

## ***ALL SAINTS', HERTFORD, MOTHERS UNION 2021***

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Count Your Blessings Lent Calendar</b> <b>Proceeds to be divided between 'All, Saints' Church, Hertford'</b> <b>And the work of 'The Mothers Union'</b></p>
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**The past year has been tough for us all. It is hoped that during Lent you will count the many blessings you do have, particularly when compared to many people across the world.**

**Please give what you can using the calendar below as a focus for your thoughts and meditations**

1.	Pray that you may use your time wisely, especially in these uncertain times of lock down and hopefully, gradual easing. Give 1p for each clock or watch in your house.
2.	Most UK Children and young people are unable to attend school or college at present, and many across the world never have the opportunity to go to school at all. Give 2p for every school and college those in your house have attended.
3.	Far too many people in the world are suffering due to war. Make a freewill offering as thanks that we live in peace – even in lockdown!
4.	So many families are homeless throughout the world, so much worse in a time of a global pandemic - many of us have a secure building just for our car. Give 5p if you have a garage.
5.	All around the world, poor families are often unable to afford shoes for their children. Give 1p for each pair of shoes in your home. <i>(This one could cost you girls...!!)</i>
6.	During the 1 <sup>st</sup> Lockdown it was hard not to be amazed at the result of Capt. Sir Tom Moore's fundraising, and his walk. 'Tomorrow will be a good day' Give a donation of your choice in memory of this inspirational gentleman.
7.	Tea and Coffee are cash crops grown in some countries. Give 1p for every cup of tea or coffee drunk in your home today.
8.	We may not be allowed to travel far, or meet up at present, but we have learned to communicate using Zoom. Give 2p for ever Zoom meeting you attended this week.
9.	Many malnourished children do not live beyond 5 years of age. Give 5p for each family member in your home over the age of 5.
10.	Unlike many houses throughout the world our homes are warm, secure and light. Give 1p for every window and 2p for every door in your home.
11.	We may be in a pandemic and not allowed to go far but we are allowed to walk, if we feel able to do so Give 2p for every walk you have had this week – or 5p for a run!

12.	Many people sleep rough at night, across the world. Give 1p for every bed in your house.
13.	Some people are blind; others have very poor unaided sight. Give 2p for every pair of spectacles in your house.
14.	Democracy and freedom are things we just take for granted. Others are less fortunate, and this past year, we have the freedom we are used to, curtailed. Make a freewill offering for your freedom.
15.	Fruit is an excellent source of vitamins but is not available to everyone in the world. Give 1p for each piece of fruit eaten in your house today.
16.	Many of us are normally able to have an annual holiday. Give 2p for each member of your family able to enjoy any form of break last year.
17.	The Bible talks about a land flowing with milk and honey. Give 3p if you have a jar of honey in the house,
18.	Milk is good healthy food. Give 2p for each pint of milk in your fridge.
19.	In many countries communication can be very difficult, and this year we cannot communicate face to face easily. Give 2p for each telephone, computer, tablet or i pad and in your house.
20.	Candles are a luxury for some people, let alone electricity... Give 1p for each light switch in your house
21.	Many people are homeless. Give 1p for every room in your house, not forgetting the smallest!
22.	Lack of sanitation is a prime cause of illness. Give 5p for each toilet in your house.
23.	Trees are a precious resource from which paper is made. Give 2p for each magazine and newspaper you took during the last week.....
24.	Medical care can be very expensive and thus prohibitive in some countries, but ours is free. Give 5p if you have had your Covid vaccine or have it booked
25.	Many people overseas have to walk everywhere. Give 1p for each wheel of any car or bike owned by your family, or a donation if your travel by bus.
26.	Our shops are never empty – even in times of recession ( <i>except in the panic buying od a pending pandemic..!!</i> ). We can't visit them but hey ho... that's life at present! Give 2p for every new online account you set up during lockdown. ( <i>If you can recall!</i> )

27.	Animals are a great part of God's creation and can be great companions. Give 2p for each pet in your home.
28.	Many people, even in the U.K. are unable to find work to support their families. Many cannot work, have been 'furloughed' or have lost their jobs of late due to the pandemic. Give 5p for each member of your household who has a job, or chooses not to have one.
29.	We learn a great deal from the radio and television, but they can be great time wasters. Give 2p for each radio and TV in your home.
30.	Our children are lucky to have the opportunity to go away on school trips, Guide / Scout camps in normal times. Give 2p for each trip your children have been on within the last two years
31.	The nights are cold for many people. Give 1p for each blanket or 2p for each duvet in your house.
32.	In some countries people are unable to obtain a Bible. Give 2p for each Bible in your house.
33.	Many of us enjoy the beauty of God' creation in our gardens. Give 1p for each flowerbed in your garden.
34.	We live in a hi-tech world and our children are inclined to take this for granted. Give 2p for each computer game, including hand held ones, in your house.
35.	Water is very precious in many countries and often has to be carried a great distance. Give 1p for every tap in your home.
36.	We have been unable to socialise lately: no coffees, no pub visits, no meals out... Give 1p for every glass of wine ( <i>and the rest...!</i> ) you have had at home this year. (or for the drink of your choice)
37.	In many countries wood has to be collected daily for heating and cooking. Give 1p for every heater and / or radiator in your home.
38.	Too many people in the world die every day, especially at this time of pandemic. Give a donation in memory of the happy times you have spent with someone who is no longer with us.
39.	Easter has become commercialised with Easter eggs on sale since shortly after Christmas. Give 2p for every Easter egg you have bought this year. ( <i>Come on – own up!!!</i> )
40.	If you feel glad on Easter Sunday that you could count so many blessings during the period of Lent, despite the pandemic, please give a freewill offering of thanks.

***Thank you for counting your Blessings.***

*Please return your offering to Dorothy Toyn by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021,  
and I will divide the total between All Saints' and the Mothers Union  
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*I am happy to take cheques, but would rather not have cash to sort out.  
You can pay on line if you wish as follows:*

*Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30:84:85 A/C No 37375168 Name: Dorothy Toyn*

This calendar is adapted (many times!) from one received from the Cathedral of St Mary and All Saints, Harare in Zimbabwe and came to us via St Pauls Church, Langley and St Andrews, Hertford, where it has been adapted for use in Advent and Lent.



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