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Light

Dear All,

Light is a strange thing. You can't feel it. You can't smell it. You can't hear it. But you can see what it does. Even the tiniest amount of light can clearly be seen in a very dark space.

Light helps us to appreciate the world around us – sunrises, sunsets, rays of light beaming through trees, light though stained glass....Light also helps us to feel safe and shows us which way to go – lighthouses, torches, street lamps. Light also exposes the dark things of our world.

Jesus is referred to as "The Light of the World" (John 8 v 12) and because of his love for us, God's Son helps us to feel safe, guides us to know the way to go but also exposes those things in our lives that he calls sin.

God wants Christians too to be like lights (Matthew 5 v 14-16), showing others what Christ is like and affecting the world around us.

At the end of October/beginning of November the Church celebrates "All Saints", "All Souls" or "All Hallows". A commemoration of all the faithful departed.

This time in the Churches calendar is also connected to the secular celebration of Halloween. Halloween is portrayed as ghosts and ghouls instead of saints and heroes!

As a Church we are going to be holding a LIGHT PARTY on Sunday 30th October 6pm-8pm in the Community Centre (see more details in the advertisement later on in the magazine). Our young people will have a fun filled time. Please encourage the children you know of ages 7-11years to come along with an adult and learn more about "Shining like Stars" (Philippians 2 v 12-18)

May God help each one of us to WALK IN THE LIGHT (1 John 1 v5-7)

Yours in Christ

Sally Young (Reader)

Holy Trinity Church, Hartshill



Services and Seasonal Dates for the Diary October - November 2016

Harvest – <u>Sunday 25th September</u> – 10am service Tinned/packet goods – for the foodbank Fresh produce – auctioned for 'Aim for Change' charity

Joint Service (5th Sunday) with Galley Common <u>Sunday 30th October -10.30am</u> United Communion Service at Galley Common (There is no service at Hartshill this Sunday)

Light Party at Hartshill Community Centre Sunday 30th October – 6-8pm

Memorial Service - at Holy Trinity, Hartshill <u>Sunday 6th November - 4pm</u>

Remembrance Sunday Service
Sunday 13th November – 10 am in Church
Act of Remembrance - at 11am at the War Memorial

Churches Together Advent Service Sunday 27th November – St Anne's – time TBC

Messy Church 3.30-5.30 in the Community Centre Wednesday Sep 21st / Oct 19th / Nov 16th / Dec 21st

Sermon Series this term - Stewardship

Date/Time & Service	Season / Theme	Readings to reflect on					
October 2016							
2 nd October – 10am Holy Communion 19 th after Trinity / Proper 22	Sermon Series 5 – Giving with hope and thanksgiving	Romans 15:22-29 Giving is a blessing					
9 th October - 9.00am Holy Communion 20 th after Trinity / Proper 23	Sermon Series 6 – Giving to God first	Deuteronomy 26:1-15 Firstfruits and tithes					
16 th October – 10.00am Holy Communion 19 th after Trinity / Proper 22	Sermon Series 7 – God's provision for us	Luke 12:22-34 Do not Worry					
23 rd October - 10.00am All Age Worship 21 st after Trinity / Proper 24	Sermon Series 8 – Stewardship of Creation	Psalm 24:1-2 The Earth is the Lord's + Genesis 1 & 2					
30 th October – 10.30 am 10.30am at St Peter's Galley Common	No Service at Hartshill	Joint Service at Galley Common at 10.30am					
	November 2016						
6 th November – 10am Holy Communion 3 rd Sunday before Advent	Sermon Series 9 – What next?	Mark 12:41-44 The Widow's Offering					
13 th November - 10.00am Remembrance Sunday 2nd Sunday before Advent	Remembrance Sunday 10am service in Church 11am at War Memorial	John 15:9-17 Love One Another					
20 th November – 10.00am Holy Communion Sunday next before Advent	8 Qualities of a Healthy Church – Natural Church Development	Acts 2:41-47 Fellowship of believers in the early Church					
27 th November - 10.00am All Age Worship I st Sunday of Advent	Advent Sunday The Patriarchs	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14					

	WHAT ELSE IS ON IN OCTOBER				
Thursday 6 th 7pm Singing Group in church					
Wednesday 19th 7.30pm 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					



For Hartshill, Galley Common and area

Churches together has had a bit of a break over the summer and so we are only just catching up with news from the different churches. We have a new Priest at St Anne's – Fr George – and so we look forward to meeting him and welcoming him to our churches together activities.

And as mentioned in the last edition of the magazine we have an event coming up very soon....

Turn On The Tap Event

The United Churches are holding a bring and share supper with quiz on Friday 7th October at 7pm at the back of church. This is to raise funds for clean water in South Sudan, something we tend to take for granted when we turn our taps on. A short film will also be shown. Come along to find out more. Bottles are available in the churches to put loose change in if you'd like to support this.

Claire Kelly

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

Praying for our Parish in October

1	Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made to God. (Phil. 4v6)
2	Thank you Lord that we are still free to meet to worship You today. Thank You for your Word.
3	Lord be with the Deanery Synod Standing Committee as they meet tonight
4	Lord equip us today to preach your Word at every opportunity.
5	Lord bless the over 50's group. Thank you for the fellowship they have together.
6	Lord open our eyes to those in need around us and help us to respond in love.
7	Pray for the Lord's blessing as the Churches Together meet for their Harvest social and quiz.
8	Thank the Lord for supplying our daily needs.
9	Pray for Heather and all our clergy. May the Lord give them wisdom in their leadership.
10	Lord help us to understand the message of the gospel, the lessons of Jesus and the urging of the Holy Spirit.
11	Lord we cannot see the road ahead, help us to trust You as You direct our path.
12	Lord forgive me for careless, thoughtless and angry words.Let my words bless You and others.
13	Heavenly Father please protect our families near and far.
14	Pray for those waiting for operations and those going through chemo and other treatments.

15	We pray Lord that you will be with us today as we meet to learn more about prayer at the prayer workshop.
16	Open the eyes of our hearts Lord as we come together today to worship You.
17	Pray for those who are unemployed and struggling to find jobs. Pray for the food banks.
18	Thank you Lord that your Word is living and powerful.
19	Pray for leaders and helpers at messy church today, that youngsters have a fun time and hear God's word.
20	Pray for wisdom as the Deanery Synod meet today.
21	Please pray for protection for people in war torn areas of the world.
22	Pray for Doctors, nurses and carers today. For those in care homes and those being cared for at home.
23	Lord help us to be discerning as we study Your word today.
24	Thank you Lord for this new week, Help us to live to your glory.
25	Lord be with the prayer groups and fellowship groups that meet each week.
26	As churches Together meet today, give thanks for unity in serving the people of the area.
27	Thank you Lord for being with us in everything we face each day.
28	Pray for protection for our armed forces and police. Be thankful for all they do to protect us.
29	Pray the Lord gives comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
30	Thank you that we can meet with our fellow Christians at Galley Common this morning to worship together.
31	The peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4v7

Prayer Workshops

Prayer Workshops will be held on the following dates from 9.30am to 11am in the Church.

- 15th October
- 19th November

All are welcome. If interested, please sign the list at the back of the Church so that we can get numbers for catering purposes.

From the Registers in August and September

Baptisms

21st August – Cora Rose Walsh & Isla May Mills

Weddings

17th September - Ruby Wedding Blessing - Mick & Trish

Funerals

22nd September – Edna Louise West (Maiden name May)

Church Flowers



23rd September

For Arthur Cammish



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.



Holy Trinity Church Hartshill Christmas Fayre And Wreath display

Saturday 3rd December

2.00 - 4.00pm

Free Admission



Refreshments

Crafts

Games

Raffle

Tombola

Cake stall

Father Christmas



And more.....







All are welcome

Our dates for the next year are:

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

Our next few dates are...

September 21st October 19th November 16th December 21st

All at the usual time of 3.30pm - 5.30pm

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

<u>Children must be accompanied by an adult.</u> Cost? Free – but donations are welcomed.

Invite your friends too & hope to see you there!



SAMARITAN'S PURSE

You've probably heard of this charity through the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal, which is taking place over the next few weeks. However, they do much more than this and it is a very large worldwide organization with branches in the USA, Canada, Germany and Australia as well as the UK. It was founded in 1970 in the USA by Bob Pierce. He was working as an evangelist and journalist with Youth for Christ when his heart was touched by God after visiting suffering children on the Korean Island of Kojedo. Bob died in 1978 and around 18 months later Franklin Graham took over as president of Samaritan's Purse. Franklin is the son of Billy Graham, the evangelist. Samaritan's Purse UK was launched in 1990.

It is named after the story of the Good Samaritan in the book of Luke, chapter 10 verse 30 when Jesus commanded us to "Go and do likewise". It is an international relief and development organization, working through local churches, which responds quickly whenever and wherever disaster strikes, whether by floods, famine, earthquakes, tsunamis or civil unrest. They provide relief, comfort, physical help and life-saving emergency aid to those affected, which includes basics such as food and water, temporary shelters and medicine. They also set up emergency field hospitals to help the injured in earthquake areas. They work in many countries around the world and, although a lot of their work is carried out in poorer countries, they also responded to victims in Cumbria when flooding devastated large parts of the county last year with volunteers helping to clear out damaged homes and bringing God's love and comfort to traumatised families.

While Cumbria had too much water at that time, other countries suffer from lack of water and many people around the world are ill or dying due to drinking dirty water. Samaritan's Purse are involved in drilling wells to

provide clean, safe water in villages and are currently working in one of the newest (and neediest) countries, South Sudan.

As mentioned elsewhere in this magazine, the United Churches are holding a "Turn on the Tap" event on Friday, 7th October at 7pm here at church to support this.

There are many stories and photos showing their work on their website or you can send for one of their magazines, if interested, by contacting them at Samaritan's Purse UK, Victoria House, Victoria Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex 1G9 5EX or by telephone on 02085591180.

Lynda Kelly

THE LEPROSY MISSION

Catalogues are in church if anyone would like to borrow one, take it home and browse through it. If you would like to order any cards or gifts I would like all orders in by the end of October please. Thanks.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Leaflets are on the table in church if you would like to make up a shoebox this year. Please take note of items not allowed e.g. no liquids, chocolate or war related toys. Any of these items are removed at the warehouse checking point. A donation of £3 towards transport cost is also requested in each box please. All completed boxes need to be handed in by Sunday 6th November please.

Lynda Kelly

Mothers' Union

We are holding our Deanery Festival at St Mary's, Atherstone on Thursday Oct 6th at 2pm, where we will be pleased to welcome our Worldwide President Lynne Tenby.

Christmas Wreath Display



Following on from the success of last year's Wreath Display, held in conjunction with the annual Christmas Fayre, we are repeating the experience. We are sure that anyone visiting the Church on that day was delighted with the wealth of talent displayed and we would like to invite anyone who wishes to take part in this year's display to do so.

If you are interested, please see either Sheila Hinds (02476394683) or Wendy Albrighton (02476397183) to register your interest. It is hoped to put a registration form in the Church/ Community Centre Foyer for your convenience.

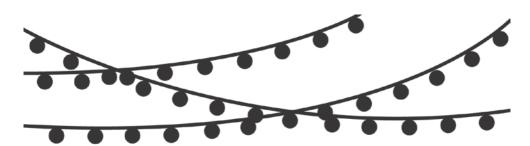
Wreaths will be received from 6.00pm on Thursday 1st December for open display from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Saturday 3rd December whilst the Fayre is being held.

Do come along and join in the fun! *Sheila Hinds* on behalf of Holy Trinity Social Committee.

** Future dates for your diary **

Coffee Morning Saturday 28th January 2017 10.30 – 12.30

Please come and join us at this informal event, you will be very welcome. Further details will be in future magazines or please ask a member of the social committee for information. The next meeting of the Social Committee is to be held on Monday 23rd January 2017. We always welcome ideas or new members and help at individual events.



LIGHT PARTY

SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER I 6PM - 8PM

At the Community Centre - Next to church Children Ages 7 - 11, accompanied by an adult (Younger siblings welcome!)

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Talking about ... Halloween

Halloween has become increasingly popular. In some ways it is replacing November 5 as the autumn event to celebrate. Much of the popularity is due to the influence of American TV, it being a more popular holiday in USA where the practice originated of children partying, dressing up and 'Trick or Treating'. It can be a difficult time for Christians to know where to stand.

Ancient history

The origins of Halloween lie buried deep in the mists of time and probably draw on a number of sources. The Celtic feast of Samhain (pronounced, for some strange reason, sow-in) celebrated the end of harvest and the beginning of the dark period of winter. The boundary between this world and the world of the dead was thought to dissolve and the dead returned to earth and created havoc by playing tricks on people and damaging crops. Some suggest that this gave plenty of opportunity for the local practical jokers to do their worst and blame it on the spirits; others that some people used to dress up in order to deceive the spirits. For the Celts there would have been feasting around bonfires designed to ward off the spirits. This was a good time for telling fortunes as the spirits were more easily reached. But our sources for this period are very limited so much of this is conjecture.

The Romans added two feasts of their own, Feralia, which commemorated the dead, and a feast in celebration of Pomana the goddess of fruit and trees – hence perhaps the link s with apples, which were her symbol. Enter the Christian church who introduced the Feast of All Saints on November 1 in an attempt to move interest away from the emphasis on pagan festivals and the celebration of the dead. This is where the term Halloween originates since November 1 was originally the Feast of All Hallows and October 31 All Hallows Eve later contracted to Halloween.

Modern times

Churches and individual Christians will differ in their assessment. Some will see Halloween as a harmless bit of fun quite detached from its pagan

origins (but we need to note that Samhain is still a key festival for modern Pagans); others will see it as direct involvement with the occult.

Bible principles

Evil forces exist and can influence our world for ill (Eph 6:11; 1 Pet 5:8). This should concern us but need not make us afraid; stories of Jesus and the early disciples dealing with demons (Mark 1:21-28; 8:14-32; Acts 16:11-21) may be too difficult for younger children but they do show that while evil has power, Jesus is more powerful. He has won the victory over all the forces of evil (Col 2:15).

Romans 6:1-10 and 1 Corinthians 15:12-34 are powerful passages about Jesus' victory over death.

There is an element of deception about Halloween, suggesting that it is all harmless fun while in reality touching on more sinister things. This is always the nature of the devil (John 8:44; Ephesians 6:11).

What this means in practice is that as Christians we need to tread carefully in these areas but we do not need to be afraid because Jesus is stronger than any evil. There is no need to be paranoid about what might happen to us if we get involved in something at school or with our friends.

But at the same time we shall want to help our children ask serious questions about celebrating something which has such a major emphasis on death, darkness and fear when our faith is about life, light and hope. We must be alert to the dangers of arousing an unhealthy interest in more occult areas or exposing ourselves to ideas that will move us away from Jesus. It can be hard for children to go against prevailing culture, but there is a line to be drawn somewhere although exactly where may be something you have to work out for yourself.

Suggestion

Make October 31 a really good family night – rent a good DVD, have a special meal and celebrate Jesus together. Use some short Bible readings and Christian songs. Perhaps you could share this with another family.

Wordsearch - All Hallows Eve - or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots in pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Druid priests celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. They lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off the dark supernatural powers of oncoming winter. Today, Christians turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

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Priests	Dark	Praver	Closer	Gone

Sharon's Recipe - Plum Tray Bake (Serves 12)

Ingredients Cake

300g self-raising flour 150g butter 100g caster sugar 2 eggs 100ml milk ½tsp almond extract 8 plums, thickly sliced

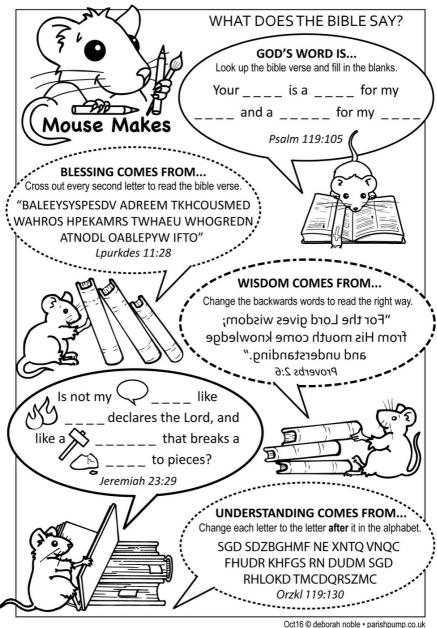
Ingredients Topping

50g butter 50g caster sugar 65g plain flour

Method

- Preheat oven to gas mark 4/180 degrees C/ 350 degrees F. Grease and line 11x8in swiss roll tin
- 2. Place the self-raising flour in a bowl and rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine crumbs
- 3. Stir in the sugar
- 4. Add the milk, eggs and almond extract and beat to a stiff batter
- 5. Place the mixture in the prepared tin
- 6. Place the thickly sliced plumbs on top
- 7. Make the topping mixture by putting the butter and plain flour in a bowl and rub in until it resembles fine crumbs.
- 8. Add sugar and stir in to crumble mixture
- 9. Place crumble mix on top of the cake mixture and plums.
- 10. Bake for 25-30 mins until golden
- 11. Remove from the oven and leave in the tin for 10 minutes to cool a bit
- 12. Cut into 12 squares and carefully remove from the tin. Place on a cooling tray to cool completely.

Can be eaten like this or is nice served with custard as a dessert.



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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 I

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.

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