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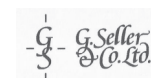


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### Facilities

Each of our three churches has a disabled access toilet and baby changing facility. Each Church also has a hearing loop system.

## Services.....June

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael &amp; All Angel's Croft</i>
<b>Sunday 2 June Trinity 1</b>	<b>10:00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley To Commemorate D-Day</b>		
<b>Sunday 9 June Trinity 2</b>	<b>9:45 am</b> Holy Communion with Baptism	<b>9:30 am</b> Messy Church	<b>11:15 am</b> Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 16 June Trinity 3</b>	<b>9:45 am</b> Messy Church	<b>9:30 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>11:15 am</b> Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 23 June Trinity 4</b>	<b>9:45 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9:30 am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>11:15 am</b> Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 30 June Trinity 5</b>	<b>10:00 am United Service Outdoors on the green in front of St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton</b>		
<b>Sunday 7 July Trinity 6</b>	<b>10:00 am United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft</b>		

### Weekday Services:

Broughton Astley: Wednesday 9:30 am A service of Holy Communion  
Stoney Stanton: Thursday 9:30 am A service of morning prayer with a Eucharist on the 4th Thursday of the month

***Details of services correct at time of going to print. However, please check weekly news sheet and Church noticeboards or visit the BACSS Facebook page regularly to check for any changes and updates.***

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## Dear Friends

This month can easily be summed up as a month of celebration in various different ways. I personally love a good celebration. A time when we can joyously come together. Last month it was my birthday and I had underestimated the joy that I felt when I received so many 'Happy birthday' messages through Facebook. It is the times that we live in, that we don't even need to meet people face to face to experience the joy of celebration with others.

On the 15 June the nation will be celebrating King Charles III birthday. The King has two birthdays - the first is in November, as he was born on 14 November 1948. Then a second one - an official celebration - falls on the third Saturday of June called Trooping the



Colour, which has marked the official birthday of the British monarch for over 260 years, and then on the 16 June Father's Day. I have always felt that for those who had a difficult relationship with their own fathers, it is good for them to know that we have a heavenly Father who loves and cares for us, which is eternal, and celebrate that fact.



As a parish we will be holding an outdoor service to celebrate God's creation at 10am on the 30 June for our All together Service at St Michaels Church on The Green in Stoney Stanton when we can celebrate God's goodness to us through experiencing flowers, trees, mountains, rivers, birds, family and friends to name just a few. All are welcome.

In northern colder climates, celebrations often keep people indoors. because the cold and snowy weather makes going outside a difficult and even



unpleasant experience. We hurry from house to car and then into another warm house. In warmer climates, the heat finds us scurrying between air-conditioned buildings. But creation—including the weather—is a gift to be celebrated, not something simply to be controlled and altered. We lose our sense of wonder in nature when we become too absorbed in the structures of everyday life. Most of us have jobs and other responsibilities that may keep us indoors. Thinking of those who work remotely.

The people of the Bible lived much closer to the land than we do today. Navigating by the stars was something they did as a matter of course. Jesus's parables reflect a deep knowledge of flocks, fields, and fishing. We can understand these stories better if we grow in our awareness of creation. Pope Francis, like his namesake, St. Francis of Assisi, calls us to read God's presence not only in our holy books but in the holiness of the world around us, plant and animal as well as human.

### Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank you for the beauty of the world around us.  
Please help us to care for it.  
Thank you for caring about us.  
Thank you that, in your eyes, we are beautiful.  
**Amen.**

Reverend Pauline



## 1<sup>st</sup> Stoney Stanton Scout Group

For information on membership - please contact the Leaders listed below

# BEAVERS

### Beaver Scouts

(Age 6 to 8 years)

Meet Wednesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Contact Kerry West

01455 272376

### Cub Scouts

(Age 8 to 10½ years)

Meet Mondays 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Contact Luke Cousin

07843 378904

# cubs

# SCOUTS

### Scouts

(Age 10½ to 14 years)

Meet Fridays 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Contact David 'Sport' Howes

01455 271239

### Explorer Scouts

(Age 14 to 18 years)

Meet Fridays 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Contact Martin Oliver

01455 274050

# EXPLORERS

### For general enquiries contact:

Carl West (Group Scout Leader) on 07711 077606

Group Headquarters The Old Chapel, Broughton Road, Stoney Stanton



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## Safeguarding Day for our Parish – Saturday 20 July 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

In our Parish of Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton our culture has always been that, the safety and well-being of all people, especially children and vulnerable adults, is taken seriously. This year we have continued to hold ourselves to that standard and to prioritise safeguarding.

In order that people may be able to obtain training locally we are going to provide a safeguarding day on 20 July at St Mary's Broughton Astley where both Basic and Foundation training modules will be available.

We will be led by the Diocesan Safeguarding trainer Louise Warner.

We encourage all people in our parish to come along so that they may be better resourced. (Refreshments and lunch will be provided)

This is a day for everyone in the parish whether you have a formal position or not. This will be a time when we can encourage one another and ask any questions we may have.

To help the catering please let us know if you are coming and whether you have any dietary requirements.

Email [pyates@talktalk.net](mailto:pyates@talktalk.net) or phone 01455285978



## Baptisms

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Help is at hand. The Prayer Chain is a group of people who regularly pray for people who are on the prayer chain list.

All requests are treated in confidence. It is up to you how much you want to tell the prayer chain about the request. It can simply be the first name of the person.

Each request is prayed for, from the date of the request, for 1 month. If you want prayers to continue after that month you need to make another request.

**Please contact Jackie March with your request on  
[bacsprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:bacsprayerchain@gmail.com) .**

***You don't have to be a member of the Church to use  
the Prayer chain.***

Jackie March



## Fashion Show

Saturday 4 May was a busy day in the Parish. St Mary's had their Coffee Morning and Community Market, and Croft had their lunch.

In the evening, ladies from across the Parish went to St Mary's for their Fundraising Fashion Show, organised by SOS Charity Fashion Shows.

Models were provided by the Parish and each of our Churches was represented. Each model was asked to select half a dozen outfits from those on display.

A lady from SOS described each outfit as the models made their way down the cat walk (the North aisle of St Mary's Church!)

A variety of outfits for various occasions, skirts, trousers, tops and dresses.

Afterwards, refreshments of wine or juice and savoury nibbles were available, whilst the audience were able to browse the rails of garments and make their purchases.

A raffle was held too!

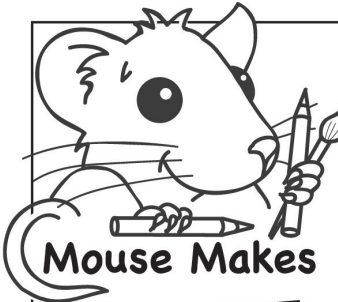
Thanks to SOS Fashions, the organisers at St Mary's, the models and those who came. A lovely evening.

## Keep it short

The minister stood up and said: "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. You'll be glad to know that when I asked my secretary to type this sermon out for me I asked her to eliminate any thing that was dull or confusing. So, in conclusion...."

## Notices outside a church:

Worn out? Come in for a Service!  
This church is not just four weddings and a funeral.



**Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter before it in the alphabet.**

TFF XIBU LJOE PG  
MPWF UIF GBUIFS  
IBT HJWFO UP VT  
UIBU XF TIPVME  
CF DBMMFE  
DIJMESFO PG HPE  
POF KPIO UISFF: POF

**WHO IS MY FATHER?**  
Who was created by God and became the first father?  
— — — — —  
Genesis 2:20

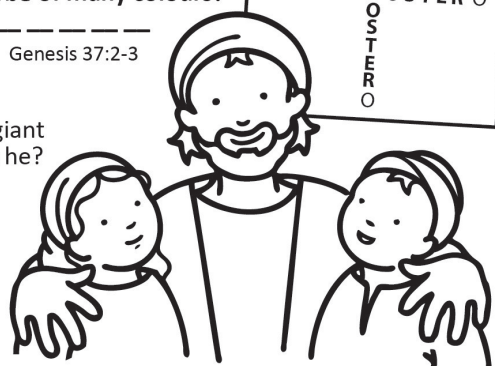
**Who had a son when he was very old?**  
— — — — —  
Genesis 21:5

*Shem Ham and Japheth's father built a huge boat, who was he?*  
— — — — —  
Genesis 6:10-14

**Who gave his son Joseph a robe of many colours?**  
— — — — —  
Genesis 37:2-3

Solomon's father defeated a giant and became a King. Who was he?  
— — — — —  
1 Samuel 48-50

**Whose daughter was healed by Jesus?**  
— — — — —  
Mark 5:21



**AGADAUGHTEREG  
VASEZECHARIAH  
JMOSES AJACOB O  
AZLIBOFATHERP  
IJOSEPHJANOAH  
ROMADAVIDGEHN  
UBOAEIDASONAO  
SVNCEEZEADAMA**

This Roman puzzle square reads the same from the top, bottom and sides and translates: "Arepo the sower guides the wheel with skill."

ROTAS  
OPERA  
TENET  
AREPO  
SATOR

If you rearrange the letters it can spell **PATER NOSTER** which means "Our Father".

A  
P  
A  
T  
E  
R  
N  
O  
S  
T  
E  
R  
O

Look up the Bible verses to find the fathers then look for them and the words below in the word search.

FATHER • GOD  
SON • DAUGHTER  
JOSEPH • ISAAC  
MOSES • JOB  
SOLOMON  
ZECHARIAH  
ZEBEDEE



## The D-Day Normandy Landings

Eighty years ago, on 6 June 1944, the D-Day Normandy Landings took place. More than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. The Battle of Normandy ended on 25 August with an Allied victory.

The question of what the *D* stood for has never been absolutely determined: some say it just stood for Day; others maintain it was Disembarkation, because it was an amphibious operation. What is sure is that there was a spiritual dimension. General Eisenhower, the commander of Operation Overlord, urged those taking part to “beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking”, and President Roosevelt broadcast a prayer to the nation – the United States, that is.

Before June 5 – the original date for D-Day, before bad weather forced a rethink – a massive and successful series of deceptions were put in place to make the Nazis think the invasion would come elsewhere. The Germans were certainly confused. Hitler, thinking the attack was a feint, refused to send reinforcements, and their strategy was hampered by the absence of their brilliant Commander Erwin Rommel, who was on leave.

Nevertheless, the Americans suffered over 2,000 casualties at Omaha Beach, which was the most heavily defended. Altogether it was reckoned that over 4000 Allied troops were killed, but about 156,000 successfully stormed the beaches, and many landed behind the lines, including American paratrooper Private John Steele, who descended on to the pinnacle of the church tower in Sainte-Mère-Église, the first village to be liberated by the U S Army. Lit up by searchlights, he survived by pretending to be dead, was captured and then escaped, joining the invading soldiers.



This year handmade silhouettes of almost 1,500 servicemen were transported to Normandy for an art installation, *Standing with Giants*, to mark the anniversary.

Tim Lenton

## *What's in a name?*

### *June : Alban*

Some years ago a small group of us went down to St. Alban's, to share in the annual pilgrimage, commemorating Alban's martyrdom. It was an unforgettable experience. We walked across the meadows from the Roman remains of Verulamium to the place of execution, the point where England's first martyr met his death. Though overlain with legend, the basic story went that the pagan Alban gave refuge to a Christian priest, fleeing from the authorities, probably sometime during the third century. Impressed by the priest's piety, he was converted and when the soldiers came to fetch the priest out of hiding, he took his place, affirmed his Christian faith, and was taken away to be executed. To witness the story, performed with huge puppets in the place where it all happened is incredibly moving. Pilgrims take red roses to the cathedral shrine adjacent to the traditional place of martyrdom, to symbolise the blood of the martyr.

St. Alban is a patron saint of refugees, his name is derived from the Latin '*albus*' meaning white. He is commemorated on 22 June.



## Enderby Windband Concert at St Mary's 27 April

Saturday 27 April was a first for St Mary's with thirty-two musicians from Enderby Windband just about fitting into the church for an evening of lively and varied music!

With an audience of nearly eighty people, it was a well filled church!

After a welcome from Pauline, the concert began with a march (Death or Glory) after which the band's conductor Tony Rifugiato entertained the audience by interspersing the music with introductions to each piece.



With a wide range of instruments – from flutes and clarinets to bassoon, French horn and percussion – the audience enjoyed different styles of music from Baroque (Greensleeves) to Classical (Elgar's Nimrod) to selections from some musicals, and film music (including The Lion King, and Pirates of the Caribbean).

I am proud to be a member of the band and play in the flute section. The band members are all of different backgrounds, ages and standards – with some excellent players amongst us. There was very good feedback from the audience after the concert, a number of whom

60 years ago, on 4 June 1964 that the Beatles' first world tour was held. Over two months they played 30 concerts in seven countries, beginning in Copenhagen.

50 years ago, on 28 June 1974 that chemists at the University of California, Irvine, published the first report that warned that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) could damage the Earth's ozone layer. CFCs were widely used in refrigerators, air conditioning systems and as aerosol propellants.

40 years ago, on 3 to 6 June 1984 that Indian government troops stormed the Golden Temple in Amritsar, which was being held by a Sikh militant group. More than 1,000 people were killed, including the group's leader. The resulting anger and fighting led to the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that autumn.

30 years ago, on 6 June 1994 that the highest individual score in first-class cricket was achieved. Brian Lara scored 501 not out while playing for Warwickshire against Durham. It is the only score of 500 or more in first-class cricket history.

15 years ago, on 25 June 2009 that Michael Jackson 'the King of Pop', American singer, songwriter, and dancer, died of an anaesthetic overdose, aged 50. His hit songs included *Thriller*, *Bad*, and *Black or White*.

10 years ago, on 29 June 2014 that the jihadist group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS or ISIL or Daesh) formally changed its name to the Islamic State and declared itself a caliphate. It was formed in 1999 as an affiliate of the terrorist organisation Al-Qaeda.

## Grace

The graduation banquet was about to begin when the master of ceremonies was informed that the invited clergyman would not be able to attend. He quickly asked the main speaker to give the blessing. The speaker nodded, rose, bowed his head and in all sincerity, said: "There being no clergyman present, let us thank God."

## All in the month of June

It was:

200 years ago, on 16 June 1824, that a London vicar, Arthur Broome, and some 22 of his friends, including the MPs William Wilberforce (anti-slavery campaigner) met at Old Slaughters Coffee House to found the SPCA - the first national animal protection society in the world. By 1840 Queen Victoria had given permission for it to be called the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

150 years ago, on 22 June 1874, that the first lawn tennis sets went on sale in London. They included balls, racquets, a net, poles, court markers, and instructions. They were designed by Walter Clopton Wingfield, who is credited with having invented modern lawn tennis. Wimbledon began hosting international lawn tennis championships in 1877.

100 years ago, on 8 June 1924 that George Mallory, British mountaineer, disappeared on Mount Everest. His body was found in 1999.

90 years ago, on 30 June 1934 was the Night of the Long Knives: Hitler's execution of a number of senior Nazi officials and hundreds of other (perceived) political opponents.

80 years ago, on 6 June 1944 that D-Day and the Normandy Landings took place. More than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. The Battle of Normandy ended on 25 August. Allied victory.

Also 80 years ago, on 13 June 1944 that Germany launched the first V-1 flying bomb ('doodlebug') attack on London. 9,521 V-1s were fired at London and south-east England during the war.

75 years ago, on 8 June 1949 that George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was published.

70 years ago, on 7 June 1954 that Alan Turing, British mathematician, logician, cryptanalyst, and computer scientist died. Noted for his contributions to code-breaking during World War 2. Considered the father of theoretical computer science and artificial intelligence. Prosecuted for his homosexuality.

particularly enjoyed the piece "Georgia on My Mind" which featured our very talented saxophonist, Cathy.

The concert was in two halves with refreshments in the interval. Thank you to the Social Committee for organising an amazing buffet of savoury snacks with wine/fruit juice and hot drinks. A raffle was drawn before the second half, and the concert then continued, ending with an encore "The Lord of the Dance" – a lively piece which Tony took at an increasingly fast pace!

The band would like to thank St Mary's for hosting the concert and they hope the audience enjoyed the evening as much as they did.

Profits from the evening were split 50:50 with the band

Heather

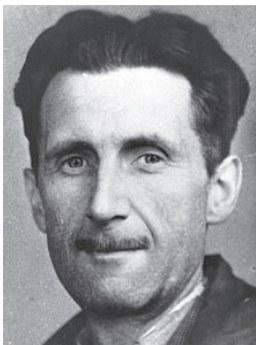


Paxton is inviting you to a  
Tea & Trains afternoon  
On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
@ 27 Cadle Close  
between 2 and 4  
Stoney Stanton

A selection of Garden scale trains will be  
running with refreshments available.  
(Adults are asked for a donation  
to St Michael's Church  
but accompanied children have free entry)



## George Orwell of *Nineteen Eighty-Four*



It was 75 years ago, on 8 June 1949, that George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was published.

The book focuses on a society dominated by central government, whose citizens are kept in line by force and mind control, and by restricting access to the truth. Orwell invented terms like 'Big Brother', 'doublethink' and 'thoughtcrime', and when later societies seemed to veer in that direction they began to be termed 'Orwellian'. It is a word that has not fallen out of use in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Orwell's real name was Eric Blair: he was born in India, but his mother brought the family back to England not long after his birth. He lived in many and varied places, ranging from London and Paris to the Hebridean island of Jura, where towards the end of his life – he died of a burst artery in his lung at the age of 46 – he wrote much of *1984*. But he loved Suffolk, where he lived at Southwold, and the pseudonym Orwell was inspired by a river in Suffolk.

Orwell described himself as an atheist, a humanist and a social democrat, but he regularly attended Anglican churches – including Holy Communion; he involved himself in their activities and had two Anglican weddings, as well as requesting an Anglican funeral.

For the lucid prose of his work as a whole, Orwell has received many accolades, and *The Economist* described him as "perhaps the 20th century's best chronicler of English culture": he felt himself to be a defender of the working class and of such delights as fish and chips, football and strong tea. He was a journalist, a teacher and a policeman, among other things, but as a novelist he was supreme; other striking work includes *Animal Farm* and *The Road to Wigan Pier*.

Tim Lenton

- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

### Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

### May Crossword Solutions

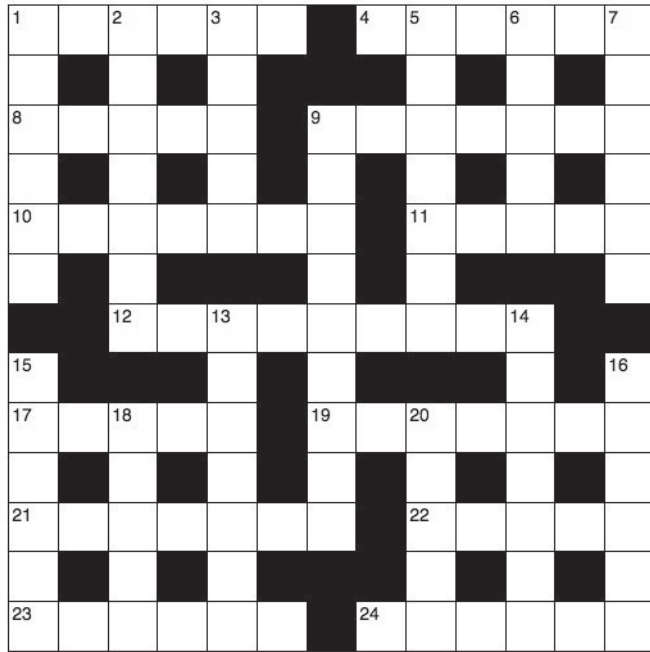
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## Crossword - June



### Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)

## The Chippy Queen of Stoney Stanton



Margaret ran the Chip shop in Stoney Stanton for 22 years, and on Sunday 28 April celebrated her 90th Birthday!

Throughout the day family, friends and villagers came to the Village Hall to wish Margaret a Happy Birthday.

It was a great day and Margaret wishes to thank each and every one who took the time to come and see her. The lovely catch-ups with old customers and friends as well as the beautiful cards and presents she received. She was totally overwhelmed!

A day to truly remember for an amazing lady.



## Tribute to Lord Field

The Bishop of Bristol, Vivienne Faull, and the Bishop of Ramsbury, Andrew Rumsey, who are the Church of England's joint lead bishops for Cathedrals and church buildings, have issued the following statement:



"We are truly saddened to hear of the death of Frank Field (the Rt Hon Lord Field of Birkenhead, CH) following a period of illness.

"Lord Field was deeply committed to the Church of England. As Frank Field, the active and long-serving MP for Birkenhead, he made time alongside his political career to serve from 2006-2016 as Chair of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England, the national advisory and decision-making body on changes to the Church of England's cathedrals.

"Under his leadership, the Commission played a key role in shaping major development works at cathedrals including Norwich, Blackburn, Durham and Wells; supported the installation of innovative works of art at St Paul's and Liverpool; and approved the installation of the first solar panels on cathedral buildings in Bradford and Gloucester. He also helped to secure £40 million of funding for Anglican and Catholic cathedrals under the government's 2014-18 First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund.

"This role followed earlier periods as a member of the General Synod of the Church of England; a Vice-President of the National Churches Trust; Chair of the 2011 King James Bible Trust; and Chair of the Churches Conservation Trust. He was also a member of the Ecclesiastical Committee from 2002 until his death.

"To each role he brought an inquiring mind, a keen sensibility, a drive for action and a deep commitment to the Christian faith.

"We honour the memory of Lord Field and give thanks for all that he contributed to the work of the Church of England, and to wider society."

## The disappearance of George Mallory on Everest



One hundred years ago, on 8 June 1924, the British mountaineer George Mallory disappeared on Mount Everest. His body was found in 1999.

The man who may have been the first to climb Everest went missing with his fellow climber Andrew (Sandy) Irvine after setting off for the summit and encountering deep snow and high winds. It was the third attempt on the summit by that year's expedition.

Another member of the group claimed to have seen them making progress very close to the summit, but doubt was later cast on this: it was extremely misty, and the timing did not seem to fit. There have always been claims that Mallory and/or Irvine reached the summit and fell on the way down: the condition of Mallory's body lent some credence to this, as did the absence of his wife's photograph, which he always carried with him and intended to place on the summit. Sadly, his camera, which could have provided undeniable proof, was never found. Nor was Irvine's body.

Irvine was inexperienced but strong, and an expert on the use of bottled oxygen. Mallory was regarded as the most skilful climber on the expedition, with a "natural, catlike ability". He came from a long line of clergymen, and his first climbing experience, aged seven, was on the roof of his father's church, St Wilfrid's, at Mobberley, in Cheshire. When asked on a lecture tour in 1923 why he chose to go to Everest, he replied: "Because it's there."

The expeditions in the 1920s were forced to take a more difficult and longer northern route because of Nepal's refusal to grant access to the southern side of the mountain. Everest was officially first climbed – and safely descended – by Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay using the southern route in 1953.

Tim Lenton

## Clubs, activities & events in June

### W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 11 June 7:30 pm	"Recycling with a Difference" Sue Drage	
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday 12 June 7:30 pm	"Canine Partners" Glynnis Myall	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 12 June 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 272050 for more information		

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## St Mary's Strawberry Tea 30<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm



Enjoy some delicious **strawberries, scones and tea** (only £5), or cake if you are not a strawberry lover!

- Coffee/tea and a cake for a maximum of £2.50
- Eat inside or outside in the marquee



Come and have fun with our **outdoor games** (small charges apply)

- Test your golf swing control in our **golf** game
- See how many **marbles** you can move with dexterity and speed in our marble game
- Can you hit the target in our **bean bag** game?
- Raffle



*Tony Horsfall, a retreat leader and author recommends a different type of prayer....*

## Using Rest to Pray



Most of us think of prayer as a very demanding activity, but did you know it can be extremely restful?

One of the great verses in the Bible says this: 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). It suggests we experience God most fully when we are still. When we cease rushing around, pausing for a moment of thought and recollection, we are becoming

prayerful, and God is very near. Even a break for a morning coffee can be a moment of prayer, if we slow ourselves down and allow our thoughts to turn towards God.

An essential part of resting is to breathe slowly. Christian tradition has always made a connection between prayer and breathing. You can learn to pray to the rhythm of your breathing, using chosen prayer words to focus. As you breathe in, you might say 'Abba', and then as you breathe out, add the word 'Father'. Choose words which are meaningful to you, deliberately slowing your breathing so you become relaxed and peaceful.

Perhaps you have a favourite chair where you are able to unwind easily. For a few moments sit and do nothing. Simply become aware of the present moment, reminding yourself you are in the presence of God. As you feel yourself relax, bask in the knowledge of God's love and acceptance of you. Sense His smile of approval upon you. You don't have to do anything, just 'be' for a moment. This too is prayer.

Sometimes we are forced to rest by circumstances... illness, disability, growing older and so on slow us down and we can't rush around like we used to do. Never mind. Don't fight against your circumstances. Enter into the place of rest that God is giving you. He loves you for who you are, not for what you do. Turn your thoughts into prayer and offer them to God. You don't need to advise God as to what He should do; simply hold people before Him, leaving the outcome to Him.

## **EFFFI (Elmesthorpe Friends Food and Flower Initiative)**

Raising money for St Mary's Church and other local charities

**Coffee Morning**

**Elmesthorpe Village Hall**

**10:00—11:30**

**Saturday 29 June**

**All Welcome**

**Sports Spectacular!**

**(no physical activity required!)**

**Dress to represent a sport!**

## ***Stoney Stanton Methodist Chapel***

***Coffee Morning***

**Thursday 27 June**

**10:00 am—11:30 am**



**Come and Join Us**



## Coffee Mornings and Lunches

### St Mary's Broughton Astley

Saturday 1 June

10 am— 12 noon

Community Market and Coffee Morning

Including a plant sale

### St Michael and All Angels Croft

Lunch

Saturday 1 June

For more information

Contact Libby on 01455 282629

### St Michael's Stoney Stanton

Saturday 15 June

(Change of date due to the Carnival)

10 am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning

### St Michael's Stoney Stanton 100 Club Draw

#### May

First Prize - £25.00 - No 32 - Sarah Martin

Second Prize - £15.00 - No 20 - Stan Ford

Third Prize - £10.00 - No 33 - Hannah Brooke

There are numbers available for this draw.

Please contact Julie on 07738 764245

Prayer should be a natural expression of our relationship with God. Sometimes we have words, sometimes silence is enough. We don't need to impress God with our fervour. We can relax and be rested, even as we pray.

## Would you recognise your GP?

Probably not. The reason is that nowadays, almost half of patients rarely see the same GP twice.

A recent study has found that 47 per cent of adults who visited a surgery more than once in the past couple of years had never, or rarely, seen the same doctor.

Responding to the findings, the Royal College of GPs said that the reason was that there are simply not enough doctors to ensure continuity of care.

Its chairman, Prof Kamila Hawthorne, said: "We know that continuity of care is highly valued by our patients, particularly those with complex health needs, and has significant benefits for the NHS generally." But while continuity of care is important, "it is not always necessary for all conditions."

Meanwhile, the new NHS [Long Term Workforce Plan](#), unveiled last year, aims to increase the number of GP training places by 50 per cent by 2031/32.



## Tea with Mr Toad



Sunday 5 May was part of a busy weekend in the Parish, as we were invited to take Tea with Mr Toad, at St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton.

Wise Owl Theatre Company introduced us to some of the characters from "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Graham. Toad, Badger, Ratty and Mole. The Director was Matthew Forbes who was Puppetry Director of the National Theatre's award-winning production "War Horse".

The actors and puppets brought the characters to life, telling us about Toad. A fuller version of the story was performed the following weekend at Curve Theatre.

However, a big part of the afternoon at St Michael's was the afternoon tea provided by Julie and her team of helpers. A wonderful selection of sandwiches and cakes and plenty of tea to drink!

The weather was kind to us and it was a lovely afternoon.



Grateful thanks to Wise Owl, and Julie and her helpers (particularly for the turn round between performances!) And a big thank you to those who attended.

Next year we hope to have a production of "Three Little Pigs".

Watch this space for further details.

The sandwich makers!



The tea makers!