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Empty Promises

I recently came across this story - A young man from a wealthy family was about to graduate from high school. It was the custom in that affluent neighbourhood for the parents to give the graduate a car. "Bill" and his father had spent months looking at cars, and the week before graduation,

they found the perfect car.

On the eve of his graduation, his father handed him a gift wrapped Bible. Bill was so angry that he threw the Bible down and stormed out of the house.

He and his father never saw each other again. It was the news of his father's death that brought Bill home again.

As he sat one night going through his father's possessions that he was to inherit, he came across the Bible his father had given him.

He brushed away the dust and opened it to find a cheque, dated the day of his graduation - for the exact amount of the car they had chosen together.

As I thought about this story, I couldn't help but wonder how many people in this world have done the same thing to God. Literally tossed aside a wonderful promise, because they didn't understand it, or they didn't believe that it was possible.

In our world, we are taught that; "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." So many of us have been taken in by "empty promises," that we are wary of anything or anyone that tells us we can have something for nothing.

THE WORLD DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY! But, God does – God never made a promise that was too good to be true.

The world is full of empty promises. We watch TV, and the advertisements tell us that we can be happy, sexy, rich, or famous, if we only purchase a certain product. It doesn't take long before we have

been fooled enough to know that the world's promises are full of emptiness. But, God is different. Instead of promises full of emptiness, at Easter, he gave us emptiness that is full of promise.

There are three of them. Each promise is marked by something empty; an empty cross (promising forgiveness of sins),

an empty tomb (promising to every one of us that we too will be raised to eternal life if we know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour)

and the empty burial clothes (promising a personal relationship with Jesus Christ – our living Saviour).

It is the very fact that each of these is empty that assures us that God's promises are real. Because they couldn't hold Jesus, because He couldn't be contained by the cross, the tomb, or even his burial clothes, we can be sure of the fullness of God's promises in our lives.

This Easter may you know the 'emptiness' of God's promises in your lives and the joy, peace, hope and love that they bring.

God bless, ***Diane***

Church Flowers

March 6th For Mothering Sunday

March 27th For Easter

There will be no flowers during the period of Lent, apart from Mothering Sunday (6th March)



A BIG THANK YOU

We have had some very generous donations recently towards the flowers in Holy Trinity, for which we are most grateful.

Services and Seasonal Dates for the Diary

Date/Time & Service	Season / Theme	Readings to reflect on
6 th March – 10.00am Holy Communion	Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	Colossians 3:12-17
13 th March - 9.00am Holy Communion	Lent 5	Psalms 130
20 th March – 10.00am Holy Communion	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11

Easter Weekend

Thursday 24 th March 7.00pm – Hartshill	Maundy Thursday	Maundy Supper followed by Communion
2pm – Reflective and interactive Prayer Stations	Good Friday Friday 25 th March	At Holy Trinity, Hartshill
6am – Hartshill Hayes United Churches Sunrise Service --- 10.00am - Communion At Holy Trinity, Hartshill	Easter Day  27 th March	Hartshill Hayes... Followed by breakfast --- Matthew 28:1-10

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Thursday 3rd	7pm Singing Group in church
Saturday 5th	7.30pm Atherstone Choral Society Concert
Wednesday 16th	3.30pm Messy Church in the Community Centre 7.30pm Mothers' Union in the Library
<p>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</p> <p>LENT COURSE Hartshill Tuesday Evenings 7.30-9pm Galley Common Wednesday Afternoons 1.30-2.30pm until 16th March</p>	

Lent and Easter Services 2016



Maundy Thursday - 24th March

Maundy Supper at 7pm (soup & batch)
& informal Communion starting 7.45pm(approx.)
at Holy Trinity Church, Hartshill

Please let Heather know if you are planning to attend the supper
(for catering purposes)

Good Friday - 25th March

United Churches - All Welcome
St Anne's Catholic Church
Stations of the cross service at 10am

Reflective and Interactive Prayer Stations
at Holy Trinity, Hartshill at 2.00 - 3.00pm

Easter Day - Sunday 27th March

6.00am - United Service at Hartshill Hayes View Point followed by
breakfast at Holy Trinity, Hartshill (7am)

10.00am – All Age Easter Celebration
& Communion at Holy Trinity Hartshill

For more details contact Heather (the Vicar) on 024 7639 2266

All Are Very Welcome – hope to see you there!



For Hartshill, Galley Common and area

We met as a committee earlier this month and reviewed the past year and planned ahead for the year to come – which is great as we look again to the things we can do together – so here are some dates for the dairy. As mentioned last month we are celebrating the Woman's World Day of prayer with a coffee morning and service to which everyone is welcome (not just women!)

Woman's World Day of Prayer Coffee Morning

Friday 26th Feb 2016 10am-noon at The Society of Friends

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Woman's World Day of Prayer Service

Friday 4th March 2016 7pm at The Society of Friends

We are also looking forward to celebrating Easter together with services that everyone is, as ever, welcome to attend.

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6.00am - United Service at Hartshill Hayes View Point followed by breakfast at Holy Trinity, Hartshill (7am).

So please put the date in the diary and join us if you can....

Heather

Praying for our Parish in March

1	Lent course at Holy Trinity, Please pray for Heather and all involved in the course. Try the course if you haven't already.
2	Lent course at Galley Common, Please pray for all involved at Galley Common.
3	Be still and listen to what the Lord is calling you to do.
4	Women's world day of prayer. Pray for the women in the world, equality and leadership.
5	Pray for someone in your life who doesn't know the Lord. Pray that they can get to know the Lord.
6	Pray for all world leaders. Pray that they listen to Gods direction and work in the power of the Lord.
7	Pray specifically for those in need within our community and church. Have a minute and concentrate on those suffering.
8	Lent course at Holy Trinity, be reminded of what Jesus went through, temptation. How are we being tempted?
9	Lent course at Galley Common, Please pray for all involved. Jesus resisted all temptation, pray for help against temptation.
10	Pray for our Church leaders, pray that they are continually guided by the Holy Spirit.
11	Give thanks for all that the Lord has done for you and me. Clothed us, fed us, kept us warm and protected us to mention a few. What a privilege it is to be in Gods Kingdom.

12	Diocesan synod meeting, pray for all involved and that the spirit will guide them.
13	Baptism in church. Pray for the family and the little one being Baptised. May they know the spirit of Lord.
14	Michael Drayton school visiting the church for Easter assembly. Pray for all the children attending.
15	Lent course at Holy Trinity, Pray that we can fully understand that Jesus died for us . What does this mean for you and me?
16	Lent course at Galley Common, Pray and give thanks for opportunities to learn more about what Jesus is doing for us. Pray for guidance for our leaders.
17	Deanery chapter meeting, pray for guidance for those involved.
18	Pray for opportunities to talk to someone about our faith.
19	Give thanks to those who brought us to the Lord.
20	Palm Sunday + Baptism in church, Imagine yourself there on the roadside with Jesus coming into Jerusalem. What an atmosphere. How the tables are so quickly turned. Pray that the Baptism party can know about the Easter story.
21	Pray for help with issues that we find difficult to deal with. Hand them over to the Lord.
22	Jesus knew what it was he had to go through in order to save us. Stop and think about it. Give thanks.
23	Pray and give thanks that we have been saved from our sins.
24	Give thanks for the Last Supper. Give thanks for the Maundy Thursday joint supper and service.

25	Good Friday and prayer stations. Pray for a quiet time to reflect on Judas's actions.
26	Have a quiet moment. What must Jesus have been going through. Give thanks that we aren't persecuted. Pray for those who are.
27	Easter Sunday - including churches together sunrise service. Give thanks that on the third day Jesus rose from the dead. How does this impact on your life?
28	Pray for those who have not been saved. So many are still in the dark.
29	Pray for the leaders of our Church, pray for all our groups and their leaders.
30	How are you being challenged by the Holy Spirit? Ask for help to step out in the name of Jesus.
31	Make every day count. We don't know what tomorrow will bring. Thank Jesus for what we have been given. Have we achieved our goals for Jesus?

From The Registers in February

Baptisms

7/2/16 Sydney Kate Watts

Funerals

19/2/16 Chris F Davies

24/2/16 June Paintin

WORKAID

This charity was set up in April 1986 when a group of people from local churches and the community in a town in Buckinghamshire met together to try to do something constructive for those suffering from the severe famine in Ethiopia which had been graphically reported on our television screens and they hit on the idea of sending tools abroad. Thirty years later they are still regularly sending shipping containers each with around 10 tonnes of tools to countries including Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Uganda.

Approximately 300 volunteers in the UK are involved with the charity who give their time to collect tools, refurbish them and pack the containers to ship them out to partner organizations in the various countries.

"Tools" can cover a variety of goods. As well as garden tools, which enable the poor to grow their own food, other tools such as carpentry and plumbing tools are used in training schools for the young people in poor countries to learn a trade and earn a living to support their families. Tools can be as small as a sewing needle or pins or as large as a sewing machine or knitting machine and material or yarn to accompany the machines are also welcome.

Down in Chesham, Buckinghamshire WORKAID has a factory where the many different departments refurbish and repair tools and electrical equipment and a WORKAID shop next door sells items which are unsuitable to send abroad, but which raises money towards the cost of the transportation of the containers which runs into thousands of pounds.

What we see as a pile of rusting junk in the garden shed or garage can be a lifeline to others; so as we approach Spring here in England, maybe

thoughts of spring cleaning are entering our heads. If so and you come across a knitting machine under the bed or sewing equipment long forgotten in the loft, spanners in the garage, building tools in the workshop, garden equipment no longer used in the shed, drills in the cupboard, screws and washers in the drawers, have a think before you head to the tip or dustbin - you may like to donate it instead to WORKAID.

Here in Hartshill we have one of WORKAID's volunteers, Tony Cashmore, who some of you may know. He will collect your unwanted items. If you're unsure whether your "junk" is suitable, give him a ring on 024 76393162 - it might be the very thing that someone, somewhere wants!

For more information WORKAID's address is The Old Boot Factory, 71 Townsend Road, Chesham, Bucks. HP5 2AA. Tel: 01494 775220.

To see photos and stories about their work go to www.workaid.org

Lynda Kelly



Hartshill Community Library

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

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

IT Support Sessions Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm

Interested? Why not come along to the next session(s) and join in?

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Hello everyone, I'm Nick Miles and I'm running the London Marathon on 24th April in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. MS is a condition which attacks the nervous system and my Dad had MS from his early twenties so I have always known the condition through him. Then in December 2013, aged 20, my (middle) daughter Charlotte (pictured with her son, Harry) was diagnosed with MS. I want her to know she is not alone in her fight against MS, so if you can help by sponsoring me and making a donation, that would be great. And if you are a UK tax payer, please gift aid your donation.



You can sponsor me or read more about my challenge and preparation for the big day here:

www.virginmoneygiving.com/nickmiles

Thankyou
Nick

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

March 6th is Mothering Sunday, the middle Sunday in lent, a time when children pay respect to their Mothers and often give their Mothers a gift and a card.

Here at Holy Trinity Church, on Mothering Sunday, we like to give children in the congregation a little posy of spring flowers to give to their Mothers as a thank you for all their care and love throughout the year. Of course, it isn't just about Mothers. Mothering Sunday, is also a day for children to honour other mother figures; grandmothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law...



Making Posies

So here at Hartshill Mothers' Union, we have our secateurs at the ready to make your posies. Happy Mothering Sunday!

Our March meeting is on Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm in the library and we are pleased to welcome Ruth James from 'Aim for Change'. Aim for Change is a Leicestershire based charity, caring for

underprivileged and vulnerable children and adults in Uganda and Pakistan. They achieve this by providing Education, Health care and Self sufficiency. This is a charity close to the hearts of worshippers at Holy Trinity Church and so I would like to extend the invitation to this meeting to everybody.

Sue

Thank You

A huge thank you on behalf of the church to all who responded to our articles in the last couple of editions regarding the different ways people can support the church. We are very grateful to those who have helped financially in order to help the church to continue its service to the community in the years to come. So a big "Thank you" to those who gave the church a 'Christmas gift' or gave in other ways.

People have also asked about how they can give money on a more regular basis - and so there are standing order forms available at the back of church. And if you do give to the church by standing order we do now have little cards as you come into church (for the collection/offertory time) which you can pick up and place in the collection plate during the service. People have already said that they enjoy this initiative as their gifts can now be offered to God and blessed in the service alongside the other gifts given. If you want more information about this - please just ask.

Thanks again, *Heather* <>

Sharon's Recipe – Chilli Sausage Casserole

Ingredients

2 tblsp cooking oil
1 lb / 454g thick sausages
1 medium onion – roughly chopped
2 tsp mild or hot chilli powder
Quarter Pint / 142 ml Beef Stock
1 tbsp cornflour
14 oz / 397g tin tomatoes
1 small green pepper – deseeded and sliced
Small tin red kidney beans - drained
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Method

1. Heat the oil in a pan, add the sausages and onions and fry gently until sausages are beginning to turn golden and onions are soft.
2. Drain off excess oil. Stir in the Chilli Powder and stock. Blend the cornflour with the juice from the tin of tomatoes and add to the sausages. Stir in the tomatoes. Gradually bring to the boil stirring continuously. Cover and Simmer for 20 minutes
3. Add the green pepper and beans and simmer, covered, for a further 5-10 minutes.
4. Serve with Rice or Baked Jacket potatoes.

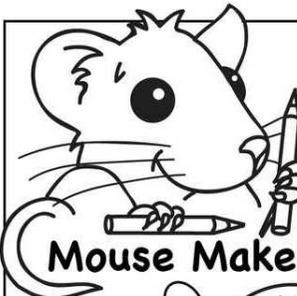
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Mouse Makes

Each big egg tells a part of the Easter story. Colour them in then look up the bible verses.

Easter Story Eggs

John 12:1-8



Jesus anointed

1

Matthew 21:1-11



Into Jerusalem

2

Mark 14:17



Jesus betrayed

3

Mark 14:12-26



The last supper

4

Mark 14:32-41



Jesus prays

5

Mark 14:43-50



Jesus is arrested

6

Mark 12:66-72



Peter's denial

7

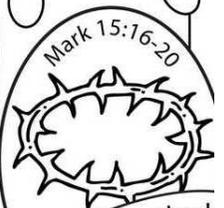
Mark 15:1-15



Jesus and Pilate

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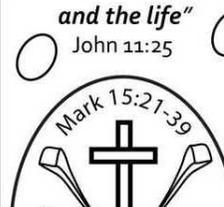
Mark 15:16-20



Jesus is mocked

9

Mark 15:21-39



Jesus is killed

10

Matthew 27:57-65



Jesus is buried

11

Luke 24:1-53



Jesus is alive!

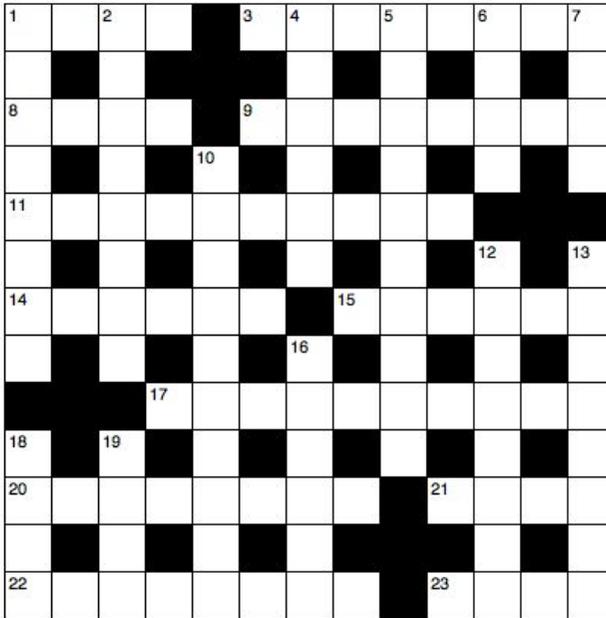
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Jesus said:
"I am the resurrection and the life"
 John 11:25

Jesus said:
"I will come and get you so that you can always be with me" John 14:3

Cut out the big eggs. Glue onto card and use them for a bible story Easter egg hunt.

Crossword



Across

- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
- 3 ‘You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don’t go very far from it. All of you be on — — ’ (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
- 8 Seep (4)
- 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
- 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ’s burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
- 14 ‘A city on a hill — be hidden’ (Matthew 5:14) (6)
- 15 He inherited Elijah’s mantle (2 Kings 2:12–13) (6)
- 17 Where Jesus prayed ‘Not as I will, but as you will’ (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
- 20 ‘Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour’ (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)

- 21 Sail (anag.) (4) 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
23 Eye sore (4)

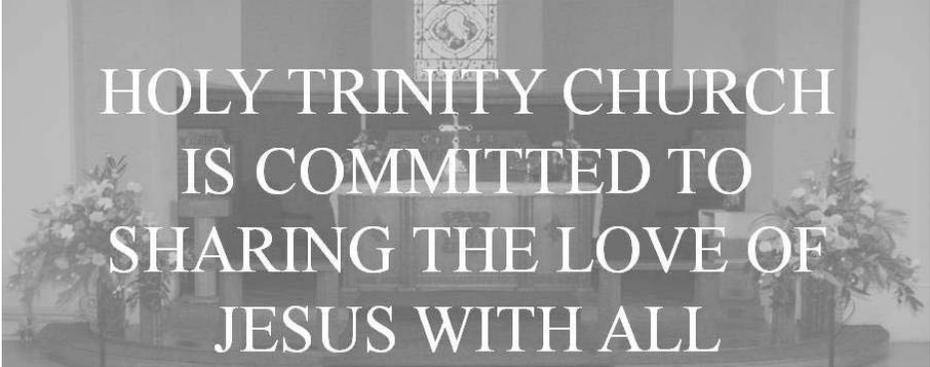
Down

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)
See next page for answers.

O Tree of Calvary,
send your roots deep down into my heart.
Gather together the soil of my heart,
the sands of my fickleness,
the mud of my desires.
Bind them all together,
O Tree of Calvary,
interlace them with your strong roots,
entwine them with the network of your love.

Prayer of an Indian Christian

Our Mission



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
IS COMMITTED TO
SHARING THE LOVE OF
JESUS WITH ALL

Answers to crossword on previous page

ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert. 8, Ooze. 9, Passover. 11, Garden Tomb. 14, Cannot. 15, Elisha. 17, Gethsemane. 20, Own house. 21, Lisa. 22, Flogging. 23, Stye.

DOWN: 1, Wrong act. 2, Nazarene. 4, Health. 5, Assemblies. 6, Envy. 7, Turn. 10, Before long. 12, Iscariot. 13, Take care. 16, The Son. 18, Loaf. 19, Unto.

From the Editor

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.

The deadline for articles for the April edition is Saturday 20th March.

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