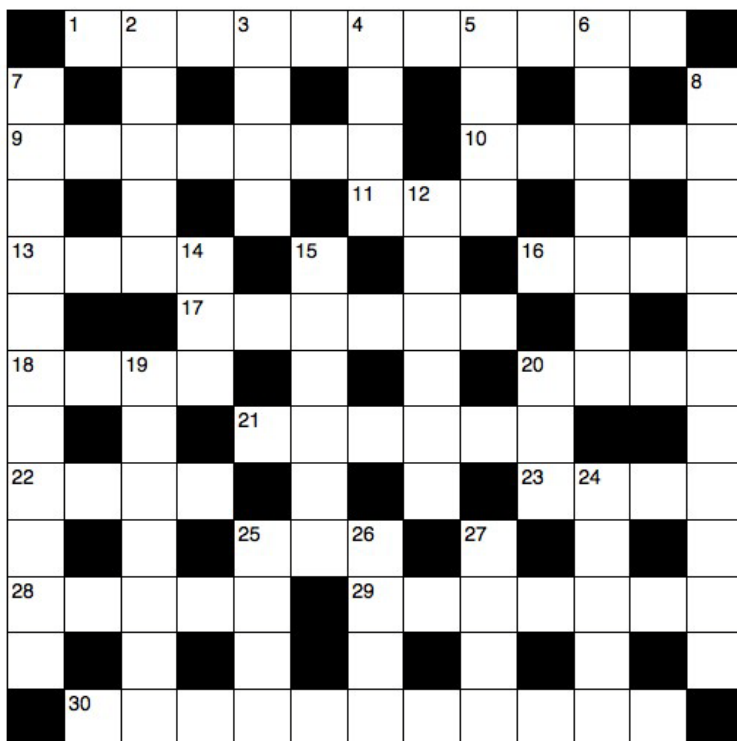
Prayer has been an integral part of Mercy Ships' decades long history.

As well as surgeons, dentists, doctors and nurses, many other crew members are needed including cooks, teachers, shop assistants, receptionists, mechanics, engineers, IT specialists, chaplain, deck hands and even a captain! The list is long - something for nearly everyone.

If you'd like to hear more or wish to donate towards this work or maybe feel that God is calling you for volunteering, their address is:- Mercy Ships UK, The Lighthouse, 12 Meadway Court, Stevenage, SG1 2EF. Telephone:- 01438 727800. To see pictures and read stories from patients and the volunteer crew have a look online at Mercy Ships.

Lynda Kelly

Crossword



Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)

6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)

7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)

8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)

12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)

14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)

15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)

19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)

20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)

24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)

25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)

26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)

27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4) ANSWERS ON PAGE 19

Church Flowers

26th March,
Mothering
Sunday

To remember Kay Cox.

Also to honour all Mothers



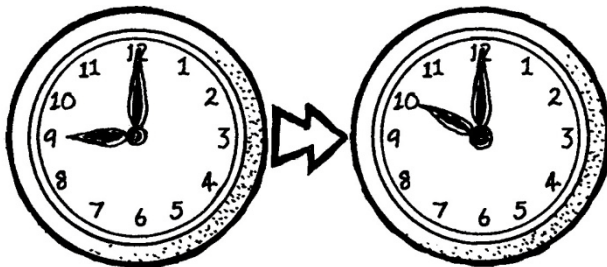
As is customary, there will be no other flowers during lent.

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.

Sharon's Recipe - Lemon and Garlic Chicken (Serves 4)

Ingredients	Method
<p>1 Butternut Squash, in rough cubes</p> <p>1 1lb/454g new potatoes, halved</p> <p>1lb/454g carrots, in rough cubes</p> <p>2 red onions, quartered</p> <p>2 courgettes, in rough cubes</p> <p>2-3 tbsp olive oil</p> <p>Salt and freshly mill black pepper</p> <p>2-3 tbsp balsamic vinegar</p> <p>8 chicken thighs</p> <p>3 garlic cloves, crushed</p> <p>Zest and juice of a lemon</p> <p>Large handful of flat leaf parsley, finely chopped or 2 tsp dried parsley</p>	<p>Preheat oven to 220°C, 425°F, Gas Mark 7</p> <p>Place the squash, potatoes, carrots, red onion and courgettes into 1 or 2 roasting tins</p> <p>Pour over oil and mix to coat vegetables</p> <p>Drizzle over the balsamic vinegar</p> <p>Season the chicken and place nestled in the vegetables</p> <p>Roast for 40 minutes, turning everything half way through to prevent sticking/burning</p> <p>Mix together the garlic, lemon zest, lemon juice and parsley and sprinkle over the roasting chicken and vegetables and stir to coat everything in the garlic and lemon mixture</p> <p>Roast for a further 10 minutes</p> <p>Serve immediately</p>

Clocks go Forward March 26th



Mothersing Sunday, 26th March

Mothersing Sunday is a very special day here at Holy Trinity. As in previous years, Mothers' Union will be giving worshippers a little posy of spring flowers which they may choose to give to someone else as a thank you for all their care and love throughout the year.

Mothers' Union will also be selling cakes in the hall after the Mothersing Sunday All Age Worship service in aid of Make a Mother's Day.

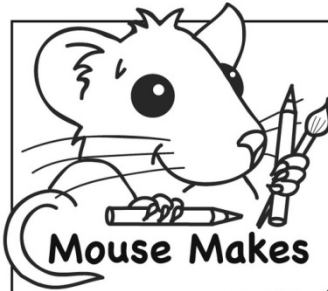


Please support Mothers' Union "Make a Mother's Day" Appeal by purchasing a delicious cake on Mothersing Sunday following the Service.

Make a Mother's Day Appeal 2017



This Mothersing Sunday (March 26th), choose a special and powerful way of remembering, or saying thank you, to your Mum. Select from an inspiring range of six Make a Mother's Day gifts that put mothers around the world at the heart of faith, families and change – gifts that transform lives. <http://www.makeamothersday.org/>



Mouse Makes

SHROVE TUESDAY

During **Lent** some Christians eat simple food or go without food for a while like Jesus did. Pancakes are often made to use up all the fresh eggs and milk on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent.



ASH WEDNESDAY

The first day of **Lent** is called **Ash Wednesday**, it is a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have **said** or **thought** or **done** and to ask for God's help to live in the right way.

In bible times people would cover themselves with ashes as a sign of repentance. In some churches today on Ash Wednesday the minister will draw a cross shape on our foreheads with ash.



WHAT IS LENT?

When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach and heal he went out into the wilderness alone. For 40 days he did not eat but spent time praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do. Remembering those days Jesus spent in the wilderness, the Christian Church set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to pray, read the bible and learn more about God.



This time is called **LENT**



While Jesus was out in the wilderness he was tempted by the Devil **three** times.

Look up the bible verses to see how Jesus replied.




- 1** The devil said, "If you are God's Son order this stone to turn to bread."
Read Jesus' reply in Luke 4: 4 and Deuteronomy 8: 3
- 2** The devil said, "I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."
Read Jesus' reply in Luke 4: 7 and Deuteronomy 6: 13
- 3** The devil said, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the Scriptures say God will take care of you."
Read Jesus' reply in Luke 4: 12 and Deuteronomy 6: 1



Dear Lord,
Please forgive me for

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Amen

Our Mission



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
IS COMMITTED TO
SHARING THE LOVE OF
JESUS WITH ALL

Answers to crossword on page 13

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

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.

The deadline for articles for the April edition is 20th March

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

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