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Letter for July Magazine

I am writing this letter after we have just celebrated Pentecost with the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the early Christian Church.

We know that the Holy Spirit was not only for those early disciples as Jesus said, (as recorded in John Chapter 14 verse 22), 'If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.' We also know from verse 17 of that Chapter that the Holy Spirit will live within us.

The key point for me is that the Holy Spirit dwells more richly within us if we love Jesus and obey his teaching.

But what is the result of the Holy Spirit living within us? Paul helpfully answered that question in Galatians Chapter 5 verses 22 to 23: 'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'.

I was so inspired after an All Age Activity and Talk on those verses that I went home and typed those 9 words in a large font then printed and pasted them on a postcard which I use as a book mark in my daily reading booklet. Every day I am reminded of those qualities of the Holy Spirit and the really hard bit is the self-assessment of how I am doing against them. Needless to say, there are a number which I know I need to improve on, especially to meet Jesus's command to us to 'Love one another'.

During the Coronavirus crisis, I and my wife have experienced the love and acts of kindness of our church friends, family and neighbours. We have seen on the TV and read in our newspaper of the wonderful things people have done for others.

Lots of positives have come out of the crisis including respect for key workers and the increased community spirit. My hope is that as restrictions are lifted and people return to normal life that much of those positives are not lost.

In particular, as Christians we need to demonstrate even more Jesus's command to love one another and if we do that the fruits of the spirit will shine through. So that we can become beacons for God's love for us by showing love to others and act as a ray of hope in the future after all the stress and worry during the last 4 months.

Nick Blamire-Brown

The Church Building

Please note that despite the government announcement that church buildings are able to be open for services in a week or so - we are yet to receive any legal information or practical guidance on what will be allowed and how that can be implemented. **Therefore the buildings will still remain closed until we can ensure that they are covid secure and as safe as they can be for all concerned.** I know it may be frustrating to wait but we still have a duty of care to consider and then work out how we can practically manage things as we 'un-lock' - as we will very likely be limited to a reduced number of people being in the building at any given time and severely restricted in what we can do during a service. **We will, of course, keep you posted.**

As ever, with our thoughts and prayers...and thank you for your prayers for us too.

Bless you

Heather and team.

Heather emails a weekly service each week for us to say together on Sunday at 10am. All services sent out by Heather since the start of lockdown can be found at hartshillmu.uk/publications.html

Praying for our Parish in July

May the peace of Chris rule in your hearts, and the fullness of His message live within you (Colossians 3: 15 – 16)

1	For the sick and infected: God, continue to heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits and continue to contain the spread of infection.
2	For our vulnerable populations: God, protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor.
3	For those involved with politics at every level: God, help our leaders to work collaboratively and communicate efficiently, setting aside self-interest for the common good.
4	For the young and the strong: God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease, especially those who have returned to school. Inspire them to help. We remember today that our annual Sausage Sizzle would have taken place – we pray that we will be able to enjoy this event again in the future.
5	For our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and a persuasive voice.
6	For the media, committed to providing up-to-date information: God, help them to communicate with appropriate seriousness without causing panic.
7	For consumers of media, looking to be well-informed: God, help us find the most helpful local information to equip us to be good neighbours. Keep us from anxiety and panic, and enable us to

	continue to implement the recommended strategies, even at a cost to ourselves.
8	For those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them with the necessary support.
9	For the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: Protect them from disease, and provide isolation shelters in every city.
10	For Christian missionaries throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection: God, provide them with words of hope, and equip them to love and serve those around them.
11	For international travellers, particularly as the holiday season begins in a limited way: God, help them to enjoy their break and return home safely. We also remember the couple (plus their family and friends) who would have been celebrating their wedding blessing today.
12	For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic.
13	For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support.
14	For parents who cannot stay at home to work but must find care for their children: God, present them with creative solutions.
15	For those in need of regular therapies and treatments that have been postponed: God, help them to stay patient and positive. We think also of all those who would have attended Messy Church today – and look forward to when they can meet again and have fun together learning about Jesus.

16	For business leaders making difficult decisions that affect the lives of their employees: God, give these women and men wisdom, and help them to lead self-sacrificially.
17	For church leaders faced with the challenges of social distancing: God, help them to creatively imagine how to pastor their congregants.
18	For college and university students, whose courses of study are changing, whose placements are cancelled, whose graduation is uncertain: God, show them that while life is uncertain, their trust is in you.
19	For Christians in every neighborhood, community, and city: May your Holy Spirit inspire us to pray, to give, to love, to serve, and to proclaim the gospel, that the name of Jesus Christ might be glorified around the world.
20	For frontline health care workers, we thank you for their vocational call to serve us. We also pray that you will keep them and their families safe and healthy. That you will give them compassion for every patient in their care. Help Christians in health care to exhibit extraordinary peace, so that many would ask about the reason for their hope. Give them opportunities to proclaim the gospel.
21	For the church, struggling with faith in the midst of global suffering: God, we believe in your willingness to heal and your power to do so. Help our unbelief.
22	For those who have turned to faith in Jesus for the very first time during this pandemic: God, help our new brothers and sisters grow in the grace and knowledge of our Saviour.
23	For those who don't know Jesus yet but find their hearts stirred by spiritual curiosities and eternal longings: God, in your kindness, lead many to repentance and obedient faith in your Son.

24	For first responders and frontline health care workers, especially in epicenters of infection: God, reinforce their ranks and strengthen them with supernatural energy.
25	<p>For those disappointed by the cancellation of milestone celebrations like graduations, weddings, or anniversaries: God, comfort them in their disappointments, and make it possible for them to gather again with friends and family.</p> <p>We think especially today of the weddings at our own church (and churches throughout the UK that have been postponed).</p>
26	For the incarcerated, who are particularly vulnerable to the spread of this virus: God, give wisdom to prison officials. Protect inmates and staff from both violence and illness. Deliver them all from fear.
27	For women and children in abusive situations: God, restrain those who commit harm. Provide protection and rescue for victims and comfort them in their vulnerability.
28	For countries in the developing world: God, contain the spread of infection in our world's most densely populated and poorest cities. Spare countries already burdened with disease and chronic poor health.
29	For small churches without cash reserves: God, keep their doors open, and urge your people to give generously. And for Christian organizations doing online evangelism and discipleship: God, bless our imperfect digital efforts and continue to advance the kingdom of Jesus through your people.
30	For nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and other long-term care facilities: God, encourage the lonely residents and strengthen the staff members who help them. Prevent further spread of infection, and comfort families who can no longer visit their loved ones.

31	For expectant mothers, who face the prospect of labour and delivery without the support team they'd planned for: God, deliver them from fear, and fill them with joy as they witness new life.
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God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love. We acknowledge that you spoke the world into being and continue to sustain it with your Word. We trust in your wisdom, power, and goodness. Help us at every opportunity to love as you loved and to serve as you serve. Give us courage to speak of our hope in Jesus, who suffered for us, rose from the dead, and is coming again. Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will. Amen.

I hope in the Lord, I trust in His Word (Psalm 129:5)

Prayers by Diane

Please pray for the Family and Friends of those recently deceased

- especially remembering Rose Croxall. Rose was a resident at Linden Grange and took part in Home Communion. Do remember her and her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.





This mission began in June 1867, when Josiah Spiers saw an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with children and young people in Islington, London, where he spoke to 15 children. The meetings grew rapidly and the mission was formed. The following year Josiah went on holiday to Llandudno, North Wales and spontaneously held a children's meeting on the beach. He wrote "God is Love" in the sand. This simple message attracted the attention of the local young people and he soon had a crowd around him. He began using games and stories to tell the young people about Jesus. A very simple start, but over 150 years later SU is active in over 120 countries.

Their passion is still as strong as Josiah's for children and young people to hear about Jesus and to see them come to have a vibrant, personal faith in Christ. Sadly, 95% of children don't go to church at all; so SU believe in going where the children are and they help churches to share the good news of Jesus in their communities in exciting and relevant ways. They can provide the churches with resources and training or a speaker for church services. They provide material for under 5's to 18 year olds in many forms, including reading books, comics and activity books, introducing children to Bible stories. SU also go into primary and secondary schools for assemblies and workshops and also use sports and games to engage with children and young people.

Scripture Union also run holiday clubs and midweek meetings around the country on beaches, in parks and community centres and they also provide fun packed holidays in the Spring. SU camps and holidays have been running for over 100 years, full of adventures; sport and games; art and crafts and other more specialized ones including horse riding or water sports for example, but more importantly, children are hearing about Jesus and the life they could have with Him. Making a decision for Christ is the most important decision we will ever make in our lives, whether as children or 90 years plus.

Of course, this year unfortunately the holidays and meetings have had to be cancelled; but as so many of us have had to do during lockdown, looking to do things differently and maybe learning new ways of doing things; so too have SU. They have turned to technology to carry on their work in fun ways and even did a Bake Off "Holiday at Home" event, with a Biblical message included. During July and August they have a planned programme of online events for various age groups; so if you are interested and are able to go online, it may be interesting so see what they have lined up!

Contact details are Scripture Union, Trinity House, Opal Court, Opal Drive, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DF.

Tel: 01908 856000 or go online to Scripture Union UK.

Lynda Kelly



Hartshill Mothers' Union has sadly been unable to meet since but many of us have still been able to keep in touch through facebook and our local, diocesan and worldwide websites.

Also, in Coventry Diocese, we had a wonderful online Day Retreat last Saturday. As of writing, it is still available to experience at <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/---/retreats/mothers-union-retreat/being-real-with-god.php>

The more 'crafty' MU members have also been very active at home producing headbands, ear savers, masks, rainbows, uniform bags, knitted hearts etc., in addition to the usual knitting and sewing projects.

One of the recent projects was to produce prayer squares to give to MU members who are unable to go out.

It occurred to me that you may be interested in knitting prayer squares for people you know. Here is the pattern. Use any yarn and suitable sized needles for your yarn.



Cast on 23 sts.
 Row 1 – Row 4: Knit
 Row 5: K2, p19, k2
 Row 6 (*and every other even row*): Knit
 Rows 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15: K2, p8, k3, p8, k2
 Row 17, 19 and 21: K2, p4, k11, p4, k2
 Row 23 and 25: K2, p8, k3, p8, k2
 Row 27: K2, p19, k2
 Row 28 – Row 31: Knit
 Cast off and sew in ends

Sharon's Recipe - Turkish Delight Mess – Serves 2

Our holiday to Turkey in May was postponed so we decided to eat Turkish food for 2 weeks at home and we really enjoyed it.

This was our favourite dessert as well as being delicious it is quick to make.

If you don't have Turkish Delight use any fruit you like, or try it with jellied fruits, even jelly beans would work or try it with chopped up cubes of chocolate which would blend well with the other flavours.

Ingredients

100g mascarpone
50g Greek yoghurt
25g icing sugar
2 tbsp orange flower water
or ¼ tsp orange flavouring
/ essence
1 meringue nest, pulled
apart in to bitesize pieces
3 semi dried apricots,
chopped
2 cubes of Turkish Delight
chopped
(no Turkish delight – use 6
raspberries or strawberries
or equivalent volume of
suggested ingredients
above)
25g skin on almonds,
roughly chopped
4 mint leaves, shredded
2 tiny mint sprigs to
decorate

Method

1. Place mascarpone, yoghurt, icing sugar and orange flower water (or flavouring) in a large bowl and whisk until thick
2. Fold in the remaining ingredients
3. Put into 2 decorative glasses or bowls
4. Put mint spring on top
5. Serve immediately or keep chilled for up to 24 hours.

If you would like to make Turkish Delight there are recipes on the internet. It takes about 2 hours – you have to keep your eye on it and stir it often so it is quite time consuming. Once made, it needs to chill for a while before cutting. It is nice but you need plenty of time to make it and you get covered in icing sugar and cornflour!

The
Tale of the
**TWO MEN
SAYING
THEIR
PRAYERS**

JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO
WENT TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY



ONE WAS A PHARISEE
(A MAN A BIT LIKE A PRIEST)

THE OTHER WAS A TAX
COLLECTOR. (NOT A POPULAR
MAN IN JESUS' DAY!).

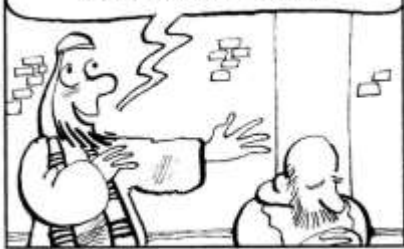


THE PHARISEE BEGAN
TO PRAY

WHAT A GREAT CHAP I
AM! I NEVER DO
ANYTHING WRONG!!



I AM SO PLEASED WITH MYSELF,
ESPECIALLY AS I AM NOT A SCOUNDREL,
LIKE THIS TAX COLLECTOR!



BUT THE TAX
COLLECTOR COULDN'T
EVEN RAISE HIS HEAD

DEAR GOD... I AM VERY SORRY!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR
ALL THE WRONG THINGS
I HAVE DONE.



IT WAS THE TAX COLLECTOR,
NOT THE PHARISEE, WHOSE
PRAYERS WERE HEARD!



JESUS EXPLAINED -
'DON'T BE PROUD WHEN YOU
PRAY - INSTEAD BE HUMBLE'.



Obviously due the measures taken to deal with the coronavirus we are not able to continue with the bringing of items to Church or deliveries to the warehouse.

This is at a time when the Food Bank is under huge pressure, especially with schools closed.

In the three weeks from April 19th, the food bank has distributed food to 332 people including 104 children (9.26 tons)

The food bank is still working with its volunteers and there are collection points in most supermarkets. If you are visiting a supermarket for your own shopping please consider adding a few items to donate in this way. A list of the most urgently required items can be found on the food bank website.

Please note, they are no longer able to accept infant formula milk or baby food due to a UNICEF directive.

Can we urge everyone to consider if they can give a donation of money?

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 a Community show our love to the vulnerable people in our society.


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.

 <p>0800 804 8044</p> <p>Daily HOPE</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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Isolated but not alone- Hartshill Community Helping each other

In line with the Government appeal, help is needed for those self-isolating and volunteers are needed.

During this time many elderly or ill people are self-isolating due to the spread of Covid-19 (coronavirus).

If you can offer any time to help out people on your street by picking up groceries, prescriptions, emergency supplies or offering a friendly phone call to ease loneliness, then please phone Olwyn on 07927141037.

Please also remember your local shops are well stocked.

For any more details on how to help or if you need help finding your local volunteer again call Olwyn.

If you are self-isolating you are not alone in Galley Common

If you need help during this time, please be encouraged to make contact with local Counsellor Daniel Gissane who is putting together a team of volunteers to support those in need, on 07771 340650.

Age UK's website has some fantastic advice about how to stay safe and well at home. Take a look at: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/coronavirus/staying-safe-and-well-at-home/>

Age UK is also encouraging “neighbourly volunteering” and has some great advice on how to do this during the COVID-19 pandemic. Have a look at <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/neighbourly-volunteering/>

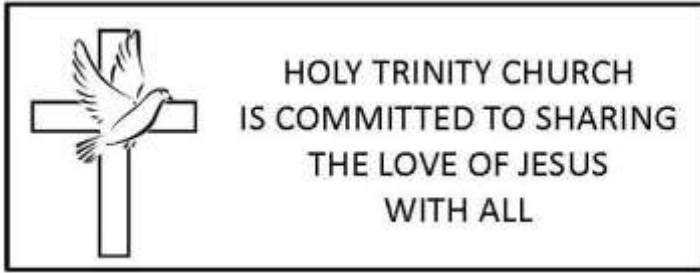
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Church website: <http://www.holytrinityhartshill.co.uk/>

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

Prayer Requests prayers.holytrinity@gmail.com



From the Editor

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the magazine, If anybody has anything they would like to share with readers of the magazine, please 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 August magazine is 27th July.

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