

## Count your blessings!

I don't know if you remember the old hymn 'count your blessings'? The first verse helps us to reflect on a powerful antidote to life's challenges by saying: *"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed. When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done"* With the chorus continuing: *"Count your blessings, name them one by one ;Count your blessings, see what God hath done"*

So why talk about this as we begin the season of Lent? Well, often people will ask each other 'what are you **giving up** for Lent'?... but in more recent years there has been a newer tradition of **taking up or doing something** (positive) for Lent instead. And one way you can do this is through an initiative called 'Count your Blessings' by the charity Christian Aid. During Lent it asks us to be conscious of the things we often take for granted and suggests giving to their charity according to the riches we enjoy – for example one day it suggests to give 20p for every tap we have in our homes – and the money raised can be given to safe/clean water projects that they work with around the world.

Even if we don't give the money directly to that particular charity, the discipline of counting our blessings – not just in Lent – is a helpful one as it shifts our focus on what we **do** have rather than the things we may feel we are missing out on. An attitude of gratitude is always going to help us look outwards and to the needs of others rather than just looking at ourselves – which has to be a healthier and more balanced perspective on life.

So this Lent, whatever you may be planning to give up or take up, don't forget to count your blessings, say thank you to God for the good things we have and if you can...perhaps share those blessings with others in some way as we *"Count our blessings and name them one by one"*

God Bless



## Service Dates in March

1 <sup>st</sup> March - 10am Holy Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	Psalm 32 or Matthew 4 v1 to 11
8 <sup>th</sup> March – 9am Holy Communion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12 v1 to 4a
15 <sup>th</sup> March - 10am Holy Communion	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	John 4 v5 to 15
22 <sup>nd</sup> March -10am All Age Worship (Mothering Sunday)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Colossians 3 v12 to 17
29 <sup>th</sup> March <u>NO SERVICE AT HARTSHILL</u>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	JOINT SERVICE 10.30 At St Peter's GALLEY COMMON

### What else is on in March

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Singing Group
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Mothers' Union
<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>	



For Hartshill, Galley Common and area

We had our APCM last month and I was pleased to be able to look back at last year and plan ahead for the new year... reminding me of one of my favourite quotes/prayers “For all that has been -thanks, for all that shall be – yes.” So .... as mentioned last month

... our next service is our World Day of Prayer ...

World Day of Prayer – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
2pm at Holy Trinity, Hartshill  
Followed by refreshments and a bring & buy sale

It is great to be able to join in with an international service this year written by the church in Zimbabwe with the theme “Rise! Take your mat and walk”. So 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*

Lent and Easter Services 2020



Lent Course – at Hartshill & Galley Common

(see next page for details)

**Maundy Thursday – 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Maundy Supper at 7pm (soup & batch)

& informal Communion starting 7.45pm(approx.)

At Holy Trinity, Hartshill

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

(for catering purposes)

**Good Friday – 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Activities for all ages – at Holy Trinity Church

From 11.30am-2pm

including hot cross buns and refreshments

Reflective and Interactive Prayer Stations

at Holy Trinity, Hartshill at 2.00 - 3.00pm

**Easter Day - Sunday 12<sup>th</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 Day Celebration

And Communion Service

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

All Are Very Welcome – hope to see you there!

## Holy Trinity Hartshill & St Peter's Galley Common

### Lent Course 2020

#### Theme – Encountered ~ Meeting God in ordinary places

This year we 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.

Each session will look at how we meet God in ordinary places as we journey together towards the cross.

All materials will be provided – but bringing your own bible if possible will be helpful.

Session & Topic / Theme	Held at (the Library) <u>Holy Trinity</u> , Hartshill <u>Tuesday Evenings</u> 7.30-9.00pm	Held at <u>St Peter's</u> Galley Common <u>Thursday Afternoons</u> 1.30pm – 2.30pm
<u>Session 1</u> <i>Home</i>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Session 2</u> <i>On the Road</i>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Session 3</u> <i>In The Wilderness</i>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Session 4</u> <i>By the Sea</i>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Session 5</u> <i>In the city</i>	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April



**All ages of children  
are welcome**

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

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

**The next few sessions are at our usual time of  
Wednesday afternoons 3.30 – 5.30pm are:**

**\*\* Dates for the start of 2020 \*\***

**19<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**18<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**+ our April one will be an Easter Special  
on Good Friday – April 10<sup>th</sup> – starting at 11.30**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Cost? Free – but donations are welcomed.**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)



**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 2pm**

At Holy Trinity, Hartshill

Service in Church

Followed by Refreshments +

Bring and Buy Sale

**ALL WELCOME**



**Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk**

**Praying with Zimbabwe**

## **Mavis's prayer**

If your day is dark and grim

Look up to him,

For Jesus himself had a dark grim day,

The day he died on Calvary.

No-one suffered more than he

So when you're weary and perhaps feel sad

Remember things are never so bad.

He'll help you through whatever you suffer,

Just give him a smile and you will see,

Things don't seem so bad when he is there.

Just lift your heart in silent prayer.

Say thanks to the Lord for all his care.

Lift your face once more and give him a smile

And he will be with you all the while

Every step of the way, mile after mile.

No. things don't seem so bad as you first thought

Just step out in faith and thank the Lord.

You'll feel so much better if you believe,

He'll lift and encourage you, whenever you need.

Amen





Mothering Sunday is a special time to say thank you to all mothers and caregivers for the selflessness with which they nurture, love and help us to grow.

Since 2006 our Make a Mother's Day has celebrated this and our ethical gifts have the added benefit of making a difference to mothers and caregivers in communities all around the world.

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 22nd after the Mothering  
Sunday Service

## Prayers for March 2020

1	Pray for the Baptism families attending the service today, pray that they will get to know our loving saviour Jesus Christ.
2	Pray for our Church leaders, pray that they are continually guided by the Holy Spirit.
3	Lent course at Holy Trinity, Please pray for our leaders of the course.
4	Pause. Remind yourself of what Jesus went through in order to save us all. Praise him.
5	Lent course at Galley Common. Please pray for the leaders and those attending the course.
6	World day of prayer, what do I commit to, Love, Peace, Reconciliation, Caring, Acceptance, Forgiveness, Sharing?
7	We are custodians of this planet. What are we doing to help protect the wildlife? Pray for direction.
8	Give thanks for all that the Lord has done for you and me. Clothed us, fed us, kept us warm, protecting us, being with us.
9	Pray for opportunities to share our faith.
10	Lent course at Holy Trinity. Be reminded of what Jesus went through, temptation. How are we being tempted?
11	Give thanks to those who brought us to know our Lord Jesus Christ.
12	Lent course at Galley Common. Please pray for all involved. Jesus resisted all temptation, pray for help against temptation.
13	Pray for help with issues that we find difficult to deal with. Hand them over to the Lord.
14	Pray for the leaders of our Church. Pray for all our groups and their leaders. Give thanks for our opportunities for fellowship.
15	When we take communion, we are reminded that Jesus knew what lay ahead, what he must go through to take on our sins. Praise and Worship him.

16	Give praise and worship for the privilege of being part of the Lord's beautiful Creation.
17	Lent course at Holy Trinity. Pray that we can fully understand that Jesus died for us. What does this mean for you and me?
18	Be still and listen to what the Lord is calling you to do.
19	Lent course at Galley Common. Pray and give thanks for opportunities to learn more about what Jesus is doing for us. Pray for guidance for our leaders.
20	Am I being distracted from getting closer to Jesus because of materialism and unfulfilling stuff. Pray for help to declutter our lives.
21	Diocesan synod meeting. Pray for all involved and that the spirit will guide them.
22	Pray for the baptism family attending the service today.
23	Worship and praise our Lord for all the animals, birds, trees and plants we have to share our lives with.
24	Lent course at Holy Trinity, Give thanks for our saviour Jesus Christ.
25	Pray for all world leaders. Pray that they listen to God's direction and work in the power of the Lord.
26	Lent course at Galley Common, Thank Jesus for taking on our sins and giving us hope.
27	Reflect on how you go about everyday life. Is it how Jesus would perceive and do things? Listen to Jesus for help and direction.
28	Am I a light for our Loving Lord, Jesus Christ. How can that light get brighter?
29	Pray for our joint service at St. Peters Galley Common and for fellowship.
30	Thank Jesus for what we have been given. Have we achieved our goals for Jesus?
31	How are you being challenged by the Holy Spirit? Ask for help to step out in the name of Jesus.



Set up in 1981, this charity is a Christian child sponsorship ministry dedicated to sharing the Gospel, providing hope, caring for the physical needs and developing the unlimited potential of impoverished children around the world, by sponsoring their education. Their programmes are run through local churches and they accept no government funding of any kind, which allows them total freedom in preaching the Gospel.

As with other charities who run child sponsorship schemes, the focal point of their programme is to remove the barriers that stand in the way of a child's education. Children from any background have the potential to do well at school and further education, but millions of children around the world just don't have the opportunity to have access to any education.

The charity works in some of the poorest regions in impoverished nations around the world and focus on areas where they can have the greatest impact on changing the lives of poor children whilst also fighting the corruption and systemic injustice that keeps them embedded in poverty.

As well as education, the sponsored child receives healthy, balanced meals. As our own school breakfast clubs know, children learn better on a full stomach. Staple foods are also provided for some families too.

As we've read before in charity news, clean water is vital for healthy living and much of the world still doesn't have access to a simple glass of clean, safe water to drink. Without clean water, diseases such as cholera, typhoid fever, hepatitis, malaria and others run rampant. To combat this, Childcare Worldwide builds water catchment systems in the areas that they work. These systems provide water for up to 1,000 people and are transforming the lives of children and their families. With diseases being stopped, lives are saved and the people are more productive and better able to support themselves and their families. The water systems are built at Church locations; so entire villages are coming to the local church to get free, clean

and safe water. People are hearing the Gospel and coming to Christ. They are learning of the One who gives the Water of Life.

Another aspect of this charity is medical camps in India providing medical care for children and their families who live in remote and extremely poor circumstances. Their teams of doctors and nurses provide emergency services, preventative care, immunisations and medications to help prevent and treat illnesses and infections. Each medical camp also includes local pastors who pray with people and share the Gospel. How wonderful is that!

They also run Life Centres at local churches where sponsored children gather every week for a day of discipleship through Bible study, songs, games and Christian, character building, curriculum, where the children learn about Jesus and how to grow their faith, which ensures their whole academic, spiritual and personal need are all met.

This is an American based charity and more information can be found at <https://www.childcareworldwide.org/>

*Lynda Kelly*

### **To Colour In**



## Sharon's Recipe - Simple Lime and Chocolate Mothers' Day Cake

<p><b>Ingredients</b></p> <p><b>Ingredients Cake</b> 4oz margarine at room temperature 4oz castor sugar 2 large eggs 2.5oz of dark chocolate chips Zest of three limes (juice used for Icing) 4oz self-raising flour – sieved</p> <p><b>Ingredients Filling</b> 2oz butter, softened 4oz Icing sugar 2oz melted dark chocolate (45% cocoa solids) 1-2 tablespoons of lime juice</p> <p><b>Ingredients Icing Topping</b> 3oz icing sugar Lime Juice Chocolate Sprinkles / Lime Zest / Grated Chocolate for decorating</p>	<p><b>Method</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Preheat oven to gas mark 4/180 degrees C/ 350 degrees F. Grease and line 2x7in round sandwich cake tins</li><li>2. Beat together margarine and sugar until soft and fluffy - in mixer is best</li><li>3. Add eggs very gradually beating to mix thoroughly</li><li>4. Add a spoon or two of flour if mixture looks like its curdling</li><li>5. Add the chocolate chips and the lime zest and gently stir in</li><li>6. Gradually blend in flour using figures of 8 movements with a metal spoon.</li><li>7. When thoroughly mixed, divide mixture between the sandwich tins</li><li>8. Bake for 20-25 minutes</li><li>9. Leave to cool on wire rack</li></ol> <p><b>Method Filling</b> Cream the butter until very soft, add the icing sugar, melted chocolate and 1 tbsp of lime juice and mix until the icing sugar is all incorporated, add more lime juice if dry and then beat together until light and fluffy, adding more lime juice in very tiny amounts until a spreadable consistency is reached. When the cake is completely cold use the butter cream filling to sandwich the layers of the cake together.</p> <p><b>Method Topping</b> Mix the 3oz of icing sugar with a tbsp of lime juice and mix until smooth adding more juice a drop at a time to get a nice smooth consistency then put the icing on the top of the cake and allow it to run to the edges helping it with a knife or spatula until it has evenly coated the top of the cake. Decorate with grated chocolate and lime zest, or any other decoration like sprinkles, sugar flowers etc that are available in the shops.</p>
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## Hartshill Community Library

### Your Warwickshire Library card works here!



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

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

## Church Flowers

It is our usual tradition NOT to have flowers in Church during Lent,  
With the exception of Mothering Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> March).

We are grateful for all sponsorship donations at other times.

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the magazine, 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](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 April magazine is 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

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