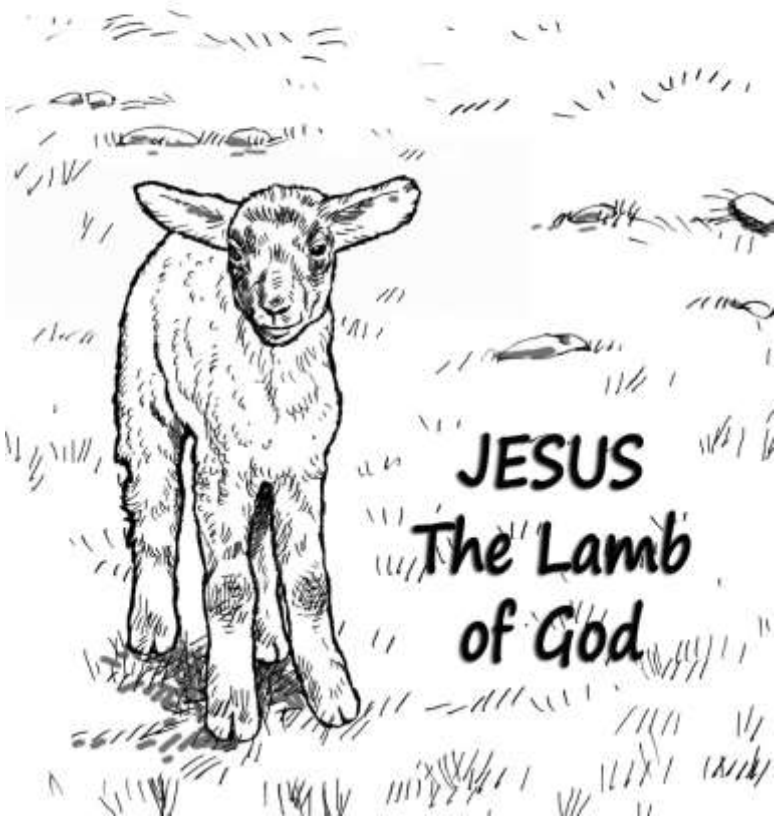


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Time to get a warm glow using the 'Golden Rule'

October has arrived! I was taken a bit by surprise when we reached the middle of September and suddenly the weather became autumnal. Why? Because, as I always do, I was trying to cling on to the remains of the summer and this year we were so blessed with summer sun and warmth even over the August Bank Holiday weekend when we finally managed to get away to the beach for a week of rest and recuperation, which I now recognise was very much needed.

And now here we are arriving in October, and having no ability to predict the weather when you will be reading this, I'm pretty sure it's very likely to be feeling very autumnal. Autumn, for me, brings some sadness; we've waved goodbye to the swallows and martins (two of my favourite birds) who arrived in April, noisily searching in large groups for suitable places to nest and dutifully nurturing their eggs and parenting their new arrivals, enduringly sharing the feeding of them until they were grown and strong enough to fly the nest and follow their parents to warmer climates. I suppose I'm a little envious of their determination to survive and thrive only in the sun.

But just because it's autumn it doesn't mean the sun disappears. In fact, as I sit and write this in the last throws of September, the sun is shining outside beautifully, the wind is cold, but it's a beautiful day anyway. It just means we need to dress appropriately if we want to get out to enjoy the delights of autumn; the harvest fruit of blackberries and apples, pears and elderberries etc. And even though we will have celebrated Harvest formally in the previous month, October is a time for finishing off of the harvest gatherings before winter begins to emerge.

For me, this time of year is about taking stock of the good things in our lives, which is the goodness of God. Even when we experience difficult times – and let's face it, everyone has been affected in some way or another

by the Covid-19 pandemic - Christians are drawn into reflecting on our creator God, and the responsibilities God has gifted humankind over his lovingly created world. We have been gifted a beautiful world with abundant resources and yet, as human beings, we experience a world that is not equally fair to all people and all living things, and we recognise that even in our own country and our parish, that some people are struggling much more than others. As people of God, we need seek our sustenance in and through God's word which teaches us to live so that God's harvest is reaped – that is that all people will come to know God's goodness for them.

The Bible tells us that Jesus says “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” May I then challenge everyone to make October a month where we determinedly seek to put the needs of others before ourselves; ‘looking out for one another as we would have others do for us.’ This is known as the ‘Golden Rule’ quoted by Jesus in Luke 6:31 and Matthew 7:12.

When we put the needs of others before ourselves, I can guarantee that your giving of yourself will bring the greatest rewards and delights. It is so good to give rather than receive, and in giving whatever we are able, I've no doubt that the least it will bring will be a warm glow to your hearts. Go on, give it a go.

Reverend Sharon Crofts, Curate



Church Services

All services, for the time being, at Holy Trinity will start at 10am (there will be no 9am service on the second Sunday- it will be 10am).

Services at St Peter's will start at our usual time there at 10.30am.

There is no communion, or refreshments, at present.

To comply with all the Covid-19 secure advice unfortunately we are going to be very restricted on numbers who can attend at both churches.

Because of the restrictions if you wish to attend a service at either church you need to ring or email Heather to ask to be put on a list of attendance for a Sunday. This is vital as we do not want to turn people away.

Those able to attend will be contacted so please do not turn up if you have not been informed that you can attend. A Guidance note has been prepared for all those attending- please read it carefully.

It is compulsory that face coverings are worn in the Church buildings so please come prepared.

Church leaders/preachers/prayer-ers are permitted to temporarily lift their face coverings when speaking...but for congregation members it is now mandatory to wear them inside church at all times.

For those not able to attend we will be continuing with services being sent out by email and resources being sent in the post as at present.

The Churches' Premises are still closed to everyone outside service times and entry can only take place with the agreement of Heather or in her absence the Churchwardens – please do not attempt to access them with any keys that you may have.

We would ask for your prayers during what is going to be a difficult and developing situation.

Remembrance Services on Sunday November 8th

Sadly, due to very difficult practical issues to remain Covid 19 secure for the nature of these services, it is very unlikely that there will be a physical 'all gathered together' kind of service inside either church building on [this Sunday](#). However, we are planning special arrangements to commemorate Remembrance Sunday [on November 8th](#) and more details will be forthcoming on those.

Memorial Services

Again, for practical reasons it seems very unlikely that we will be able to hold our usual memorial services in either Church. However as with Remembrance we are making special arrangements to ensure that families and individuals will be able to remember their loved ones as part of the church families of Holy Trinity and St Peter's. More details will be made available.

Christmas Fayre and Wreath Display (Holy Trinity)

The PCC decided at their meeting last Monday that it was not going to be feasible to hold our usual Christmas Fayre or the display of wreaths in Church this year. This is an important fund-raising event for the Church so we would ask that, if possible, you consider give a one-off gift to the Church to cover what you might have spent at the Fayre.

We may instead be able to do a virtual display of wreaths (collection of photos) perhaps? We will also be creating other resources to celebrate Christmas in a safe / distanced / at home / on line way.

Praying for our Parish in October

Those who love me, I will deliver. I will protect those who know My name. When they then call to me I will answer them. I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honour them. With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation. (Ps 91: 14 – 16)

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| 1 | Heavenly Father, as we enter a new month, we thank You that You are with us always, yesterday, today and forever, and that nothing is out of Your control. |
| 2 | We pray for all those who are feeling unsettled at this time, give them Your peace and comfort and cause them to place their trust in You. |
| 3 | Father, we pray for our church family at Holy trinity and Galley common, that You would keep us in unity. Help us to remember that real unity is of the heart and spirit and not just a physical gathering together. |
| 4 | Sermon series week 5 – Sharing the Peace We pray that You would make us channels of Your peace, so that others can see Your peace in and through us. |
| 5 | We pray for our local schools who have now returned. We pray for an increased desire to learn and do well. We pray for the safety of all students and staff. |
| 6 | Today we remember all those in residential care who may have had limited contact with loved ones over recent weeks. Cause them to know the extra support of carers of this time. |
| 7 | We think of all those who have had special events put on hold – baptisms, weddings, anniversaries etc. Give them patience at this time and the knowledge that You are in control of all things. |
| 8 | We think of all those who have lost loved ones this year and have been unable to grieve. We pray that Your peace will enter their hearts and let them know that You hold their loved ones safe. |
| 9 | We think of all those who feel isolated and lonely at this time. Cause them to find strength and comfort in You. |
| 10 | Help us to remember that if our faith is in You then we have nothing to fear and that we can face all things in Your strength. |
| 11 | Sermon series week 6 – Offertory |

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| | We pray that You would help us to be generous in our giving. Help us to be ready to share with those in need. Help us to be willing to share our time and ourselves with others. |
| 12 | We thank You for the blessings we have, safe homes, food and clean water. Thank You that we live in a country at peace with good healthcare and welfare systems. Help us not to take these for granted. |
| 13 | We think of all the places in the world that are in poverty and want. We pray that You would provide for their needs. Make people more willing to share and close the gap between rich and poor. |
| 14 | We pray for all places of conflict, that people would strive for peaceful solutions. We pray for all the innocents of war especially children that You would heal their wounds physically and emotionally. |
| 15 | We thank You for the gift of life and ask Your protection for all unborn children. Cause there to be a greater respect for all life and more support for women facing a crisis pregnancy. |
| 16 | We thank You for the many way animals help and support us. Cause them always to be treated with compassion and respect. We pray for animal welfare charities and ask Your blessing upon their work. |
| 17 | As we head into Autumn, we thank You for the beauty of Your creation with all its variety of colour. |
| 18 | Sermon series week 7 – Bread and Wine We give thanks today as we remember Your body broken for us and Your blood shed for us. |
| 19 | We pray for all young people starting university or seeking employment. Cause them to know that You have a purpose and plan for their lives. |
| 20 | We pray for those who are sick at this time. Strengthen and encourage them and bless all who care for them. |
| 21 | We remember all who are homeless that You would provide the help and support they need. Bless the work of the Salvation Army, Shelter, Doorway and other homeless charities. |
| 22 | Thank You that we can have a personal relationship with You. Help us to always make time for You and never to be too busy to sit at Your feet. |

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| 23 | Thank You that Your love for us is constant and unchanging and that even if we fail You, You will never fail us. Help us to show Your love to others. |
| 24 | We pray for all those who do not know You. Pour out Your Spirit upon them and draw them to Yourself so that they may know forgiveness and healing in You. |
| 25 | Sermon series week 8 – Blessing Thank You for all the blessings we receive, help us to be a blessing to others. |
| 26 | We pray for Churches Together, that You would keep us all in unity. |
| 27 | We pray for all uniform groups that You would continue to bless them even when not physically meeting together. |
| 28 | Heavenly Father, help us to be salt and light in our local community and give us a real desire to help and serve others. |
| 29 | We pray Your protection upon children and young people as we approach Halloween. We pray that the light of Jesus will shine and dispel all darkness. |
| 30 | We pray for all aid workers, working in places where there is hunger and sickness. Given them strength as they serve in Your name. |
| 31 | Heavenly Father, help us always to put You first, others second and ourselves last. Help us to follow the example of Jesus, Your Son, and to love one another as You love us. |

I therefore beg you to live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4: 1 – 3)

Prayers by Diane



A very familiar sounding charity for some of us this time; as we have our very own branch of MU at church, where in normal times we meet once a month; but as with a lot of things this year, unfortunately we have been closed since lockdown.

Mothers' Union started in 1876 when the founder Mary Sumner, the wife of the Rector in the parish of Old Alresford, Hampshire became passionate about transforming the home lives of parish families by helping the women to support one another in raising their children. Mary's dream was for every home to be filled with the light and love of Jesus. She started meetings of a group of women, young and old, rich and poor together to help better conditions for women and children and later speaking out on difficult issues of the day, including raising the marriage age of girls from 12 to 16.

From these small and early beginnings, the meetings grew as others set up MU groups in their areas and today Mothers' Union is one of the largest Christian charities in the world with over 4 million members in 84 countries, the majority of members being in Asia and Africa with almost 2 million members in India alone. In many African countries MU members wear their blue and white uniforms with pride as they meet and to do their voluntary work.

Prayer has always been at the centre of the work of the Mothers' Union and at midday each day, members pause to pray. The Wave of Prayer is continuous 24/7 all around the globe, as different countries, areas and leaders are prayed for daily.

What MU members do at their meetings varies from group to group, area or country as of course needs are different across the world.

Our own group at Hartshill has a varied programme for the year, some meetings have speakers, which often inspires us as we learn about different charities or learn from MU speakers about some of the things going on in our own diocese; other times may find us knitting teddies or blankets for the poor; making crosses in pockets or finger bears to give out to those who are ill whilst at other meetings we may have a fun night with a quiz or party. We provide toiletries for the local hospital which are given out as emergency packs for those unexpectedly having an overnight stay in hospital.

Other UK groups run courses such as parenting classes or for those with a prison nearby, members may visit prisoners or be found running a creche to look after the children while their parents are visiting someone; other members may be helping to run a coffee shop in a city centre where mothers and toddlers can meet together. 'Away From it All' can provide much needed holidays for the disadvantaged.

Across the world, members help run literacy programmes, help with food distribution, campaign against injustice in gender inequality, run Bible study classes, visit the sick and elderly, run marriage preparation classes, help to teach practical skills such as dressmaking, gardening or how to set up small businesses, help in refugee camps, reconciliation work among tribes just to mention a few of the projects keeping members busy all over the world.

As you can see from the above, our meetings are not just about sitting around drinking tea and eating cake, although we do enjoy doing that too! Not all members are mothers and not all members are women either! Locally, when the different groups meet together for a deanery or diocesan service in a church there will be a few men among the congregation.

Contact details for Mothers' Union are: Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RB. Tel: 0207 2225533 or visit hartshillmu.uk

Lynda Kelly

Sharon's Recipe - Moist Chocolate Cake with Coffee Filling and Chocolate Fudge Topping

Ingredients Cake

150g / 5oz self-raising flour - sieved
75g / 3oz drinking chocolate
175g / 6oz castor sugar
175g / 6oz butter or baking margarine at room temperature
3 large eggs
3 tbsp of boiling water

Ingredients Filling

75g / 3oz butter at room temperature
150g / 6oz icing sugar
Up to 2 tbsp fresh or instant black coffee at room temperature

Ingredients Topping

110g / 4oz granulated sugar
115ml / 4 fl oz milk
150g / 5oz plain chocolate broken into small chunks
50g / 2oz butter cut into chunks
2 tbsp fresh double cream (optional)

To Decorate (Optional)

50g / 2oz white chocolate, broken into chunks

Method

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 4/180 degrees C/ 350 degrees F. Grease and line 2 x23 cm / 8 inch round sandwich cake tins
2. Sift the flour and drinking chocolate into a large mixing bowl
3. Add all other ingredients and blend together. Beat with an electric whisk for a couple of minutes or longer with a wooden spoon until smooth
4. Put equal amounts into the tins and bake for 25 minutes (or until risen, springs back when pressed very gently in the middle. If not quite done, leave in the oven for 2-5 minutes longer and test again.
5. Remove from the oven and leave in the tins for a 3-4 minutes then remove from the tins and cool completely on a wire rack.

Method Filling

Whisk the butter until soft, add the icing sugar and stir a little to combine and keep the icing sugar from going everywhere then add 1 tablespoon of coffee and mix adding more coffee as required to get a nice consistency like very thick cream, whisk or beat with a wooden spoon until light and fluffy. When cakes are cold, sandwich together with the coffee filling.

Method Topping

Put granulated sugar and milk into a small pan, heat stirring occasionally and then simmer gently for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove from the heat. Immediately add the plain chocolate and butter and cream if using. Blend well together then leave to cool before spreading over the top of the cake.

To Decorate (optional)

Melt the white chocolate in a heat-proof bowl over a small saucepan of water stirring to make sure it heats evenly, be gentle with the heat and as soon as it is pourable, using a spoon swirl it in a single line to form a spiral from the centre of the cake to the edge. The chocolate should be barely warm (not hot or very warm as this will melt the fudge topping). Once you have a spiral line take a knife and with the back of it run it from the middle of the cake to the end in 5 equally spaced places around the cake then run the knife the other way from the outside of the cake to the middle in between each previous knife line to form a feather pattern on top.

This cake keeps well in a tin for up to a week or can be frozen.

E-magazine

Welcome to this e-magazine. As a printed magazine is not possible currently, we are producing an electronic version. Please send it to anybody who you think would like to read it, there is no charge.

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The tale of the RICH FOOL



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN
WHO HAD LOTS OF LAND WHICH
GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.

I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO
KEEP ALL THIS FOOD



I KNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN
MY BARN AND BUILD
BIGGER ONES



THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS
OLD BARNS....

...AND BEGAN TO BUILD
NEW ONES.



SOON I'LL BE THE RICHEST
MAN IN THE TOWN!



I'M SO LUCKY - I CAN
EAT, DRINK AND BE
MERRY!



BUT THAT VERY NIGHT,
THE MAN DIED!



WHAT GOOD WERE HIS
RICHES NOW?



JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S NOT
YOUR WEALTH THAT MATTERS.
IT'S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE
THAT'S IMPORTANT

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 24:44-51, Luke 12:40-46

Jesus warned his disciples to be always ready for his return at the end of time by telling the story of two servants

The good servant



My master could be away a long time; I will work as if he was here.



When the servants came for their food, he had it ready



He made sure everyone got their full amount every day



Then his master came back



I am putting you in charge of everything I have



The bad servant



My master could be away a long time; I can do what I want!



When the servants came for their food, he chased them away!



He had friends come round, and they ate and drank as much as they liked.



Then his master came back



Jesus said

This is the difference between those who follow me and those who only say they do.


No Internet?

If you are reading this magazine, then you probably have internet access and so may have enjoyed Sunday Services which have been live streamed from around the globe. I have enjoyed services from Coventry Cathedral which are broadcast on YouTube, particularly the Sunday morning service at 9.15am. (of course, I then “participate in” the written service which Heather sends out to the congregations of Holy Trinity and St Peter’s at 10am.)

However, for those who don’t have access to the internet, the following telephone services have been introduced.

Listen to a Sunday Service from Coventry Cathedral

We’re acutely aware that not everyone has access to the internet and so have now started a service which means that you can listen to the latest recording of a Sunday service from Coventry Cathedral over the telephone. You can choose between listening to the whole service, hearing just the sermon or enjoying an anthem sung by our virtual choir. The number to dial is **02476 939700**. You pay just the cost of a local call – which may well be included in your phone package anyway. Of course, if you haven’t got internet access you won’t be able to read this – so, next time you’re on the phone or writing a note to someone who might be interested, please let them know. Thank you.

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|  <p>0800 804 8044 DailyHOPE</p> <p>A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers</p> | <p>The Church of England has launched Daily Hope, a 24 hour free phone line.</p> |
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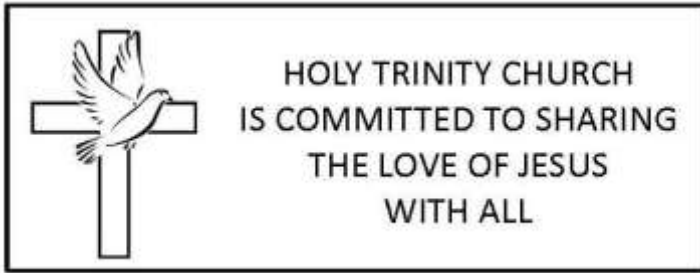
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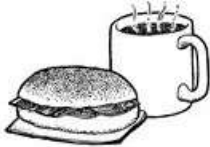


From the Editor

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The deadline for articles for the November magazine is 26th October.

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