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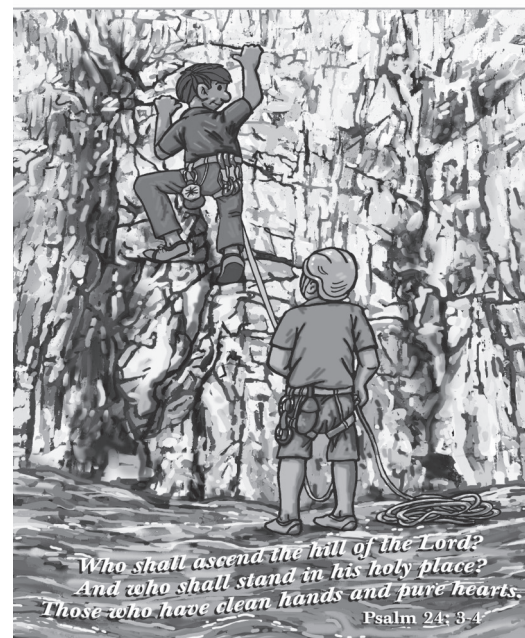


'Parish News'

*The Parish magazine for
Broughton Astley and Croft with
Stoney Stanton*



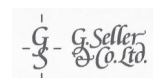
September 2024



*Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.*
Psalm 24: 3-4

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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.....September

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 1 September Trinity 14	10:00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley Patronal Festival		
Sunday 8 September Trinity 15	9:45 am Holy Communion with Baptism	9:30 am Messy Church	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 15 September Trinity 16	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 22 September Trinity 17	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Morning Prayer	11:15 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 29 September Trinity 18	10:00 am United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft Patronal Festival		
Sunday 6 October Trinity 19	10:00 am United Service at St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton Harvest Festival		

Weekday Services:

Broughton Astley: Wednesday 9:30 am A service of Holy Communion

Stoney Stanton: Thursday 9:30 am A service of morning prayer.

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.

(You don't need a Facebook login to see these pages).

<https://m.facebook.com/bacsschurches/posts/>

Dear Friends

September this year brings us new joys and challenges; it has brought the start of a new school year with the excitement that brings. For our parish we have to get used to not having Pauline leading us. During the 20 months she was our priest she reinforced our links with the schools, encouraged us to consider our vocation and calling as people called by God and also encouraged us to look at the way we care for the environment.

It is good that September brings The Season of Creation which is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The "Celebration" begins 1 September, the Feast of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christians.



The theme for Season of Creation this year is to hope and act with Creation, and the symbol is the first fruits of hope, inspired by Romans 8:19-25

The biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Romans 8:22). Saint Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures.

The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. "Creation is

groaning" (Romans 8:22) because of our selfishness and our unsustainable actions that harm her. Along with our Sister, Mother Earth, creatures of all kinds, including humans, cry out because of our destructive actions causing climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, and human suffering as well as Creations suffering.

And yet Creation teaches us that hope is present in the waiting, in the expectation for a better future (cf. Romans 8:20-21). To hope in biblical context does not mean standing still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles.

Creation and all of us are called to worship the Creator, working together for a future of active hope and action. Only when we work together with Creation can the first fruits of hope be born. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life is coming forth.

Our three churches are already seeking to preserve creation with everyday actions and by their Eco Church links; St Michael's has already gained bronze status, St Mary's has gained silver status and St Michael and All Angels is working towards gaining status, what an encouraging sign these are for hope and for new life growing within them.

September also brings us our two patronal festivals and we will celebrate St Mary at the United Service on 1 September at Broughton Astley, then on 29 September we will celebrate the festival of Michael and All Angels at the United service at Croft. This will also be Sebastian's last service before he goes off to university and so we will have an opportunity to thank him for all he has done for music in the parish and wish him well for the future.

With blessings

Peter Yates



1st 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

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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

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Group Headquarters The Old Chapel, Broughton Road, Stoney Stanton

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With Contributions from:
Polly Eaton (Eco Diocese Officer @ ArochaUK)
The Bishop's Children and Youth Council
And inspirational conversations with organisations linked to the 5 areas of the Eco Church award.
Refreshments and lunch can be purchased at the waste-free cafe at Kings Coffee House.



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To book on the above, please follow this link: Leicestershire Eco Church Conversations Tickets, Saturday 14 September 2024 at 10:00 AM Eventbrite <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leicestershire-eco-church-conversations-tickets-929120332927?aff=oddttdcreator>>;



Baptisms

Broughton Astley	Addison Leese Arlie Beedom Rui Beedom
Stoney Stanton	Evie May Holt Ellie May Holt Sophie May Holt Millie Opal Cassell Mason Elliott Cassell

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"Out of the frying pan and into the friar."

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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 .**

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

Jackie March



**Saturday 5 October 6pm,
St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley**

**Harvest Festival
Quiz Night**

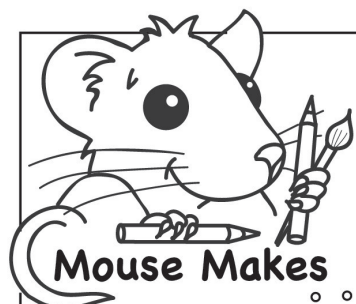
- Come and enjoy a Ploughmans and Apple Pie, and a quiz!
- Everyone welcome!
- Please add your name to a list at the back of each church so we have numbers for catering.



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"May the peoples
_____ you, O God!
May all the peoples praise you!
The land yields its harvest;
God, our God blesses us."
Psalm 67:5-6 NIV

"God ... has shown kindness by
giving you rain from heaven
and crops in their seasons.
He provides you with
plenty of _____. He fills
your hearts with joy."
Acts 14:16-17 NIV

"Honour the Lord with your wealth
and the first part of your harvest."
Proverbs 3:9 ERV

"Let us fear and respect
the Lord our God.
He gives us autumn and
spring _____
at the right time.
He makes sure that we
have the harvest at
just the right time."
Jeremiah 5:24 ERV

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Find the words from the questions too!

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Friday 13 to Sunday 15 December 2024
at St Mary's, Broughton Astley

St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Open 11am to 5pm each day

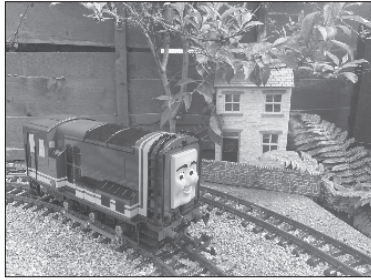
Admission - adults £2, children under 12 free

Refreshments available: tea, coffee and
cakes; soup and roll; bacon, sausage and
turkey and cranberry baps.

Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Sunday
15 December at 4pm.

- **Entry forms to enter a tree**,
available by emailing
moira763@gmail.com,
- also available in church from
September.





**Paxton is inviting you to a
Tea & Trains afternoon
On Sunday 1st 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)*

The TV shows which can wreck your home

Don't believe everything you see on TV. Especially those programmes which show you how easy it is to do DIY jobs around your house.

A recent survey has found that many people who watch these programmes and decide to 'have a go' at a home maintenance project, only end up causing damage.

In fact, a fifth of DIY enthusiasts end up having to fork out an average of £329, just to repair what they have done to their homes.



HomeServe, who did the survey, says: "Often TV shows make the job look easier than it is, and can lead to costly errors." And any work that requires sign-off to meet regulations should *always* be left to a registered plumber or electrician.

60 years ago, on 4 September 1964 the Forth Road Bridge opened in Scotland. It links Edinburgh to Fife across the Firth of Forth. (A second bridge, the Queensferry Crossing, opened in 2017 and largely replaced it.)

50 years ago, on 8 September 1974 that former President Richard Nixon was granted a full and unconditional pardon by his successor Gerald Ford for any crimes he may have committed or participated in while in office. (Nixon had resigned in August after Watergate.)

40 years ago, on 10 September 1984 that British geneticist Alec Jeffreys discovered genetic fingerprinting, also known as DNA profiling. It allowed criminals to be identified from hair, blood, or sweat left at crime scenes. It also allowed families to trace their lineages or determine the paternity of children.

30 years ago, on 22 September 1994 that Roy Castle, British TV presenter, dancer, singer, comedian, actor and musician, died. Best known as the presenter of the children's TV show *Record Breakers*. He himself broke nine world records while presenting the programme, including the fastest tap-dancing.

20 years ago, from 1 to 3 September 2004 that the Beslan school hostage crisis took place in Russia. Armed terrorists took over 1,100 children and adults as hostages. Russian security forces ended the crisis on the third day, entering the school with tanks and heavy weapons. More than 300 hostages were killed, including 186 children. Hundreds more were injured.

10 years ago, on 18 September 2014 that the Scottish independence referendum was held. The citizens of Scotland voted to remain in the UK rather than becoming an independent country. (Independence: 44.7%; Remain in the UK: 55.3%)

Where?

The poster read: *Where will you be on Judgment Day?*
The graffiti below read: *Still waiting for the Stafford bus.*

All in the month of September

It was:

400 years ago, on 10 September 1624 that Thomas Sydenham, English physician, was born. He became known as the 'father of English medicine'. His textbook on medicine became the standard medical textbook in England for the next 200 years.

250 years ago, on 4 September 1774 that British explorer Captain James Cook became the first European to discover New Caledonia in the south-west Pacific, during his second voyage.

150 years ago, on 21 September 1874 that Gustav Holst, was born. This British composer, arranger and educator is best known for *The Planets*.

100 years ago, on 25 September 1924 that British racing driver Malcolm Campbell broke the land speed record for the first time. He recorded a speed of 146mph in a 1921 Sunbeam Grand Prix car at Pendine Sands, Carmarthen Bay, Wales.

90 years ago, on 22 September 1934 that the Gresford Colliery Disaster took place in Wales. An explosion killed 266 miners and rescuers. It was one of Britain's worst coal-mining disasters, but the cause of the explosion remains unknown.

80 years ago, from 17 to 25 September 1944 that Operation Market Garden took place. The Allies attempted a massive airborne invasion of German-occupied Netherlands, but they were forced to withdraw. The story was told in the film *A Bridge Too Far*. The operation included the Battle of Arnhem – German victory.

75 years ago, on 1 September 1949 that the Christmas song *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* was released. It was sung by the American movie-star and singer, Gene Autry, nicknamed the 'Singing Cowboy'.

70 years ago, on 15 September 1954 that the iconic photograph of Marilyn Monroe's billowing skirt as she stood over a New York subway grate was taken during filming for *The Seven-Year Itch*. The event was staged as a publicity stunt.



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Thursday evening: St Andrew's, Aylestone

Thursday evening: Framland

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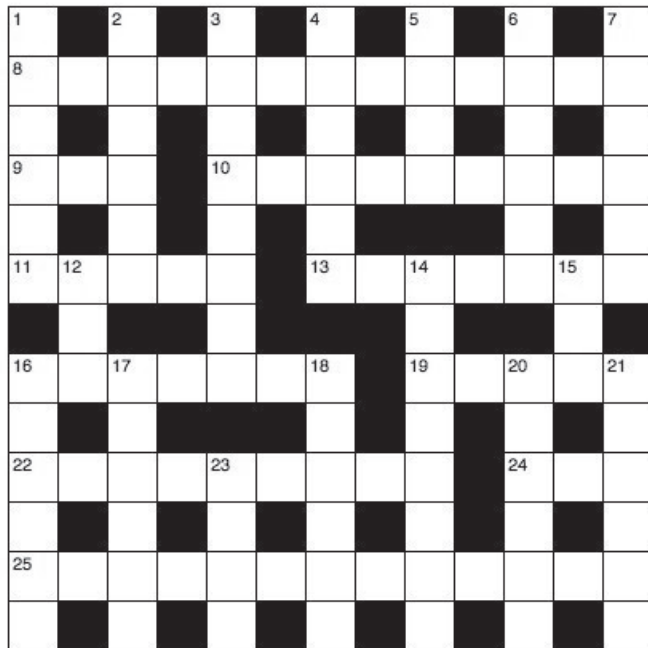
- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

July Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

Crossword - September



Across

- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

What does the course cover?

The course is delivered in thirty sessions of two hours:

Term 1: Exploring Faith:

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Term 2: God's Call and Our Response:

Sessions include an introduction to the Old Testament

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Running through all 3 terms will be evenings entitled Ministry,

Mission and Vocation when we will consider how we discern our gifts, hearing God's call and making our response to God.

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To learn more about the course, a leaflet will be available in each of our churches.

Rev'd Pauline's Last Service in the Parish

Sunday 4 August at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley, was Pauline's last service with us in the Parish. It was our usual United Communion Service, with the side Altar used for the preparation and distribution of the communion.



During the service, Pauline authorised two members of the congregation as Local Ministers. Malcolm Burland for leading the Thursday morning Prayer Service at St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton and Heather Beadle leading the Teddy Bear Bunch at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley.

During her sermon Pauline reminded us that although we are three Churches, we are one Parish, and wished us well for our continued future together.

During the distribution of the communion, the combined BACSS choir sang Mozart's "Ave verum corpus" and after the blessing sang John Rutter's "A Gaelic Blessing" for Pauline.

A collection had been made for Pauline, and a cheque, a bouquet of flowers and cards were presented to her. Pauline's "thank you" is at the end of this article.

After the service, a magnificent spread of food was provided by the



St Mary's Subscription Draw

July

First Prize - £40.00 - No 98 - Mrs M Pawley
 Second Prize - £20.00 - No 5 - Mr R Sweeting
 Third Prize - £10.00 - No 24 - Mrs I Hall

August

First Prize - £40.00 - No 36 - Mrs D Bass
 Second Prize - £20.00 - No 118 - Mr S Windram
 Third Prize - £10.00 - No 191 - Mr R W Thomas

Some numbers still available – an excellent way to support the church and have some fun in these difficult times.
 Contact Tom Cockerill on 01455 698949.

St Michael's Stoney Stanton 100 Club Draw

July

First Prize - £25.00 - No 1 - Sarah & Max Eaves
 Second Prize - £15.00 - No 69 - Deborah Watson
 Third Prize - £10.00 - No 29 - Stephen Humphreys

August

First Prize - £25.00 - No 15 - Guy Carter
 Second Prize - £15.00 - No 7 - Jo Kennedy
 Third Prize - £10.00 - No 68 - Joan Harrison


There are numbers available for this draw.
 Please contact Julie on 07738 764245

Clubs, activities & events in September

W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 10 September 7:30 pm	"Chocolate" a talk and demonstrations Tom Phillips	
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday 11 September 7:30 pm	"How to become a Professional Gatecrasher" Suzi Felstead	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 11 September 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 272050 for more information	"My 40 years journey into Bonsai" Peter Fielding	

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congregation, which was enjoyed by all. Claire Wootton had made a special cake which Pauline cut, and we all shared.

We will miss Pauline, but wish her well in her new Parish.



' There are not enough words to say how much I will miss the congregations of Broughton Astley, Stoney Stanton and Croft and all the people who attend the various activities in the communities that have given me so much joy and of course my first post after my curacy. My prayers will be with you all for wisdom, strength and love in unity.

A very big thank you for the generous gift. I bought something for my home which was so needed and something that I could not afford until now. A new gas cooker!!! I am now a proud owner of a new Indesit ID67GOMCB/UK gas cooker in black, delivered and installed by AO.com which replaced the old cooker with a broken oven door. I will keep you all in my prayers and your cards will be kept as keepsakes to lift my spirits. Much love and hugs Reverend Pauline'

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Charity number: 233476

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 28 September

Golden Memories of School—Perfect Puddings?

Including Macmillan Cancer Support activities

Dress—school-wear or green!

All Welcome

Stoney Stanton Methodist Chapel

Coffee Mornings

Thursday 26 September

10:00 am—11:30 am



Come and Join Us

Coffee Mornings and Lunches

St Mary's Broughton Astley

Saturday 7 September

10 am— 12 noon

Community Market and Coffee Morning

Don't forget your Spuds!

St Michael and All Angels Croft

Lunch

Saturday 7 September

12 noon - 1:30 pm

For more information

Contact Libby on 01455 282629

St Michael's Stoney Stanton

Saturday 14 September

10 am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning

Cucumber

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. "Sorry, mum," he confessed. "I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer."

Not all

Dear Minister: I know that God loves everyone, but He has never met my sister. Love Peter (aged 7)

Teddy Bear Bunch

Hello! I'm writing this to tell you about Teddy Bear Bunch (TBB), which runs every Wednesday during term time, 10:30 am—12 noon. It is held in St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley, and is for all pre-school children and their carers. There is no charge for TBB, although if you would like to make a voluntary contribution for your drink and biscuits, we would be grateful.

It doesn't matter if you are a Mum, Dad, Grandparent, child minder or other carer, you and your little ones are very welcome. Neither does it matter if you consider yourself not to be "churchy", or to have other religious beliefs or none at all, if you care for small children, then TBB is for you.

We have lots of toys for all ages. Probably the favourite toys are our collection of pedal cars. The children love to race them around the church at high speed! Of course, we have quieter toys too. There are construction toys, a play kitchen area, cars, jigsaws and many more. There is also an area with a carpet for babies to sit/roll/crawl on, and there are plenty of toys aimed at this age group. We always have a singing session with action songs, and a story, and afterwards we have craft activity and make something to take home.

Of course TBB is a great place for carers too. It's somewhere to have a coffee, chat with other carers and make friends. You never know, someone else may have gone through the problems you are experiencing with your tot. They may even offer you a solution!

Recently our numbers at TBB have declined as older children have gone to school, pre-school or nursery, or left for other reasons.

So if you would like to come along and try us out, you would be very welcome.

Our first session after the summer is Wednesday 4 September.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lucy Fletcher

What's in a name?

This month – Michael

On 29 September we celebrate the feast-day of St. Michael the Archangel. Two of our local churches are dedicated to St. Michael, something which may, surprisingly, reveal a little of their origins! Like many 'Michael Churches' they are built on or near to a stony rise in the ground. This was often done on former pagan sites to symbolise the supremacy of Christianity, Michael was seen as the Angel who overcame evil. And Croft Church, of course is blessed with the entire angel host!

The name, Michael appears particularly in the Bible in apocalyptic writings, particularly Daniel and Revelation, fighting against the powers of darkness. In its Hebrew form it means 'who is like God?', and over the years it has been given as a dedication to many churches and cathedrals, notably, of course in the Midlands to the Cathedral Church of St. Michael in Coventry. The founders of that church were not to know, of course that in years to come, the dedication would be especially relevant, as the Cathedral was all but destroyed by bombing on 14 November 1940.

Michael is often to be found in its feminine form, as Michelle, Michaela, Micheline among others. Of singularly ancient origins in Hebrew, it is still, nevertheless, a well-loved and popular name.

'Michael'

*Sculpture by Jacob Epstein
at Coventry Cathedral*



Supporting British Olympians

On Tuesday 30 July, the bells of St Michaels Stoney Stanton sounded out in the village for 2 hours and 50 Minutes, as a band of bellringers drawn from across the Midlands rang a Peal of 'Lessness Surprise Major' as a tribute to all our British Olympians.....

A small sample of the method is below (264 lines), and the ringers rang 5088 lines of this to complete their efforts.

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The Midlands group of young ringers made up from Coventry Spires, Worcestershire, Oxfordshire, Leicestershire Foundry Foxes, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and St Martins Guild (the Brumdingers) are booked for their autumn tour to the area in September, and will be ringing at Sapcote and then in the early afternoon at Stoney Stanton on Saturday 14 September before ringing at a further two towers in Warwickshire.

Claire Travis

Well done to all of our young ringers!

Bells of St Mary le Bow



Winter is just around the corner



Winter Warmer
Homemade Soup Lunches start
@ St Michael's Church Church
on Thursday October 3rd



Please come and join us
between 12 and 1:30



Stoney Stanton's young ringers in London!

On Saturday 6 July 2024 after much preparation over the previous months Tom and Joseph from Stoney Stanton journeyed to London to take part in The Ringing World National Youth contest.

Although Tom and Joseph both ring at Stoney Stanton they were in different Youth teams due to other commitments in their week. Tom in the Leicester Foundry Foxes team and Joseph ringing with Coventry Spires.

For those not in the know The Ringing World is the ringers weekly magazine and The Ringing World National Youth Contest for the Whitechapel Trophy, was first held in March 2011, and was initially conceived as a "one off" event as part of the Ringing World's Centenary celebrations. However, after the resounding success of this first contest, in which twelve teams took part, The Ringing World decided to hold the National Youth Contest again and thus it became firmly established as an annual event in the ringing calendar, held on various Saturdays in June or July.

Each year sees the contest held in a different location in the UK last year was York. This year was London! The day, besides the ringing competition, includes a ringing tour (opportunity to ring at different towers), ringing on mini rings and hand bells. So lots to occupy the teams and those supporting to see and do, whilst waiting for their time slot at the contest tower.

Both Joseph and Tom's teams were in the 8 bell call changes competition. There was also 8 bell method ringing being judged. Plus at another tower 6 bell call changes and 6 bell method ringing taking place. The entry options accommodate various abilities and tower sizes. Call changes are one of the first things a ringer learns after learning how to ring and bell control. Once proficient at call changes they can then begin the process of moving onto method ringing.

Joseph and Tom got to ring at various towers in London during their day there. The headquarters for the day was at St Mary le Bow, and all teams had the opportunity to ring on the world famous 41cwt 12.

Joseph rang the 10th and 11th bells at St Mary le Bow finding it a "great experience although challenging".

Mini rings are a different experience in many ways due to how they are very light bells in comparison to a church tower bell. Often held in a framework that can travel in a small lorry or even a trailer!

The results ceremony in the nave of St Paul's Cathedral at the end of the day was a very special space to be welcomed into. There was a record breaking 37 teams from around the UK (Cornwall to Durham to Kent) in London this year.

The results!

Marked out of 10

8 bell call changes section for the Robert Lewis Trophy

9th place - (score 5.5) Sussex, Coventry Spires, Winchester & Portsmouth

8th - (6) Leicester Foundry Foxes

7th - (6.5) Surrey, Go bellistic (Salisbury)

6th - (7) Brumdingers (St Martins Guild, Birmingham)

5th - (7.5) Bath & Wells

4th - (8) Bucks & Berks, Young at Herts

3rd - (8.5) Kent

2nd - (9) Essex

1st - (9.5) Worcester Cathedral young ringers winning the 8 bell call changes section.

The other competition sections results:

Nottingham young ringers won the 6 bell call changes

Yorkshire Tykes won the 8 bell method section for the Whitechapel Trophy.

Durham & Newcastle won the 6 bell method section

After an amazing day of ringing, and ringing experiences it was a further walk, ride on the tube or buses back to get a train homeward bound.

The various ringing associations around Leicester, Coventry and Nottingham all have a youth section. The Young ringers section are to encourage and welcome new young ringing members to join them. If you're interested in learning to ring and are aged 10-11 years old or older then contact your local tower captain or ringing master, to discuss. Learning to ring or volunteering can be part of a section for Duke of Edinburgh awards.