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Happy Easter!

I know I have used this quote before – but it continues to be both profound in our continuing Covid-World and appropriate for the season....that “Christians are Easter people living in a Good Friday world.”

When reflecting on that I was reminded of my teaching days when children were learning, perhaps for the first time, the Holy Week story and all that happened on ‘Good Friday’. The most common, honest and genuine question asked was why was Good Friday called ‘good’ when it seemed so bad? I used to explain that the first ‘Good Friday’ was most certainly NOT good....it was cruel and heart breaking and painful and full of loss and sorrow....but because of that happened a few days later....it was not only good but great in that we can now know that there is a hope and life beyond death.

I think what I am trying to say, to remind us all...that if we are feeling like we are in the depths of Good Friday..... Easter day brings hope....of a promise of eternal life through God’s eternal love....and that because we can trust in that love – we can hold on to the promise that love is eternal and love doesn’t end in death.

It has and continues to be tough for so many in a society that is barely recognisable from life 12 months or so ago....but it is my prayer that we will be able to hold on to the faithful promises of God who remains for us the same – yesterday, today and forever.

So Happy Easter – not out of glib sentiment or greeting card rhetoric – but that you will know the hope, love, power and presence of the risen Christ and that with Him....we too can be “more than conquerors through Him who loved us” (Romans 8:31).

Bless you all this Eastertide.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather".

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.



Also, the Church of England provides Daily Hope, a 24 hour free phone line.

Foodbank - What we can Continue to Do



The pressures on foodbanks continues to grow so we would continue to urge you to consider making a donation towards their work.

Please visit their website- www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk and click on the Donate button at the top right of the page.

This is a really valuable way we can collectively as Churches show our love to the vulnerable people in our society – especially as we are not able to support them with our usual collection of tinned/packet food.

Praying for our Parish in April 2021

*Then he said “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom”
Luke 23:42*

1 Maundy Thursday – As we remember Jesus and his Disciples let us thank God for all our friends and family who faithfully stand by us. Thank God that Jesus chose to take the difficult path to become our Saviour. Pray for anyone you know who needs the love of Jesus in their lives but does not yet know him

2 Good Friday – Thank God that we can turn to him and ask him to forgive us and to remember us when we ask to be admitted to his kingdom where life is perfect, and where there is no pain or suffering; where we will be reunited with our Lord and our God in perfect peace.

3 Pray for families everywhere as we celebrate Easter separately or in “Care Bubbles”

4 Easter Sunday – Give glory to God for bringing Jesus back to life on the first Easter. Praise God for the new life we have in Christ. Re-dedicate your life to Jesus and let him renew you, sustain you, and guide you in the ways of righteousness and peace

5 Pray for our community, especially for those who are lonely and / or isolated

6 Pray for people everywhere who do not have access to clean water, for those who are hungry and for those who are homeless

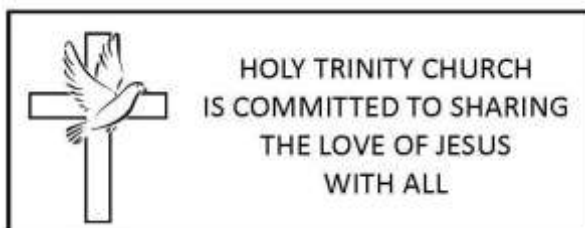
7 Give thanks for our vicar, Heather for her many gifts and her ministry to us. Ask God to keep her safe as she undertakes her services and duties

8 For all parents we pray for patience, love and the ability to guide their children

- 9 Give thanks for the peace we enjoy and for the beauty in nature during spring
- 10 Pray for all nations to have access to COVID vaccinations. Ask God to bless the vaccination roll-out all over the world and pray that the vaccines will give full protection
- 11 We remember those in places in the world where there are troubles and persecution
- 12 We pray for peace in the world, in our community and in each of our homes
- 13 We pray for all NHS staff as they continue to work so hard
- 14 We remember all those we know who have been bereaved and ask God to comfort them
- 15 Pray for the businesses that are suffering due to COVID and ask God to help them to Recover – pray that there will not be any more lockdowns
- 16 We pray for God to bless all charities
- 17 Remember those in prison – Pray that they will have hope for a positive future
- 18 Pray for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting today – hopefully, this will be in church. Do pray for the safety of all as churches open.
- 19 For all the activities and events that are on hold, give us all patience to keep going until it is safe to return to doing activities and attending events
- 20 We ask Jesus to sustain all those who care for someone at home

- 21 We pray for the recovery of the world's economy, may God
inspire us with ways to share the financial impact of the
pandemic
- 22 For all those in residential care homes both those who care and
those cared for
- 23 We thank God for all our talented artists giving thanks for the
enjoyment they bring Into our lives, may they be sustained until
they can get back to performing
- 24 Pray for all ministers throughout this and every nation as they
guide and lead their congregations and communities
- 25 For Food Banks and the families who currently use them
- 26 For our Church Wardens and their many responsibilities
- 27 Pray for our nation and our Government
- 28 For other churches in our community and that we may all be
united in serving God and one another
- 29 Give thanks for those who work in the emergency services and
pray for their safety
- 30 Look at all the beauty in nature and pray that you can make one
“green” change that will help our planet to be a cleaner place

Prayers by Sharon





CHRISTIAN CHARITY NEWS

FLAME
INTERNATIONAL



This is a UK based charity with a vision to see people set free from the pain and trauma of war, terror or oppression. Their mission is to release God's healing, forgiveness and reconciliation to individuals and their nations; healing, equipping, training and supporting local leaders to make a positive and sustainable impact upon their communities and countries.

They are a Christ-centred organization and they seek to follow Him and discern God's plan for their work. Teams of volunteers deliver programmes in countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Armenia and the Middle East. They run healing conferences, trauma workshops and prayer ministry and train leaders in the church, the military and in the wider society, to impact their hurting communities. They go at the invitation of an established church of the country. They have a vision to transform the culture of the military in countries with long histories of violence and abuse and to change the nation. They train counsellors in war torn areas to work with women who have been victims of violence and abuse. We just can't imagine what some people have gone through in these war torn areas of the world; children seeing their parents and siblings tortured or murdered in front of them for instance; women having their husbands taken away and wondering whether they will ever see them again and being left with children to bring up alone and with very little resources to do so. We read of girls at school being kidnapped in parts of Africa and parents left wondering whether they will ever see them again or in what state they will be if they are released. We may glimpse on our TVs the many refugee camps around the world; but not really understand what people have fled from or what goes on in their minds, the flashbacks they may have from literally running away from

violence, killings, bombs with nothing other than the clothes they were wearing.

Flame International use drama, visual aids and activities to overcome language and cultural barriers and also employ local people to translate to reach these traumatised people and train delegates to pass on the teaching to their own communities.

The charity runs discipleship programmes for those considering going on missions covering discipleship, prayer ministry and mission and leadership and also run short mission trips to the most extreme edges of society working with some of the poorest, most broken and traumatised people in the world. A quote from a young man who has been on one of these short mission trips - "This mission changed my life. It broke my heart for God's people, taught me so much more about God than I knew before and stretched my faith as I went outside my comfort zone. A mission with Flame is tough. We were all challenged, all tested, but it is God's desire to use His people to share His love, healing and freedom. We saw God move again and again. He is to be glorified for all that He did on my first mission with Flame International".

Many people in many countries have been released from the trauma in their lives and have been freed and healed by God to go on to live renewed lives and many people have also heard about Jesus for the first time in their lives and have become Christians and have new life with Him. Praise the Lord.

Contact details are:- Flame International, Havelock House, Barrack Road, Aldershot, GU11 3NP. Tel: 01252 336509

Lynda Kelly

Sharon's Recipe - **Chocolate Truffle Simnel Cake**



Simnel Cake is the perfect cake to celebrate Easter. Traditionally this cake is a light fruit and spice cake with marzipan in and is topped by 11 toasted marzipan balls that represent 11 of Jesus' disciples. Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus is the 12th disciple and his representative ball is missing from the cake to remind us that he betrayed Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

This is a chocolate lover's version of the cake and it replaces the fruit cake with a chocolate chip and vanilla sponge and the marzipan balls with 11 chocolate truffles. I hope you enjoy it.

Ingredients Cake

4oz Stork SB margarine at room temperature

4oz castor sugar

2 large eggs

2.5oz of dark chocolate chips

1/2 tsp vanilla essence

4oz self-raising flour – sieved

Ingredients Filling

2oz butter, softened

4oz Icing sugar

2oz melted dark chocolate (45% cocoa solids)

½ oz cocoa powder

1-3 tablespoons milk

Ingredients Topping

3oz Marzipan and a tbsp of above filling

Ingredients 11 Truffles

3floc double cream

3oz dark chocolate (45% min cocoa solids)

1/2oz butter

1oz pistachio nuts shelled and very, very finely chopped and placed in a small dish

1-2oz dark chocolate (melted)

Method

Preheat oven to gas mark 4/180 degrees C/ 350 degrees F. Grease and line 2x7in round sandwich cake tins

Beat together margarine and sugar until soft and fluffy - in mixer is best

Add eggs very gradually beating to mix thoroughly

Add a spoon or two of flour if mixture looks like its curdling

Add vanilla essence and beat in

Add the chocolate chips and gently stir in until well distributed

Gradually blend in flour using figures of 8 movements with a metal spoon.

When thoroughly mixed, divide mixture between the two sandwich tins

Bake for 20 minutes

Remove from the tins and leave to cool on a wire rack

Method Filling

Cream the butter until very soft, add the icing sugar, melted chocolate, cocoa and 1 tbsp of milk and stir together until the icing sugar is all incorporated, add more milk if dry and then beat together until light and fluffy, adding more milk 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. Reserve about a

tablespoon of filling as you will need this to stick the marzipan topping to the cake.

Method Topping

Lightly cover an area of work surface and a rolling pin with icing sugar. Warm the marzipan in your clean hands and shape into a sphere then roll out in an even circle. Use the 7" round baking tin as a guide so that you get the exact size of circle to put on top of the cake. After the cake is sandwiched with the filling take the spare tablespoon of filling mixture and spread some on top of the cake in a thin layer, it does not have to cover the cake you just need enough to hold the marzipan in place. Then place the marzipan on top of the cake.

Method 11 Truffles

Chop the 3 oz of chocolate very finely. This is best done by cutting into thin strips over a chopping board with a big knife and then turning the chopping board through 90 degrees and chopping the other way to form very small square pieces. Put the chocolate into a small saucepan with the double cream and the butter and heat gently until just simmering. Remove from the heat and stir until all the ingredients are melted together. Allow to cool and then put in the fridge for 4 hours to chill.

After 4 hours remove the mix from the fridge and using a teaspoon take small amounts of the mixture and form the mixture into 12 small spherical truffles in your hands. It is best to do this in a cold room and your hands will warm and melt the chocolate mix slightly so work quickly and keep rinsing your hands in warm water to get rid of the stickiness and then in cold to keep your hands cool, dry your hands each time you rinse them. As you form the balls, place 6 in the finely chopped pistachio nuts and roll them slightly to cover the whole of the truffle. Put them in the fridge to cool down. It is best to form all six first and place them in the nuts and then clean your hands and roll them around in the nuts. Leave them in the dish of nuts whilst in the fridge. There should be more nuts than needed

you can always use up the spare nuts by sprinkling them on ice-cream to make a separate dessert (and add spare chocolate if there is any when you have finished the cake).

The remaining 6 truffles will be coated in chocolate. Place them on a piece of greaseproof paper on a plate and put in the fridge for 30 mins to 1 hour so they get cold.

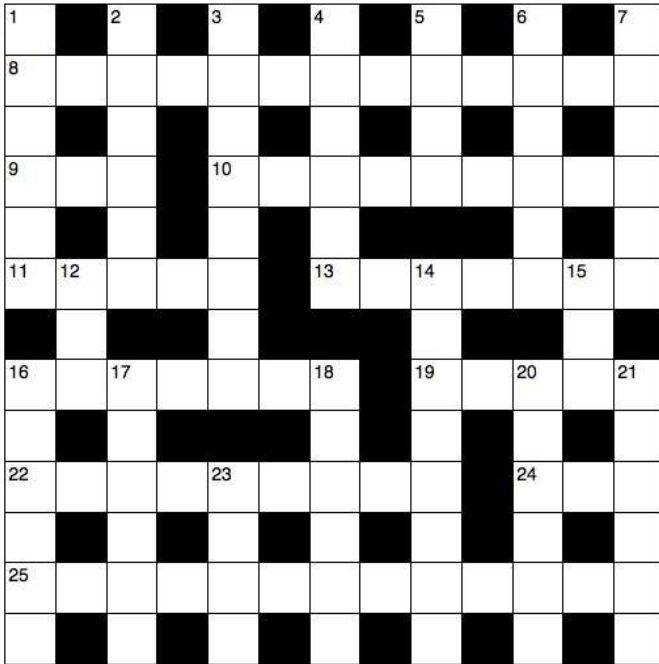
To cover the 6 truffles, use a small saucepan of hot water on the hob, place a small heatproof dish over the saucepan and melt the 1-2 oz of chocolate, stir so that the cubes dissolve equally and as soon as possible. Do not get the chocolate too hot then leave it to cool for about 5-10 minutes. Keep an eye on it so that it does not start to solidify.

When the melted chocolate has cooled a bit take the 6 naked truffles from the fridge and place them one at a time on a fork. Using a teaspoon pour the melted chocolate over the truffle so that it coats it completely, you may need to spoon over it twice to get it coated all over. Let the spare chocolate drain through the fork back into the dish of chocolate and when it stops dripping put the truffle back on the greaseproof paper. Repeat for all 6 truffles then put them in the fridge for the chocolate to solidify. Do not discard the melted chocolate.

When ready to decorate, remove all 12 truffles from the fridge, re-warm the melted chocolate carefully over the saucepan of water to make it fluid (it may still be warm and not need reheating it depends on temperature in the kitchen). Put a very small amount of melted chocolate on the bottom of each truffle and push them gently into the top of the cake, spacing 11 of them evenly around the edge alternating a nut coated and chocolate coated. You will have a spare truffle. Use the best 11 for the cake.

Take some of the melted chocolate and either pipe it through a piping bag and fine writing tube or drizzle it from a teaspoon into an abstract pattern over the top of the marzipan.

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)

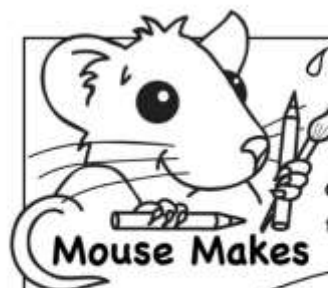
18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)

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)

See page 16 for answers.

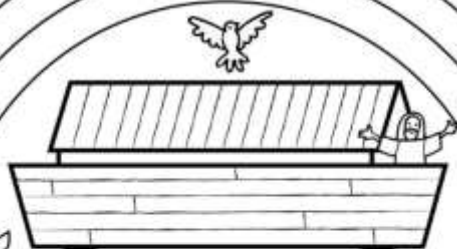


It rained and it rained, for forty days it rained until a great flood covered the earth. Only Noah and his family and two of every living creature were still alive, safe in the great ark that God had instructed Noah to build.
When the flood went down Noah came out of the ark, praised God and built an altar to the Lord.

READ Genesis 6 - 9

Why did God save Noah?

What did God promise Noah?



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