

Dear friends,

May is a month when the change of seasons is at the forefront of everyone's mind. The lighter nights, the warmer weather, the bluebells in the woods, these are all signs of the approaching Summer.

From a church perspective we have celebrated Easter and the joy of Jesus' resurrection and now look ahead to Pentecost and the arrival of the Holy Spirit. The enabling power of the Holy Spirit gives us strength to proclaim our faith in God and to share the Good News with others.

There are also the celebrations for the 100 years of Coventry Diocese to look forward to and I encourage everyone to join in these events, meet new people and explore your faith through interacting with others and by joining in the activities.

Talking of interacting with others - our Tuesday night fellowship group have been thinking about ways that we can get to know others from our congregation and have decided to invite people to come and join us for a chat, a cup of tea and some cake! If you are invited (or even if you aren't) please do come along, (ask me for details). We want to get to know a bit more about you, what interests you and what inspires you. We don't bite and we promise we will be friendly.

The Holy Spirit upholds us and gives us strength when times are tough, we should give thanks for this and other gifts from God.

Finally, here is a piece of scripture which resonates with me, no matter when or where I may forget my God I know he will remember me.

"If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139 v8-10.

God Bless.

Nick Miles <><

Church Flowers

6th May Mrs Kelly
20th May For Bryan Jackson
27th May For John Zeslawski



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. We currently do not have any sponsors for next month (June).

Also, if anyone would like to help with arranging the flowers, Jan would be delighted to hear from you!



The Social Committee would like to thank all those who filled in the recent questionnaire regarding social events. Popular choices were Skittles, Coffee & Cakes and Bring & Share Lunch. It was great to have offers of help - there will always be room for more! This includes anyone who would like to join the Committee!

(Sheila & David, Jan BB, Wendy, Nick M, Heather)

Service Dates in May

Date/Time & Service	Season / Theme	Readings to reflect on
<u>6th May – 10.00am</u> Holy Communion	6 th Sunday of Easter	Psalm 98 or John 15:9-7
<u>Thursday 10th May</u> <u>7.30pm Galley Common</u>	Ascension Day Communion Service	Joint Service At St Peter's Church
<u>13th May – 9am</u> Holy Communion	7 th Sunday of Easter	Psalm 1
<u>20th May - 10.00am</u> Holy Communion	Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-4, 12-21
<u>27th May - 10.00am</u> ALL AGE WORSHIP	Trinity Sunday (& Gift Day)	Psalm 29

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Thursday 3rd	7pm Singing Group in church
Wednesday 16th	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre 7pm Mothers' Union visit to St. Giles, Exhall for Deanery Service
<p>Prayer group takes place in Church every Tuesday at 9.15am</p> <p>Children' groups take place on 1st and 3rd Sundays during Holy Communion</p> <p>Trinity Tots in the Community Centre every Monday during term time at 1pm</p> <p>Over 50s group in the Community Centre every Wednesday at 1pm – 3pm</p>	



For Hartshill, Galley Common and area

We truly had a ‘sunrise’ service this Easter on Hartshill Hayes – celebrating and worshipping the risen Jesus as the sun rose over the horizon. Again all the churches were represented and it was great to be able to meet with one another on such a special day in the Christian calendar. A big thank you too for the breakfast team who hosted and fed us so well...it was lovely to spend time with one another and to enjoy fellowship together.

Our next event is our annual songs of praise:

Songs of Praise

Sunday 24th June – 3pm – at the Society of Friends (Quakers)

As always - all are most 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



**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

May 16th – Mary and Martha

June 20th – The Widow's offering

July 18th – The Disciples on the beach

All at the usual time of 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost? Free – but donations are welcomed.

Praying for our Parish in May

*'Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to your truth!
(Psalm 86: 11)*

1 After the wind and rain of March and April, the beauty of flowers and new growth inspires us to thank God.

2 Thank all those who regularly give to the Food Bank and pray for those who organise and give of their time to run Food Banks throughout the country.

3 Pray that the community of Hartshill is one of caring, loving and compassion where it is needed.

4 Pray for a fruitful visit for both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Nuneaton Deanery as he visits today.

5 Pray for the event taking place at Coventry Cathedral that is being led by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

6 Pray for the children involved in the baptism today – and also for their parents, god-parents and family.

7 Pray for all workers that their jobs be secure and that jobs become available for those in need of one.

8 The friendly Community café continues to provide meals and drinks for their customers. Thank God for the workers and their skills.

9 Pray for the Over 50's group and give thanks for their organisers and all that they do.

10 Ascension Day – Jesus left the world of man, leaving his disciples to await the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the joint service that remembers this event.

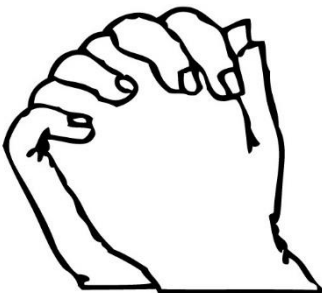
11 Pray for the prayer groups and prayer chain as they intercede for those in need. Also remember the Fellowship Groups as they learn more of God's word.

12 Pray that problems in the Health Service are resolved so that those who have the skills are equipped to treat those in need.

- 13 Pray for Heather and for the work she does at Holy Trinity, Hartshill and St Peter's Galley Common. Thank God for all those using the gifts He has given them in the service of the church.
- 14 Thank God for both old and new members of the PCC and for all who have served and are serving the Church. And for the PCC meeting this evening.
- 15 Pray for Sally and Nick as they are admitted into the office of Wardens for our church.
- 16 Messy Church – pray for those who give their time and energy to allow children to have fun and learn about Jesus.
- 17 Pray for anyone made homeless or facing difficult circumstances. May God help them to rebuild their lives.
- 18 Pray for the emergency services – people who keep us safe – the military, fire service, police, ambulance crews, hospital staff.
- 19 Take the opportunity this weekend to look and enjoy the beauty of the trees and flowers and listen to the birds. Thank God for his wonderful creation.
- 20 Pentecost Sunday – the Holy Spirit empowers the disciples to continue the work of Jesus. Pray for those who spread the Word of God today.
- 21 Pray for wisdom and an open heart and mind to God at the Deanery Standing Committee today.
- 22 Pray for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides as the teaching and learning continues with fun and happiness.
- 23 Pray for your family, friends and neighbours and let them know that your love and care for them.
- 24 Pray for those you work with, share the ups and downs of the day with and help each other as the need arises.
- 25 Pray for the elderly and housebound, try to find time to give them your company and help.

- 26 Pray for our church – for Heather, the Readers and the congregation.
Give thanks to God.
- 27 Pray for the baptism taking place today – for the baby, the parents and
God-parents and all the family who give care and support. May God
bless them.
- 28 Spring Bank holiday week – however you spend your time, thank
God for the experiences that you have that are good, new, enjoyable
and memorable.
- 29 Pray for those who keep us and our country safe – the police at home,
the armed forces both here and abroad.
- 30 Pray for yourself. Give thanks to God for your life and ask for His
continuing care.
- 31 As this month closes, go forward into June anticipating what lies
ahead – knowing that you won't be alone if you love the Lord.

*We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete
(Hebrews 12:2)*



Prayer Authors

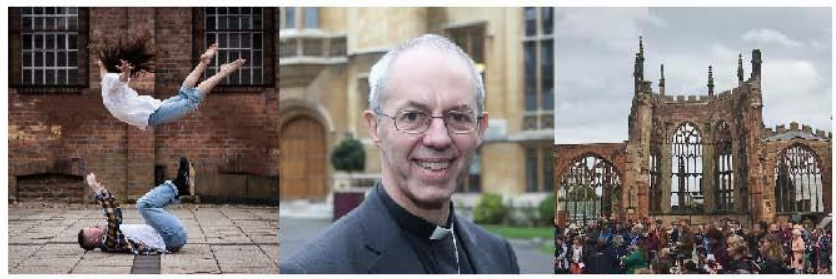
I would like to extend my thanks to all those people who write the prayers for the magazine each month, they are an inspiration!

We always welcome new contributors. If you would like to write the prayers for a month, please talk to Diane who coordinates the monthly prayers.

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MAY

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10.30-
4.00





WEC INTERNATIONAL

World Evangelisation for Christ, now known as WEC, is one of the most trusted and long standing international mission organizations in the world. It was founded in 1913 by Charles Studd, a cricketer turned missionary, who spent several years in China and India, then later in Africa.

It now works in around 90 countries in all continents, taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to nations and peoples who haven't heard about Him, including the UK where some missionaries move into Muslim neighbourhoods to reach families for Christ. The need in the UK and other wealthy nations is just as desperately needed to bring the hope of Jesus to families of any background here, who sadly know nothing about Jesus and His love.

WEC have over 1,800 workers all around the world who evangelize, start churches, make disciples, translate scriptures, teach literacy, train leaders, care for children in crisis, work with young people and respond to people's needs with the compassion of Christ.

Their passion is "Loving Jesus - heart and soul in deed or word". Their mission is "Crossing cultures to make disciples. Starting churches where there are none or few. Sharing the vision of the whole church to the whole world, praying to see Jesus known, loved and worshipped".

Although international, they fairly recently moved their headquarters to Coventry; so we have a local connection too.

WEC run very popular summer camps in the UK for children and teenagers, combining Bible study and prayer, mission, adventure, crafts and games whilst camping out.

Overseas, their work takes many forms including church planting in places like Guinea-Bissau or Fiji, teacher training in South East Asia, medical work in Senegal, working with refugees in Greece or even coffee shop evangelists in France or Portugal! Others work in the arts, music, dance, drama, IT and radio to evangelize.

They also offer short term mission trips. One lady went on a short term trip to the Gambia and ended up staying there for 28 years!!

If you'd like to know more about WEC their address is WEC International, P.O. Box 6461, Coventry, CV3 9NR. Tel: 01753 884631 or look online at wec-uk.org to see many interesting stories about the people who work for the organization.

Lynda Kelly

THE LEPROSY MISSION

If anyone would like their box emptying, please hand it in to Lynda Kelly during May. Thank you.

To Colour - May Blossom





TRIBUTE TO SANDRA SMITH 6th July 1939 – 8th March 2018

Sandra Smith was a much loved member of Mothers' Union, one of the original group when the Mothers' Union evening group was set up over 25 years ago. She was a lovely lady, always very pleasant, friendly and welcoming to any new members. She was kind and gentle, prayerful, honest, trustworthy, reliable and a lady of integrity - just the kind of person anyone would want for a friend - and many of us had the privilege of having her as our friend for many years. She also had a lovely sense of humour which we witnessed at our Mothers' Union monthly meetings and especially at our MU parties! She will be greatly missed by us all at MU and, of course, by the wider church family.

Thy Kingdom Come

Mothers' Union will be holding a global ThyKingdomCome service on Monday 14th May at 3pm at Coventry Cathedral. All are welcome.

A promotional banner for a service. On the left, the Mothers' UNION logo is at the top, followed by the text: 'Join us for our live "Thy Kingdom Come" service at Coventry Cathedral on Monday 14th May, 3pm' and the website 'www.mothersunion.org/thykingdomcome'. The background features a close-up of hands holding glowing string lights. On the right side, there is a circular logo with concentric lines and the text 'THY KINGDOM COME' below it.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Join us for our live
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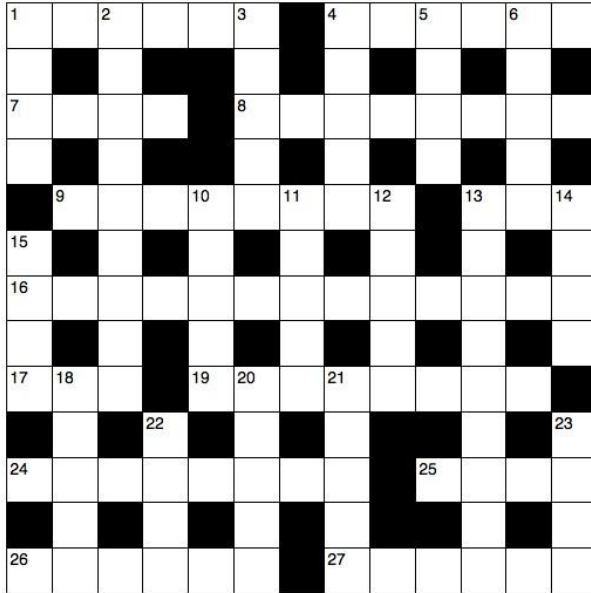
Sharon's Recipe - Mushroom and Bacon Penne

Serves 4

A light quick spring time meal.

Ingredients	Method
<p>2 oz / 57 g baby spinach chopped</p> <p>11 oz / 312 g dried penne</p> <p>1 tbsp olive oil or Fry Light Spray</p> <p>11 oz / 312 g bacon rasher, fat removed and chopped</p> <p>1 onion – finely chopped</p> <p>7 oz / 198 g button mushrooms, halved</p> <p>5 oz / 142 g cherry tomatoes, halved</p> <p>3 garlic cloves, finely chopped</p> <p>4 tbsp fromage frais or fat free fromage frais</p> <p>Salt and freshly ground pepper</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="546 384 988 483">1. Place the spinach in a large colander and pour over boiling water so it wilts.<li data-bbox="546 496 944 563">2. Press to remove any excess liquid and set aside.<li data-bbox="546 571 1000 670">3. Cook the pasta according to the packet instructions. Drain, set aside and keep warm.<li data-bbox="546 678 1020 1000">4. Meanwhile, put olive oil (or spray Fry Light) in a large frying pan and place over a high heat. Add the bacon and onion and stir-fry for 2-3 minutes. Add the mushrooms, tomatoes and garlic and stir-fry for a further 6-7 minutes or until the mushrooms have softened.<li data-bbox="546 1008 1020 1262">5. Stir in the drained spinach and pasta. Cook for another 1-2 minutes or until the mixture is piping hot, Remove from the heat and stir in the fromage frais. Season to taste and serve in warmed bowls.

Crossword (Solution on p.19)



Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great

banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)

26 ‘We all, like sheep, have gone — ’ (Isaiah 53:6) (6)

27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

Down

1 ‘The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised’ (Luke 7:22) (4)

2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)

3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)

4 ‘Like a — of locusts men pounce on it’ (Isaiah 33:4) (5)

5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)

6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)

10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)

11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)

12 ‘I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever’ (Psalm 145:1) (5)

13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)

14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)

15 ‘Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit’ (Galatians 5:25) (4)

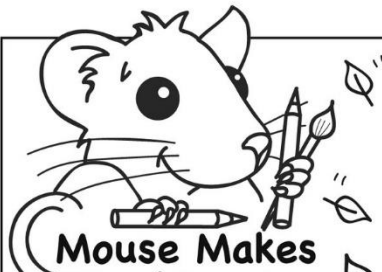
18 Cares (anag.) (5)

20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)

21 ‘So God said to Noah, “I am going to put — — to all people”’ (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)

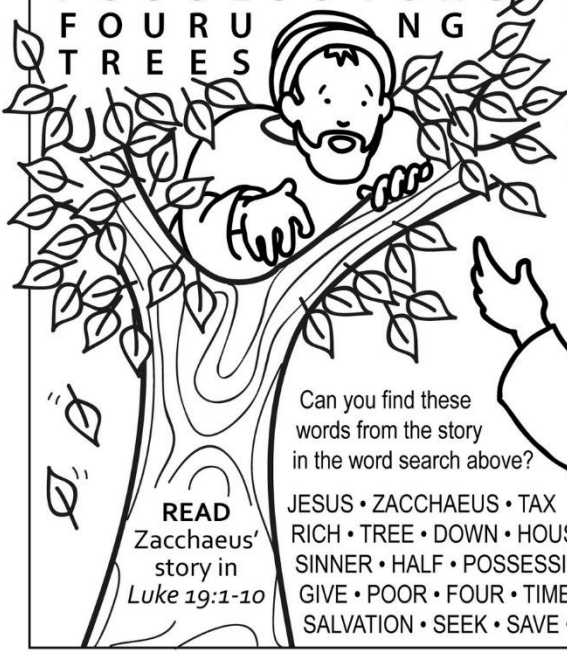
22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)

23 ‘The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge’ (Proverbs 1:7) (4)



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The Man in the Tree

With Jesus passing through the town
 A crowd of people gathered round,
 But as Zacchaeus could not see,
 He ran ahead and climbed a tree.

Jesus stopped as he passed by,
 And saw Zacchaeus there up high,
 Said, "Dear Zacchaeus, come with me,
 I'm going to your house for tea".

Zacchaeus climbed
 down to the floor,
 And walked with Jesus
 to his door,
 Amazed the Lord would
 want to be
 With such a liar and
 cheat as he.

Zacchaeus, sorry for
 all he had done,
 Said, "Lord, I'll pay
 back everyone,
 Half I own I give
 to the poor,
 Those I've cheated get
 four times more."

Jesus said,
 "Today you're saved!"
 Zacchaeus replied,
 "May God be praised!"

Can you find these
 words from the story
 in the word search above?

- JESUS • ZACCHAEUS • TAX
- RICH • TREE • DOWN • HOUSE
- SINNER • HALF • POSSESSIONS
- GIVE • POOR • FOUR • TIMES • GOD
- SALVATION • SEEK • SAVE • LOST

READ
 Zacchaeus'
 story in
Luke 19:1-10

6th May: Rogation Sunday (fifth Sunday after Easter)

Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

About 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation is said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them. (Do you know yours today?)

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.

Hartshill Community Cafe



Open Every Tuesday

11:00 – 2:00

In the Community Centre

Enjoy home made food and good company

Eco Top Tips May – In the utility room



1. When using a washing machine ensure there is a full load and turn down the temperature. Heating the water to higher temperatures uses more energy.
2. Electric tumble dryers use energy. If it's a nice day dry your clothes outside. In the winter most drying is done by the wind, so check the forecast for wind days and nights as you can hang washing overnight (as there is no dew in the winter).
3. Irons use a lot of electricity to get hot – only iron clothes that really need it.
4. Cut up old clothes or sheets that you were going to throw out, to use as clothes for cleaning jobs rather than buying new cleaning clothes.

Solution to crossword on page 14

ACROSS: 1, Debtor. 4, Shaken. 7, Ache. 8, Leavened. 9, Overcome. 13, Etc. 16, Troublemaking. 17, Par. 19, Ignatius. 24, Treasure. 25, Mene. 26, Astray. 27, Dinner. DOWN: 1, Deaf. 2, Behaviour. 3, Relic. 4, Swarm. 5, Aged. 6, Elect. 10, Rabbi. 11, Ocean. 12, Exalt. 13, Epicurean. 14, Cage. 15, Step. 18, Acres. 20, Gaudy. 21, An end. 22, Fair. 23, Fear.

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. Please send text in either email form or as a word attachment and send photos as jpg attachments.

The deadline for articles for the June magazine is 21st May 2018

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

Who's Who?

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