

Coventry Churches Pictures of Light Trail October 2020

We are pleased to be providing an alternative to Halloween again this year despite not being able to operate in our usual way. When the majority of today's society seems to enjoy trying to scare each other why don't we join in? As Christian churches we believe that Jesus is the Light of the World and that he came to earth to die so that we can live. This is the basis of our faith, and therefore for us it is more important to celebrate his light rather than the darkness. There is so much bad stuff in the world already we prefer to look for the good and have fun knowing that we are loved by our creator.

We're really pleased that you have decided to take part in our Pictures of Light trail. We have put pictures of different sources of light in church windows across the city (mainly focused across the city centre). These pictures will be displayed for half term week, Saturday 24th October - Saturday 31st October 2020. This is a free event, open to everyone. The goody bags are mainly focused towards primary school children but we hope you ALL take part and enjoy the trail.

As you go around the city, write down what the picture is in each location (you can download and print this sheet to complete or you can just write them down).

On the afternoon of Saturday 31st October (2pm - 4pm) bring your completed list to Queens Road Baptist Church Car park to collect a goody bag (these are available while stocks last, aimed at primary school age children. Not suitable for those under 3 years due to small parts). Please follow the current Government guidelines at all times whilst doing the trail.

Churches to look for:

These are in no special order and you only need to find 10 to get a goody bag (you can challenge yourself to find them all if you want though!). When you find the picture in the window write down the number of the picture is next to the name of the church.

Coventry Cathedral, Priory Street, CV1 5FB

Famous for its ministry of peace and reconciliation, Coventry Cathedral stands as a symbol of hope, a safe space for the whole city to come together to remember that the light of God's love is stronger than any darkness. Come in to enjoy the space or to find an oasis of peace any day from 10.30 - 4.00, join us for Sunday worship at 10.30 every week, or meet us online for services every day of the year

St Mary Magdalen, Sir Thomas White's Road, CV5 8DR

Welcome to St Mary Magdalen Church - known locally as 'the church with the blue roof' in Chapelfields. We are an Anglican congregation in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England in the Diocese of Coventry with a heart for social justice. We are "liberal" and "inclusive", recognising that everyone is made in God's image. Accordingly, we welcome all into our midst, irrespective of their race, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, nationality, physical or mental abilities, culture, background or their present or past situations.



Methodist Central Hall, Warwick Lane, CV1 2HA

Public prayers and Church business meetings are currently suspended or online due to Covid-19. Find Bible studies or worship sheets or join us on Zoom for a Bible Study or to Break bread together or If you want to know more about our youth programmes see our website - centralhall.info

St Marks, Bird Street, CV1 5FX

We are an Anglican church planted from Holy Trinity Brompton & Gas Street Church in 2016, located in the centre of Coventry. Our vision is to see people find fullness of life in Jesus and play our part in the re-evangelisation of the nation, the revitalisation of the church and the transformation of society.

Elim, Butts, CV1 3GR

We are a vibrant, growing, hope-filled community of people who have found life in Jesus and we are passionate about partnering with Him to serve the city around us that He loves. Coventry Elim is an exciting place to be! We have been meeting in the centre of Coventry since the early 1930's and have become a multi-generational, international church that comprises people in their 80's as well as new born babies, welcoming people from over 50 different nations. To find out more about our church and children's work please check out our social media pages - @CoventryElim @CoventryElimKids

Bethel, Spon End, CV1 3HB

The world has changed so much over the last six months but we are grateful that we serve an unchanging God! We have begun meeting together socially distanced with smaller numbers on a Sunday morning and we also live stream via our Facebook Page. If you are interested in attending in person please book your space in advance via bethelcoventry.org.uk

Coventry Prayer House, Old Blue Coat School, 2-10 Trinity Street, CV1 1FL

"Coventry Prayer House is both a praying Christian community and a place where anyone can come and pray in the heart of the city. We aim to encourage and facilitate prayer; offer hospitality; build unity; pray blessing; and intercede for revival and transformation in the church and across the city. All are welcome to join in. See our website for more information: www.coventryprayerhouse.org.uk"

St Barbara's Church, Rochester Road, Earlsdon, CV5 6AG

St Barbara's currently has a 10am service in church which is streamed live online via our website (stbarbaras.com). We also hold a monthly service for young families on a Sunday afternoon at 5pm (next one 15th Nov). All are welcome. Please email tulo@raistricks.com if you would like to attend.

Holyhead Road URC, 22 Lammas Road, CV6 1QL

We are an intercultural church, where people with varied ethnic roots enrich each other's Christian living. Our people hold a range of opinions about theology and church life. In the words of the denominations Statement of Nature, Faith and Order (1990) together we are firmly committed to 'God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The living God, the only God, ever to be praised.

West Orchard URC, 83 Baginton Road, CV3 6FP

West Orchard URC has been in this location since the original church was bombed during the war. Our normal Sunday services have been suspended due to the Coronavirus situation but we invite you to join our weekly on line service at <https://westorchardurc.org.uk/this-weeks-service/>. Please return to our church to see our outdoor display of Remembrance in November.

Warwick Road URC, 10 Warwick Road, CV1 1EX

We have occupied the city-centre location for many years. Unfortunately, the current pandemic has forced the temporary closure of our facilities and most activities remain suspended.

In more normal times, the premises are used for many functions. The beautiful multi-purpose auditorium is where the church meets on Sundays. It has hosted events such as 'Songs of Praise' as well as concerts and conferences. The Community Centre was created in 2005 and is home to the 'Open Doors Cafe' where freshly cooked food is served from Tuesday to Friday. At present, we are providing a meal delivery service on a weekly basis. Every day is different.

CAC River of Life Church, The Koko Building, 15 The Arches, CV1 3JQ

We believe in Jesus Christ and the entire teaching of the Bible. Preaching the sound doctrine and using the spiritual weapon of prayer. Jesus Is Lord

St James Fletchamstead, Tile Hill Lane, CV4 9DP

St James Fletchamstead is a family friendly, Holy Spirit led church in Tile Hill.

At the moment our family services can be found online every Sunday at 10 on Facebook: either StJamesFletchamstead, or StJamesFletchamsteadChildrenYouthandFamilies. Look out for our online Light Party!

Earlsdon Methodist Church, 227 Albany Road, CV5 6NF

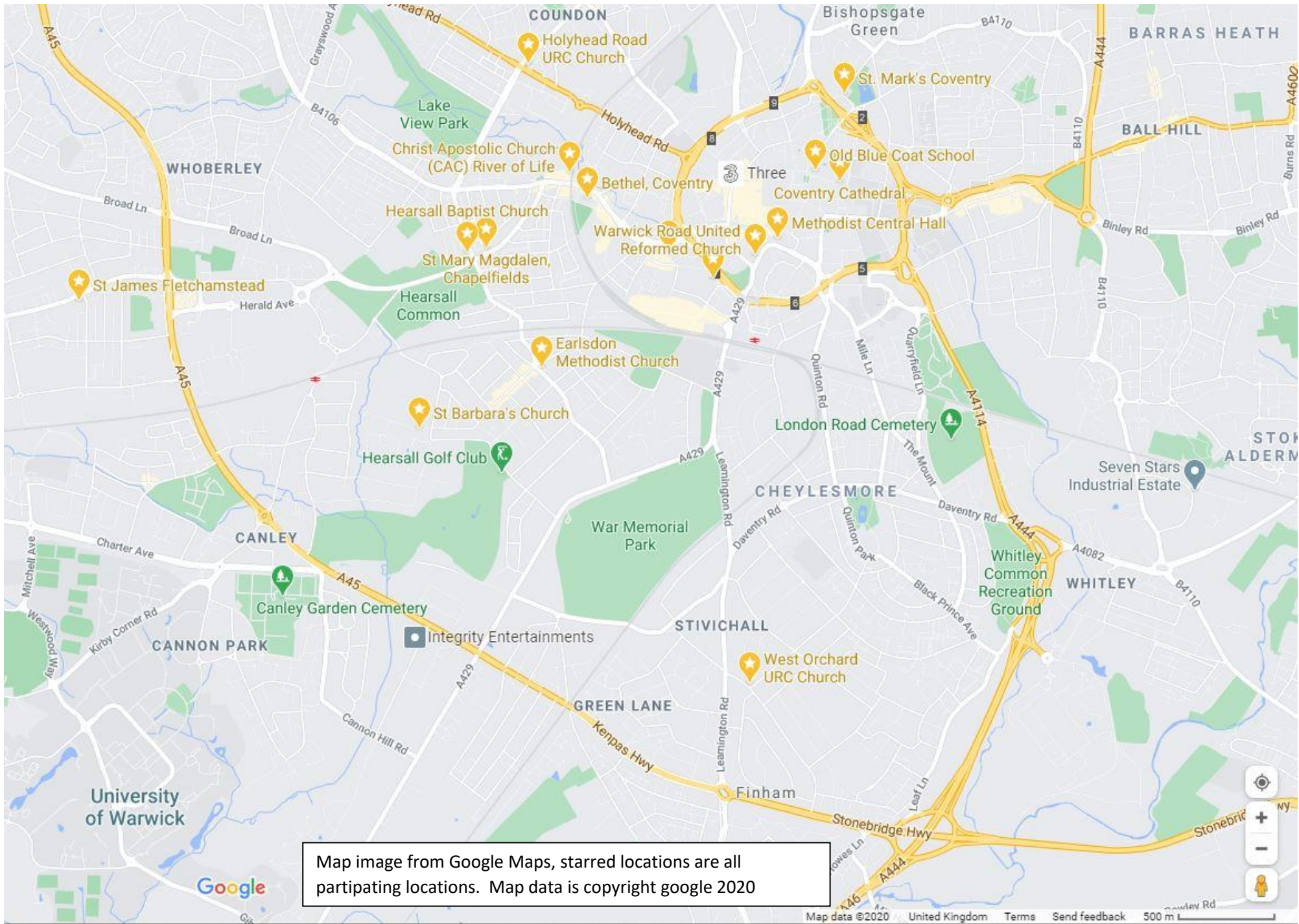
Being on the corner by Earlsdon roundabout makes us very visible, watch out for posters about our current activities or visit our website (www.earlsdonmethodist.org.uk).

Hearsall Baptist, Queensland Avenue, Coventry, CV5 8FE

If you like to worship with your heart but still think with your head you might enjoy Hearsall Baptist Church. Why not give us a try - and see if we are as welcoming as we like to think we are? We're a mixed bunch with a range of views but we love each other - and that seems to make all the difference.

Queens Road Baptist Church, Queens Road, CV1 3EG

QRBC has an active congregation (mostly online at present) we include all ages and are keen to welcome you to our online services (see our website for details, www.qrbc.org.uk). We have large baby and toddler groups as well as a monthly Dads group. We also run various family friendly events throughout the year and plan to continue these things once the restrictions are lifted.



Map image from Google Maps, starred locations are all participating locations. Map data is copyright google 2020

We thought you might appreciate some activities to do - these are an extra, they're not part of the trail.

1) Find the words in the wordsearch.

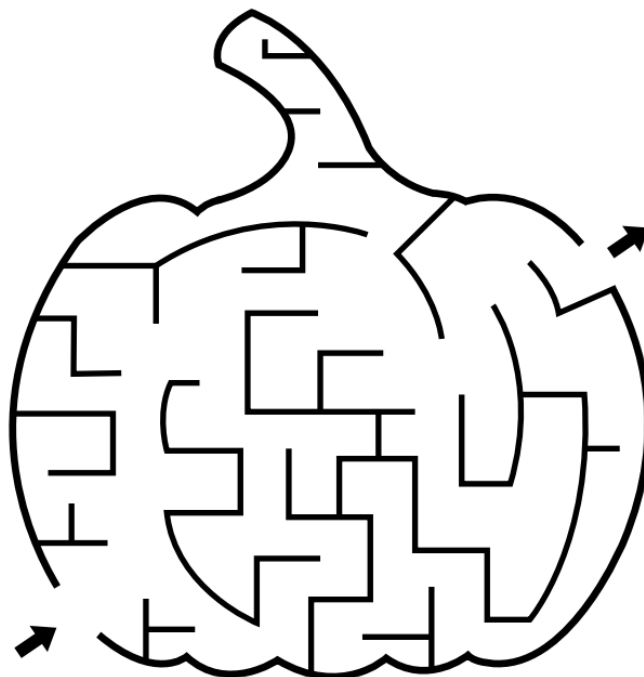
Light Word Search

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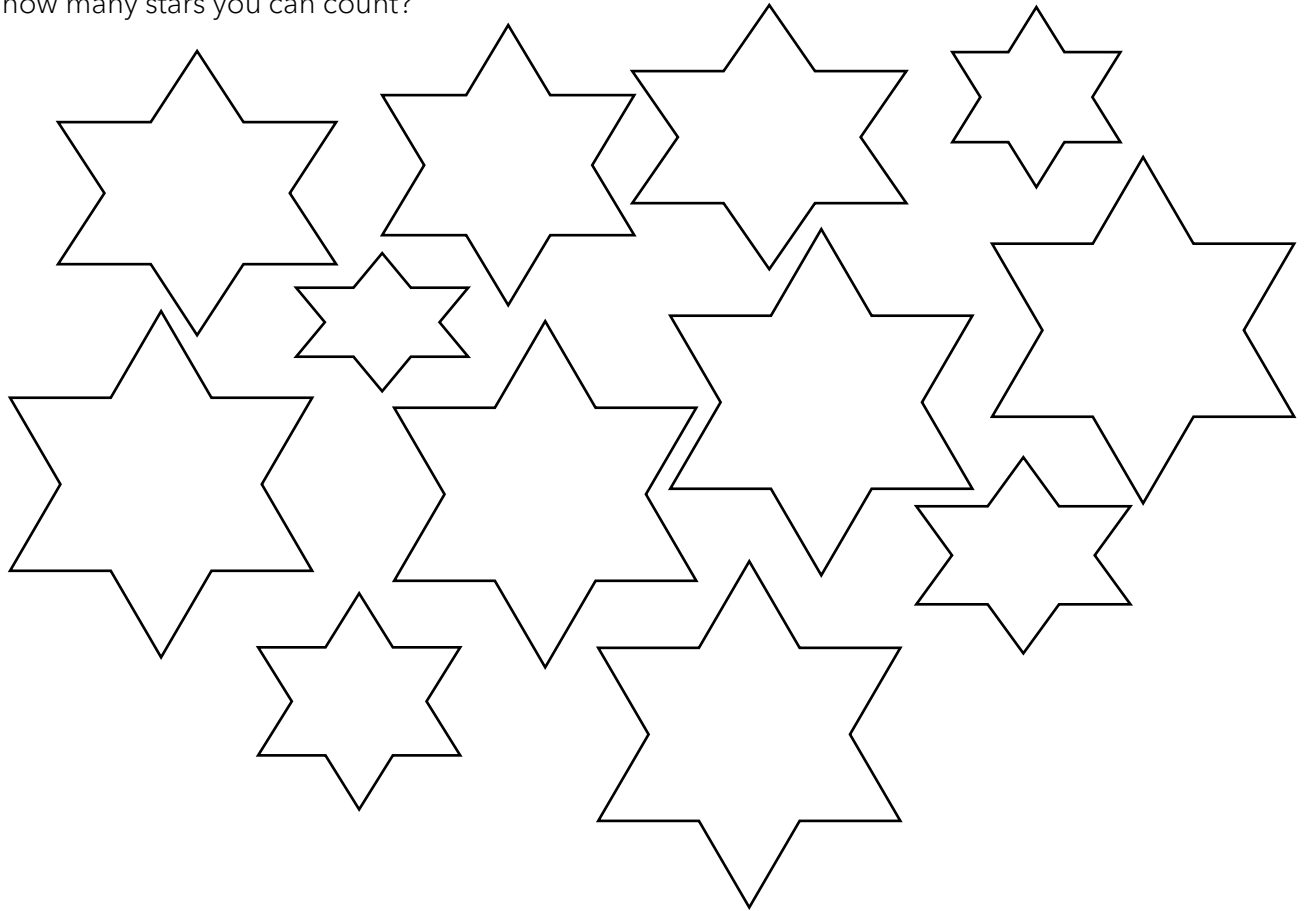
LIGHTHOUSE
CANDLE
LAMP
SHINE
CITY
DARKNESS
STARS
BRIGHTNESS
DAY
SUN
RAINBOW
PROMISE

2) Can you find your way through the pumpkin maze?

(Although pumpkins have become a symbol of the dark side of Halloween, in our eyes they are part of God's creation and a celebration of the food he provides us at harvest and they do not need to be horrible. We hope you enjoy finding your way through the pumpkin maze!)



- 3) Here are some stars to decorate and colour, our God created the stars, they are the work of his hands and are a symbol of hope in the night sky. Can you think of a story you could tell about the stars shining the way in the dark? And when it gets dark, maybe you could have a look and see how many stars you can count?



- 4) I love how colourful rainbows are, in the story of Noah's ark in the Bible, God sends a rainbow to remind us that he will always keep his promises. When I see a rainbow I always thank God. Do you know the different colours that make up a rainbow? You might want to colour this one in?

