

## *Immanuel*

Dear friends,

May this year is a time of 'limbo' in the Christian life. The sadness of Good Friday has passed and the joy and excitement of Easter Sunday still permeates, but what next?

Jesus promised that He would always be with them (the disciples) and us. But how?

In John's gospel Jesus told his disciples He had to return to His Father and in doing so 'I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The Spirit will show you what is true' 'The Spirit will help you and will tell you about me'.

As the third part of the Trinity, Holy Spirit is 'Immanuel' – God with us. Wow! That's amazing, isn't it.

We can no longer see Jesus in the human sense but we can still know Him through allowing the Holy Spirit to live and work in our lives. When Jesus was amongst us in human form, he was limited as to where he could go and what he could do by the restrictions of his human body. But now, through the power of Holy Spirit working in us, Jesus is able to reach out to all peoples of the earth and, as he told His disciples before He left them on what is traditionally known as Ascension Day, "go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".

Are we allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us, enabling us to fulfil Jesus' great commission? If not, do we need to prayerfully invite Him back into our lives? Would that help us to change this world, making it a better place – to ponder.

God bless

*Diane*

## Service Dates in May

\* please note the special evening Communion service for Ascension Day \*

<b>Date/Time &amp; Service</b>	<b>Season / Theme</b>	<b>Readings to reflect on</b>
<u>5<sup>th</sup> May – 10.00am</u> Holy Communion	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6 or John 21:9-19
<u>12<sup>th</sup> May – 9am</u> Holy Communion	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Psalm 23 or Rev 7:9-17
<u>19<sup>th</sup> May -10am</u> Holy Communion	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18
<u>26<sup>th</sup> May - 10.00am</u> ALL AGE	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-25
<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>30<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm</u> Holy Communion	***** ASCENSION DAY *****	<u>Joint Communion Service</u> at <u>Holy Trinity</u>

### What Else Is On In May

Thursday 2nd	7pm Singing Group
Wednesday 16th	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre and 7.30pm Mothers' Union in the library
<p>Children's groups take place on 1st and 3rd Sundays during Holy Communion Trinity Tots takes place in the Community Centre every Monday during term time at 1pm Prayer group takes place in Church every Tuesday at 9.15am 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 Over 50s group takes place in the Community Centre every Wednesday at 1pm – 3pm</p>	

## Churches Together

Well done to all who made it to Hartshill Hayes for our sunrise service. It was great to see so many people there – and because of when Easter fell this year – we actually enjoyed watching the sun rise just as our service began. A memorable time for us all.

Thanks to the team who served us breakfast afterwards. It was lovely to share hospitality and fellowship with a great mix of people. Well worth setting the alarm clock early for!

Our next opportunity to worship together will be our Songs of Praise service at 3pm on June 23<sup>rd</sup> – at the Society of Friends

Put the date in the diary and as always - all are most welcome ...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*

### Church Flowers in May



5th Mrs L Kelly  
26th For John Zeslawski

Thank you for your generous donations towards the flowers.

If you would like to 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. There are a number of dates available in the coming months.



**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)**

**This year we are looking at  
Old Testament Characters  
The next few sessions at our usual time of  
Wednesday afternoons 3.30 – 5.30pm are:**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Holy Trinity  
Church  
Hartshill**

**Spring Fayre**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019

2.00 – 4.00pm

Free Admission



*Refreshments*

*Handmade Gifts*

*Cakes*

*Tombola*

*Raffle*

*Everyone welcome!*



## Praying for our Parish in May

### Numbers 6 : 24 -26

The LORD bless you, and keep you:

The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you:

The LORD turn His face towards you, and give you peace.

1	May the over 50's enjoy each other company and Yours in their weekly sessions.
2	After all that has happened in the Middle East we pray for a resolution in Isis aftermath / crisis
3	You have a plan for each of us. Pray for university students preparing for exams, coursework and dissertations so they can be prepared for their future
4	Thank you God that you are a person who is always with us. May everyone know you are with them.
5	Help the Christening family be true the promises they make today.
6	Encourage each mother and child who comes to Trinity Tots we pray that they feel supported by the church.
7	Let all the girls at Brownies, guides and rainbows learn good character about You and also have fun.
8	Only your opinion, Lord, matters. Be with all those who struggle under other people's opinion esp. our youth.
9	Relationships with others and God are important in Girls Brigade. Pray that the girls will build lasting relationships with each others and God.

10	Direct those preparing for GCSE's and A levels with their revision and their future plans.
11	Bring people to the Spring Fayre and into the church community.
12	Let us find You in the service today.
13	Encourage everyone who is involved with the Archdeacon's visit
14	Send Holy Spirit to show more of you when the Fellowship groups meet.
15	Send the right people / families to Messy church this afternoon.
16	You are the true King. Help the queen and government to lead them.
17	Open our eyes to you're your creation and know how to look after the environment.
18	Uphold the sick and lonely in their time of trouble.
19	All who seek you in Church today may they find You.
20	New starts are an opportunity for you. As Mancetter has their Licensing service today we pray for new doors to be opened.
21	Direct those who are lost and have difficulty coping with life.
22	Keep us in awe of your creation as it is displayed at the Chelsea flower show.
23	Everyone deserves a chance and someone who loves them. Pray for young people in care
24	Emergency services see some of the worst, may they also know Your love and care as they help those in need.

25	Pray for teenagers and young people that they will know God and walk in His way.
26	Your church meeting today. Bless them, encourage them and send them out in Your service.
27	On this Bank holiday Monday, may the church families be a witness by being Your idea of a family.
28	Uniformed groups are diminishing and moving away from church. We pray that Boys Brigade will continue to keep going while acknowledging you.
29	Allow foodbank to have enough recourses to reach everyone in need.
30	Light of the World on this Ascension day we remember that you went up to heaven and send us out to be Light in the world.
31	Lord help those who suffer from bullying and cyber bullying. Let them not stay silent but reach out for help.

May the Road rise to meet you  
 May the wind be always at your back,  
 May the sun shine brightly on your face  
 And the rain fall softly on your fields  
 And until we meet again  
 May the Lord hold us all in the palm of His hand  
 Amen

(Irish blessing)





## CARRIERS OF HOPE

This is a fairly new charity and also a local one too, which was started in May 2009. People noticed that there were a number of refugees and asylum seekers living in the Coventry area who were experiencing extreme poverty and lacking the most basic personal household items.

They started by preparing and handing out carrier bags of useful items - hence the name Carriers of Hope. The size of the problem quickly became apparent and they started to have an open morning on Tuesdays in a church hall where families could come and receive a welcome, refreshments and support and also the opportunity to collect food items, clothing and other essential items, donated by the public.

In 2012 they moved to Hillfields Evangelical Baptist Church and they also have a warehouse a couple of miles away, which is used as an equipment and furniture store. Since the charity started they have helped families from over 60 different countries. Although the images of refugees fleeing their countries seem to have vanished from our TV screens, refugees and persecuted people from places like Syria are still arriving with very few possessions (if any) as they flee for their lives from dangerous situations, which we can't even begin to imagine.

As so often happens, charities start in a little way and quickly become much larger affairs. The carrier bag idea spread greatly and they now supply items which wouldn't fit into a carrier bag! As well as the original

items of food and clothing, they now supply bedding, furniture, kitchenware and baby equipment.

The Tuesday morning "at home" sessions run from 9 - 10.30 am at the church in Waterloo Street, Coventry, by a group called Circle of Friends and around 130 people turn up each week. Visitors are welcome at the open mornings as they feel that is the best way to understand more about them.

They run a furniture project, collecting items no longer needed by people who kindly donate and they pass them on to families who do need them. They also deliver baby bags to expectant mums with everything they need for their hospital stay and provide the equipment needed for a new baby at home.

Volunteers visit new families, taking a "Welcome to Coventry" bag and assess the families who need more help, which includes providing a school uniform distribution scheme and taking toys to children who have none.

They deliver emergency packs to people moving into an empty property, containing something to cook on, something to sleep on, something to sit on, pots and pans, cutlery, crockery and bedding etc.

On Wednesday mornings (9.15 - 11.15) they run "Lets Play", a learn to speak English together through a play group, for parents and toddlers, held at the church.

There are many volunteers needed at the church/warehouse and many of the volunteers are from the families who attend the centre, but new volunteers are always needed and the church provides training courses.

Maybe you would like to donate something you no longer need, for instance a pair of curtains sitting in a drawer which no longer suit your decor and will probably never be used again. You may like to take it yourself and visit the centre at the same time; but if you don't have

transport, their volunteers will collect by car or van. There are some restrictions of items needed so please check beforehand.

Contact details are:- Carriers of Hope Office, Unit 2C, Swallowgate Business Park, Holbrook Lane, Coventry CV6 4BL. Telephone number 01789 507010. Circle of Friends, Hillfields Church, Waterloo Street, Coventry CV1 5JS. Or look online at <http://www.carriersofhope.org.uk/>

*Lynda Kelly*

### **Letter from David Hinds**

How can I say thank you? It's difficult for me, lying here in so much pain - yet I can't compare my pain to the pain our Lord Jesus Christ suffered on the cross to forgive our sins.

Lying here, I know our Lord did say, when anyone is in pain if they cry out to him, he will listen. And it's not just me as an individual crying out; it's the whole church family crying out to the Lord to relieve my pain.

No one can comprehend the pain He suffered.

What else can I say?

I want to thank you not just for the support I am receiving but for the support that Sheila and I and the family have received over the years. And we don't appreciate enough the vicar, lay readers and curate for the work they do and comfort they bring.

David

Since 2016, the whole Church has been invited to pray Thy Kingdom Come between Ascension and Pentecost.



We are delighted that Mothers' Union will once again be hosting: Thy Kingdom Come Global Service at Coventry Cathedral.

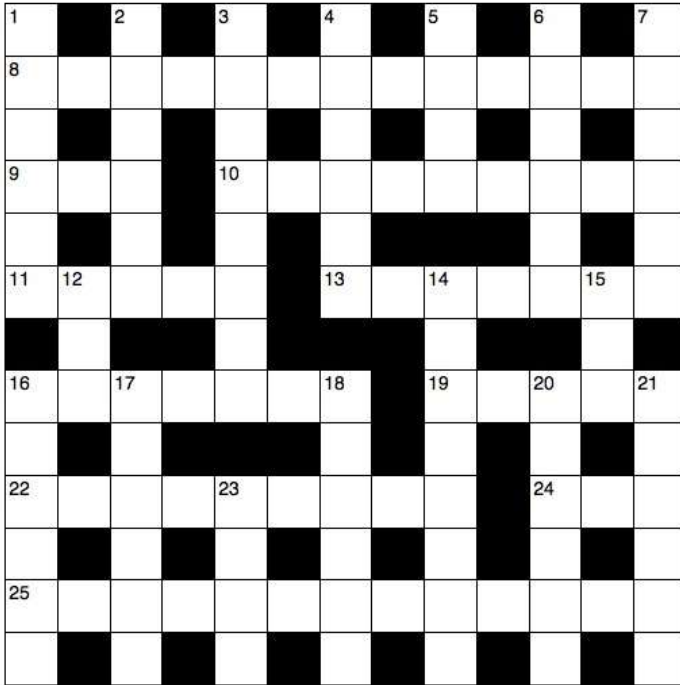
Members and non-members alike are welcome to come to this very special family service, suitable for all ages. It will be attended by our new Worldwide President Sheran Harper and other guests, at Coventry Cathedral on 31st May at 2pm. Rev Bob Key will preach.

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the Cathedral and surrounding areas before the service begins.

This fun, family service is open to all, so please bring your friends, children, grandchildren etc. All are welcome! (Children's craft activities from 12 noon)

In addition to the service, there will be a wonderful exhibition of archive material – photographs, documents and artefacts - as we celebrate 100 years of MU in Coventry Diocese.

## Crossword



### ACROSS

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)

9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)

10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)

11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)

13 Muslim holy month (7)

16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)

19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)

22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)

25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

## DOWN

1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)

2 Festival of the resurrection (6)

3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)

4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)

5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)

6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over'  
(Matthew 26:16) (2,4)

7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)

12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)

14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)

15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)

16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)

17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)

18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)

20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)

21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?'  
(James 4:4) (6)

23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Solution on page 17



## COLOURS IN CHURCH

Have you noticed that, from time to time, the colour of things in church changes? No, I don't mean the minister goes a funny colour or someone paints the walls, but the special robes that the priest wears, and the front of altar among other things, change from time to time. Each season of the Church's year has its own distinctive colour and these are called liturgical colours.

**GREEN** is the colour we have more than others. Green, the ordinary colour of nature, is used during the seasons of Epiphany (after Christmas) and Trinity (between Whitsun or Pentecost and Advent). Trinity lasts for about half the year so green is the colour we see most.

The next change of colour is to **PURPLE**. Purple, the colour of penitence and preparation, is used for Lent (the 40 days before Easter) and Advent (the 4 weeks before Christmas).

Then comes **WHITE** and **GOLD**, which are used for all the joyful

festivals - Easter, Ascension and Christmas.

**RED**, the colour of fire and blood, is used at Pentecost to remind us of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples like tongues of flame (Acts 2:11). It is also used on the festivals of martyrs to remind us of their sacrifice.

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## COLOUR QUIZ

Complete each of these with a colour, for example ..... cordial would be LIME cordial. Each colour is only used once.

1. .... admiral
2. .... Christmas
3. .... marmalade
4. quick .....
5. sky .....
6. Royal .....
7. .... ribbons
8. .... glass
9. .... submarine
10. .... elephants



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**What is yellow and black and has red spots?**

A leopard with the measles.

**Define the word 'information'.**

How the Red Arrows fly.



**ANSWERS:**

- 1.red 2.white  
3.orange 4.silver 5.blue 6.Navy  
7.scarlet 8.wine 9.yellow 10.pink

## Sharon's Recipe – **Rhubarb and Ginger Cup Cakes** - Makes 12

### **Ingredients Cake**

4oz Stork SB  
margarine at room  
temperature

4oz castor sugar

2 large eggs beaten

2 tsp ground  
Ginger

4oz self-raising Flour  
– sieved

### **Ingredients Topping**

4oz Rhubarb chopped  
into 1 inch pieces

1oz granulated sugar

1 tbsp orange juice

2oz of salted butter at  
room temperature

4oz icing sugar

Milk to mix

1oz crystallized ginger  
– finely chopped

### **Method**

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 4/180 degrees C/  
350 degrees F. Line a bun tray with 12 paper  
cup cake cases
2. Beat together margarine and sugar until soft  
and fluffy - in mixer is best
3. Add eggs very gradually beating to mix  
thoroughly
4. Add ginger
5. Gradually blend in flour using figures of 8  
movements with a metal spoon.
6. When thoroughly mixed, divide mixture  
between the cake cases
7. Bake for 20 minutes
8. Leave to cool on wire rack

### **Method Filling**

1. Place Rhubarb, sugar and orange juice in a  
saucepan and on a medium heat and stirring  
occasionally heat until simmering.
2. Simmer for about 20 minutes until the  
rhubarb is broken down and you have a sticky  
syrup – allow to cool, stirring occasionally
3. Beat butter until soft, add the icing sugar and  
mix together with a tiny amount of milk –  
beat until light and fluffy.
4. Add enough of the the cooled rhubarb  
mixture so that when you gently fold it into  
the butter and icing sugar you get a rippled  
pattern
5. Place any remaining rhubarb mixture into the  
cakes by taking out a little sponge lid placing  
in a little bit of the rhubarb and replacing the  
sponge lid
6. Pipe the icing on top of the cakes
7. Sprinkle over the crystalized ginger



## St Peter's Galley Common

# The Brain of Galley Comon Quiz Night

The Brain of Galley Common Quiz Night will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May in St Peter's Church Hall starting at 7.30pm. Chip butty is provided and there will be a raffle. Admission Adults £4 and Child £3. All are welcome.



All donations are welcomed. The food bank is in particular need of instant mashed potato but also fruit juices and puddings. All gifts should be put by the table at the back of the Church. Wendy and Jan intend to take donations to the foodbank warehouse on 13<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> June. It would be great if they had plenty to take!

For more information about Nuneaton Foodbank, see <https://nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk/>

Solution to crossword on page 13

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

Now is a good time to be thinking about growing summer flowers and vegetables so this month we're looking at ways we can be more “green” in our patch, whether we've got a garden, balcony, allotment, window box, hanging basket, or pots and tubs.

**This week's eco tip:** create a larder for bees. Choose flowers that bees can get into easily and provide them with a banquet of food. Some useful information is online here:

<http://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/plant-inspiration/plants-for-bees/>

**This week's eco tip:** plan for slugs. When it comes to sowing and planting, assume you'll have some casualties and plant more than you need. When planting out seedlings, make a circle of crushed eggshells around each one – slugs don't like crawling on a rough ground.

**This week's eco tip:** protect your seedlings from frost, slugs and mice. Make mini greenhouses from clear plastic bottles: remove the screw top, cut off the base and push the sawn-off bottle over the seedling and into the soil.

**This week's eco tip:** don't be too tidy. Leave a patch of leaves and twigs where bugs and beetles can feel at home: they could be your friends by feasting on the less welcome insects that eat your plants.

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 June magazine is 20<sup>th</sup> May.

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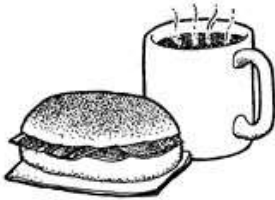
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**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/holytrinityhartshill/>

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

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

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



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.**