

Please remain seated

Welcome

Please stand for the Call to worship

God, your name is known everywhere; all over the earth people praise you. Your right hand is full of goodness. *Psalm 48:10*

Lord of all the earth, we come to worship with thankful hearts.

Let us praise his name together. Amen

Processional Hymn: In Christ Alone (*Words will be on the screen*) *During which the banners will be processed.*

Please be seated

Confession: The Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of
God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race
from race, class from class,

Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess
what is not their own,

Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands
and lays waste the earth,

Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of
others,

Father, forgive

Coventry Cathedral We pray for wisdom, and for gentle, supportive guidance from the magnificent Cathedral at the heart of this network which so inspires CCN partners around the world. We pray for all who work and worship in Coventry, and for the people of the city and diocese, and their continued strength in the ongoing work of building a culture of peace in and beyond Coventry. Help us to both learn from Coventry, and reflect back to them, that faith which calls us to live beyond what is comfortable. Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your Kingdom.**

Mothers' Union We pray for our members across the world who gently facilitate, through hospitality and love, the reconciling of relationships in families and communities. We give thanks for their service, offered in quiet and non-judgemental ways.

Wave of Prayer Makamba in Burundi; North Karamoja in Uganda; Lokoja & Sapele in Nigeria; Truro in England and Tirunelveli in India.

Act of Commissioning

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and has entrusted the message and ministry of reconciliation to us. Will you let this word of the gospel take root in you, and this ministry of the gospel be at work through you?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Will you, as ambassadors for Christ, appeal to all people on Christ's behalf: 'Be reconciled to God'?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Will you, as signs of the new creation, seek to learn from history, and to heal its wounds?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Prayer for our deanery

**Heavenly Father,
as members of this deanery we commit its life to you;
we seek your blessing in all we do:
your presence in our fellowship
your inspiration in our activities;
your strength in our service to the Church
and to the community;
help us to be faithful in prayer and worship
and outgoing in our witness to the gospel,
that we may advance your kingdom,
and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

The new members return to their seats.

Offertory Hymn: Come down O love divine (89)

During which the collection will be taken. The collection will be donated to Nuneaton Deanery funds for Mothers' Union projects.

Intercessions

The Community of the Cross of Nails

We pray for the diversity of this unique network. We pray for all the churches, charities, schools and chaplaincies who strive to heal wounds and build peace in their own contexts and among their own communities each day, whatever the barriers, across Europe, North America, Africa, Asia and the Antipodes. We ask for your Word to guide the Community as each works in support of the others, and for the broader ministry of reconciliation to which all Christians are called.

Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your Kingdom.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men,
women and children,

Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves
and not in God,

Father, forgive.

Absolution: Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Amen.**

Collect

Hymn: As the deer pants (37)

Ministry of the Word

Gospel reading: Luke 6: 20-31

New Testament reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Reflection by Revd. Heather Barnes

Hymn: A New Commandment (1)

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Enrolment

Leader: Will the members of the Mothers' Union please stand.

The purpose, Aim and Objects of the Mothers' Union or the current mission statement are read out by a member.

The mission of the Mothers' Union is to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide, through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children.

We aim to achieve this through carrying out our objectives:

- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity
- To promote and support married life

Leader: Membership of the worldwide Mothers' Union is open to all who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and who support the mission and objectives of the Mothers' Union. I ask both new and present members to join in affirming their commitment to the Mothers' Union. Do you reaffirm your baptism promises? **All: I do, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you uphold and support the mission and objectives of the Mothers' Union?

All: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you continue to nurture your personal relationship with God and be committed to his family, the Church?

All: I will, by the grace of God.

Leader: (names).....

I admit you to membership of the Mothers' Union, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The leader greets each new member and they are given their membership card and badge.

Leader: Members of the Mothers' Union, will you welcome, support and pray for each other?

All: We will, in the power of the Spirit.

Leader: We commit ourselves to the work of Jesus Christ through our membership, saying together the Mothers' Union Prayer:

Loving Lord we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen

Will you, living in the light of God's love,
strive to live with those who are different from you
and celebrate the rich diversity of humanity,
made in the image of God?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Will you, reconciled to God in one body by the cross,
foster a culture a peace,
that the world may be a kinder, gentler,
more Christ-child like place?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Hymn: I will sing the wondrous story (315)

*During which the banners will be collected. Please remain at the
front with the banners.*

Blessing

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Process the banners to the back of the Church

Dismissal

Go in peace to share the reconciling love of God

In the name of Christ, Amen.

*Please join us for refreshments in the adjoining Community
Centre*

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Nuneaton Deanery Festival Service



Celebrating the Community of the Cross of Nails
Healing the wounds of history • Learning to live with
difference and celebrate diversity • Building a culture
of peace

Thursday 26th September 2019, 2pm

Holy Trinity Church, Hartshill