



Dear All,

As you read this letter, we are in the period of the Christian year known as Lent - a special time of spiritual preparation, during which we have the opportunity to grow closer to God in the run up to Easter.

Lent traditionally is a period of fasting, moderation and self-denial. As a child, I was conditioned to believe that in giving up something that I loved (such as chocolate) it would draw me closer to God. I don't recall when that ever worked!

I wonder if you have been able to find a meaningful way of drawing closer to God this Lent. Some Christians nowadays take Lent as a chance to "give away" rather than "give up" something. As I have always found it hard to give something up, this reversal of tradition suits me. So probably, like many of you, I have tried to "give away".....an item to the Food bank, a letter to a friend, a telephone call, items to a charity shop.....

We travel through Lent on a journey to Easter when the greatest gift of all was offered to each one of us. God, in an extraordinary act of generosity the world will ever know, offered His Son, Jesus as a gift to all. Our response need only be to say thank you. It is a gift that requires no exchange.

So, as we continue through Lent and look towards Easter, when God showed us how much he loved us, may we too act our faith in love? By all means, if it works for you, continue to give something up. However don't forget to also GIVE away love by reaching out to others in whatever way suits. Perhaps give away your time, talents, money, care, patience, or whatever God lays on your heart.

Lent is often seen as a particularly solemn time of year and indeed it should be, as it is time for each of us to take our faith more seriously. So however you continue to observe Lent whether by "giving up" or "giving", may you be prepared for the celebrations of Easter.

God Bless

Sally

## Church Flowers

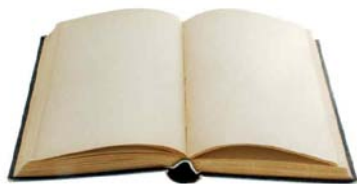


Thank you for your generous donations towards the flowers.

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

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers from April onwards, perhaps to celebrate an event or remember a loved one, please see Jan in church or telephone her on 02476 395467.

## From the Registers in February



### Baptisms

4<sup>th</sup> February – Jack Arnold

25<sup>th</sup> February – Sofia and Lily Brown

### Weddings

### Funerals

12<sup>th</sup> February – Jean Martin



The next meeting of the Social Committee will be held on Wednesday 11th April at 7.30pm. This is a very informal group and we would love to see new members or hear your ideas for events.

For more information please see a member of the group

Sheila & David Hinds, Jan Blamire-Brown, Nick Miles and Wendy Albrighton

## Service Dates in March

Date/Time & Service	Season / Theme	Readings to reflect on
Hartshill - Library Tuesday Evenings <u>7.30 – 9pm</u>	<u>LENT COURSE</u>	Galley Common – Hall Thursday Afternoons <u>1.30-2.30pm</u>
<b>March 2018</b>	<b>March 2018</b>	<b>March 2018</b>
<u>4<sup>th</sup> March –</u> <u>10.00am</u> Holy Communion	Lent 3	Psalm 19:1,7-14
<u>11<sup>th</sup> March –</u> <u>9am</u> Holy Communion	Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	Psalm 34:11-20
<u>18<sup>th</sup> March -</u> <u>10.00am</u> Holy Communion	Lent 5	Psalm 51:8, 10-13
<u>25<sup>th</sup> March -</u> <u>10.00am</u> ALL AGE	Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-11
<u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></u> <u>March</u> 7pm for supper <u>7.45 for</u> <u>Communion</u>	<u>Maundy</u> <u>Thursday</u> (see Easter flyer for more details)	Final session of our Lent Course
<u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March</u>	<u>Good Friday</u>	11.30 All Age Activities 2-3pm Prayer Stations
<b>April 2018</b>	<b>April 2018</b>	<b>April 2018</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> April – <u>10.00am</u> Holy Communion In Church	<u>Easter Day</u>	+ 6am Sunrise Service at Hartshill Hayes followed by breakfast at 7am (ish)

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Thursday 1st	7pm Singing Group in church
Wednesday 21st	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre Mothers' Union in the library

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

## Hartshill Community Cafe



**Open Every Tuesday**

**11:00 – 2:00**

**In the Community Centre**

Enjoy home made food and good company

## To Colour- Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>



Lent and Easter Services 2018



Maundy Thursday – 29<sup>th</sup> March

Maundy Supper at 7pm (soup & batch)

& informal Communion starting 7.45pm(approx.)

At Holy Trinity Church, Hartshill

Please let Heather know if you are planning to attend the supper

(for catering purposes)

Good Friday – 30<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Activities for all ages – at Holy Trinity Church

From 11.30am

including hot cross buns and refreshments

Reflective and Interactive Prayer Stations

at Holy Trinity, Hartshill at 2.00 - 3.00pm

Easter Day - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

6.00am - United Service at Hartshill Hayes View Point followed by breakfast  
at Holy Trinity, Hartshill (7am ish)

10.00am – All Age Easter Celebration

& Communion at Holy Trinity Hartshill

For more details contact Heather (the Vicar) on 024 7639 2266

All Are Very Welcome – hope to see you there!



For Hartshill, Galley Common and area

We met as a committee this week to plan ahead for the year. It is great that, even as a depleted group of churches, we can still make time and space to worship together several times of the year and I must admit what a delight it is to work with such a great team of people from across the churches – so thank you to all who support our Churches Together services.

Our first service 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. Please do support this worthwhile cause with bringing and buying things for the bring & buy and any cakes would also be welcomed for the refreshments and/or for sale too.

We then have the opportunity again to worship together on Easter Day. We will be having our usual Sunrise Service on Hartshill Hayes – at 6am. A bit of an incentive for such an early start is then sharing breakfast together at about 7am(ish) at Hartshill Church / Community Centre.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 – Woman's World Day of Prayer at St Anne's  
2.30 service followed by refreshments & bring & buy.

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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Day sunrise Service – 6am Hartshill Hayes  
Followed by breakfast at Holy Trinity Hartshill at about 7am (ish)

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*

## **Mothering Sunday – “Make a Mother’s Day”**

The exact origins of Mothering Sunday are unclear. Some have even linked it with the spring festivals for various mother goddesses held in ancient Greece and Rome.

However, it is certainly known that by the 16th century during Lent there was one Sunday when all returned to their “Mother Church” - the main church or cathedral of the area. This custom evolved over the years to become the day when those working away from home, often in service, or as apprentices, returned to visit not only their mother-church, but also their own mother and family. They would bring hand-picked flowers or cake; a precursor to the tradition still observed today of the giving of gifts to mothers on Mothering Sunday.

Today, Mothering Sunday continues to be celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent.

Here at Holy Trinity, Mothers’ Union celebrate the role of Mothers and other carers in a child’s life by presenting Daffodils at the Mothering Sunday service. We will also be selling cakes following the service in aid of the Mothers’ Union “Make a Mother’s Day” Appeal and so do, please, join us.



**CAKE SALE IN AID OF**

**“MAKE A MOTHER’S DAY”**

March 11<sup>th</sup> after the Mothering Sunday Service





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**

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

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

**May 16<sup>th</sup> – Mary and Martha**

**All at the usual time of 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

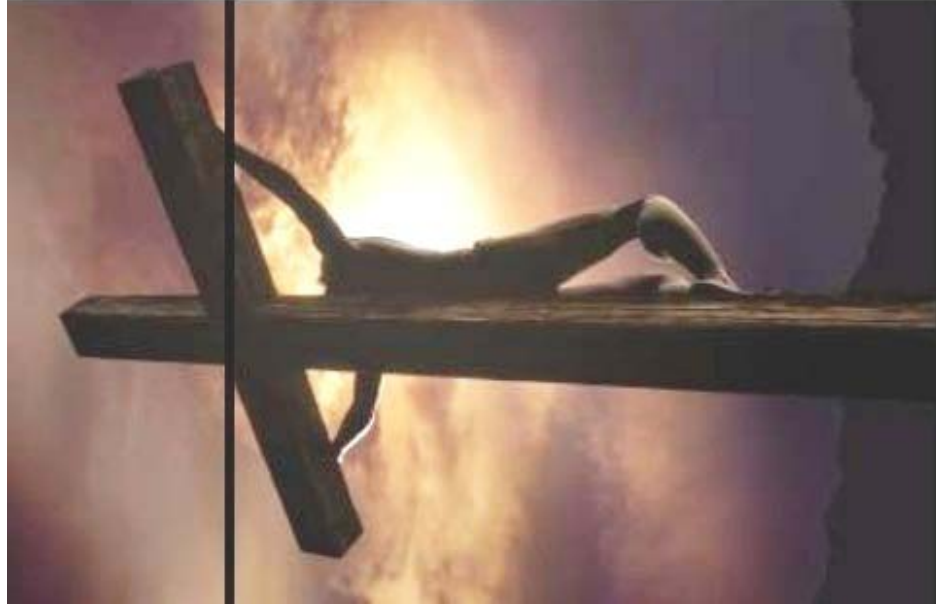
**Cost? Free – but donations are welcomed.**

## PRAYER STATIONS

We invite you to drop in and join us on Good Friday for quiet reflection starting at 2pm until 3pm.

Resources will be on hand to help gain a better understanding of how Jesus' crucifixion impacts the lives of Christians throughout the world.

Spend as long as you like in this creative environment - you are free to come and go as you please and to make your own response to the Easter message of God's unfailing love for us.



# Easter Activities on Good Friday

Free Event for  
all the family

Hartshill Community Centre, 11:30am to 2:00pm

All Children to be accompanied by an Adult



## Parachuting Teddy Bears

Either make your own - Youtube is a good place to look for ideas - or bring your Teddy Bear on the day and we will help you to make a parachute



## Hot Cross Buns with Drinks



The week that  
changed the  
world continues  
to change our  
lives.

Activities followed by a quiet,  
reflective time in Church at 2pm

## **Praying for our Parish in March**

Thu 01 Mar 2018; Please pray for people that are not in a happy place and are prone to self-harming. Today is Self-Injury Awareness Day.

Fri 02 Mar 2018; Churches together, women's day of prayer. Pray for our Churches and the capacity that women are able to be involved.

Sat 03 Mar 2018; World Wildlife day: Thank the lord for the privilege that we have for sharing his creation with all other creatures.

Sun 04 Mar 2018; Pause for a moment and give thanks for all the comforts that are offered to us. Many people have nothing. Should we be acting on this? Pray about it.

Mon 05 Mar 2018; Pray for Heather and our Lay Readers, Nick and Sally. Pray for guidance and that the lord blesses them.

Tue 06 Mar 2018; Lent course continues at Hartshill. Pray for a greater understanding of what the Lord has done for you and me.

Wed 07 Mar 2018; Interviews take place for a Deanery Clergy post. Please pray for guidance and discernment for all involved.

Thu 08 Mar 2018; Lent course continues at Galley Common. Pray for all involved with the course. Pray that all involved are guided closer to the Lord.

Fri 09 Mar 2018; Pray for our Bishops in Coventry and for the people that work around them. May the Lord guide them and give the direction.

Sat 10 Mar 2018; Mother's day. Pray for our families and mothers. Simnel day is also celebrated today. Enjoy.

Sun 11 Mar 2018; Commonwealth Day, pray that our heads of state have a better understanding of global issues, international co-operation and the work of the modern Commonwealth.

Mon 12 Mar 2018; Safeguarding training at Hartshill, pray that we can all have a safe environment for vulnerable people.

Tue 13 Mar 2018; Lent course at Hartshill. Please continue to pray for those on the course and for the leaders.

Wed 14 Mar 2018; Think of all the youngsters that come into contact with us during the week. Pray that they can find the Lord and have peace.

Thu 15 Mar 2018; Lent course at Galley Common. Give thanks that we can share in fellowship without being persecuted. So many people don't have this privilege.

Fri 16 Mar 2018; Pray for our heads of state, that they can be guided by the Lord and make decisions pleasing to the Lord.

Sat 17 Mar 2018; Have we elderly neighbours; have they had any visitors in the past few days. How about visiting them? You may be the only person they may speak to today!

Sun 18 Mar 2018; Please pray for the family that are having a baptism after the service today. Pray that they have an understanding of the commitments they are making.

Mon 19 Mar 2018; Pray for our government and leaders. Pray that they will be guided by the Lord.

Tue 20 Mar 2018; Lent course at Hartshill. Continue to pray for those on the course.

Wed 21 Mar 2018; Spring Equinox, Give thanks for the joy of the seasons that the Lord provides.

Thu 22 Mar 2018; Lent course at Galley Common. Continue to pray for those on the course.

Fri 23 Mar 2018; When was the last time you spoke to someone about your faith? Pray for opportunities to talk to individuals about your faith and how God works in your life.

Sat 24 Mar 2018; British Summer time begins. Clocks go forward. Thank the Lord for the beauty of our planet and spring colour.

Sun 25 Mar 2018; Palm Sunday; Give thanks for the forgiveness the Lord has given us.

Mon 26 Mar 2018; Pray for the children of Nathaniel Newton school involved in the morning assembly at church. Pray for seeds to be sown.

Tue 27 Mar 2018; Lent course at Hartshill. Continue to pray for those on Lent courses around the world.

Wed 28 Mar 2018; give thanks for the privilege we have for being on this planet.

Thu 29 Mar 2018; Pray for the Maundy Thursday Supper and Service at Holy Trinity. Pause and think of this time Jesus went through knowing what was to happen in the next few hours and days.

Fri 30 Mar 2018; Give thanks to the Lord for taking our sin upon himself on the cross.

Sat 31 Mar 2018; Think of what the Disciples had gone through witnessing the Crucifixion. What was to come in the morning. The resurrection. Praise our Lord for what he has done for you and me.




**Holy Trinity  
Church  
Hartshill  
Spring Fayre**

Saturday 28th April

2.00 – 4.00pm

**Free Admission**



*Refreshments*

*Knitting Supplies*

*Handmade Gifts*


*Cakes*

*Tombola*

*Raffle*

*And more.....*

*Everyone welcome!*





## **CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE (CSW)**

"CSW is a Christian organization working for religious freedom through advocacy and human rights, in the pursuit of justice."

They work in over 20 countries across Asia, Africa, Middle East and Latin America defending peoples' rights to freedom of religion or belief.

75% of the world's population live in countries with severe restrictions on their religious freedom, which is one of the most widely violated human rights in the world. CSW works to change this. Their vision is of a world where everyone is free to choose their beliefs, to practise any religion, or none at all.

Most countries in the world have promised to protect, respect and fulfil the right to freedom of religion or belief, yet in reality these have been meaningless promises. CSW challenges world leaders to keep their promises to protect religious freedom and they also train and equip hundreds around the world in how to advocate for their rights themselves. They are a voice for justice and campaign for people from all backgrounds of religion or belief, but Christians are globally the most persecuted religious group.

They have been advocating for religious freedom for over 30 years with politicians and world leaders and have earned a reputation for providing trustworthy and reliable information, putting across a balanced view of each situation, without exaggeration. The UK government, the United Nations and other governments consult with them.

Prayer is at the heart of all they do and is often the first response when meeting people facing persecution or oppression.



We can't begin to imagine what life is like for our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters. For example, just in this early start of 2018, two Roman Catholic priests were murdered in Mexico; an Evangelical Presbyterian church was demolished in Sudan; and a Protestant family were thrown out of their village and education denied their children.

Thousands of people are in prisons across the continents for practising their faith, sometimes spending decades in overcrowded and filthy jails. We have it so easy in England don't we, although in centuries gone by many people were put to death here for their faith.

We can (and should) pray for the persecuted each day; but if you feel called to do more than this, you may like to send for their prayer diary, or even write a postcard or a letter to imprisoned Christians, which are much appreciated by prisoners, often isolated. You may like to attend a campaign or volunteer in other ways. If so, their address is Christian Solidarity Worldwide, UK office, P.O. Box 99, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3YF. Telephone: 020 8329 0010. E-mail: [admin@csw.org.uk](mailto:admin@csw.org.uk) or have a look online at some of their stories.

*Lynda Kelly*

## **Hartshill Community Library**

**Your Warwickshire Library card works here!**

**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

Needles and Natter Fridays 10am to 12pm

Book Club first Tuesday of the month 10.30am

# Eco Top Tips



## In the kitchen

1. Never put warm or hot food into the fridge or freezer as this will make the fridge work extra hard to try and keep it cold; always allow food to cool down first.
2. Use a bowl to wash up rather than a running tap and save £25 a year in energy bills. [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins)
3. When making a cup of tea, only boil the amount of water that you need. You waste electricity (and money) heating water you won't use.
4. Stop using aluminium foil for cooking wherever possible; use a container with a lid that can be reused. Aluminium is a rare metal and its extraction and purification uses a lot of energy.
5. Eat less meat, particularly red meat; producing 1kg of beef produces the equivalent CO<sub>2</sub> to you driving a 300 mile round trip while leaving all your lights on at home.

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](mailto:susan.foster@bcs.org). 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

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

## Sharon's Recipe - Sticky Toffee Pudding (Gluten Free)

### Serves 6

Here a delicious Gluten Free recipe but if you don't need it GF just use regular self raising flour and regular bicarbonate of soda

<p><b>Ingredients Cake</b></p> <p>75g stoned dates 100ml boiling water ½ tsp Gluten Free Bicarbonate of Soda 75g butter 75g brown sugar 1 tbsp black treacle 1 egg 75g gluten free self raising flour</p>	<p><b>Method – pudding</b></p> <p>Preheat oven to 200 degrees C / 180 degrees C Fan / gas mark 4. Grease a 15x20cm baking dish with butter Chop the dates into a bowl then add boiling water Stir in the bicarbonate of soda then set aside Put the butter and sugar into a mixing bowl and beat them together until softened Beat in the treacle followed by the egg and then the flour</p>
<p><b>Ingredients Toffee Sauce</b></p> <p>500 ml double cream 175g light muscavado sugar 175g butter 1tbsp golden syrup 1tbsp black treacle</p>	<p>Sitr in the prepared date mixture Pour the mix into the prepared dish Bake for 20-25 Minutes</p> <p><b>Method - Toffee Sauce</b></p> <p>Gently heat the cream in a saucepan. Add the sugar and butter and whisk until melted. Whisk in the syrup and treacle.</p> <p><b>To serve</b></p> <p>Either server straight away or, if needed later, reheat the pudding in oven at same temperature as cooking temp for 10 – 15 minutes and reheat the sauce on the hob.</p>

## Who's Who?

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**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)