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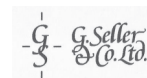


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Each Church also has a hearing loop system.

Services.....March

Sunday 30 March



	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 2 March Sunday before Lent	10:00 am United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft		
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday	9:30 am Service of Holy Communion with Ashing	7:30 pm Service of Holy Communion with Ashing	
Sunday 9 March 1st Sunday Lent	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Messy Church	11:15 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 16 March 2nd Sunday Lent	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion with Baptism	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 23 March 3rd Sunday Lent	9:45 am Morning Prayer	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:15 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday	10:00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley		
Sunday 6 April 5th Sunday Lent	10:00 am United Service at St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton		

Weekday Services:
Broughton Astley: Wednesday 9:30 am Either a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer
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).

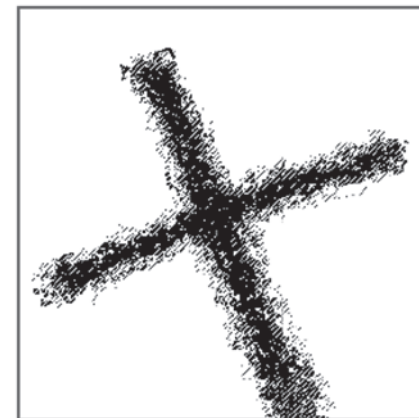
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Dear Friends -

Lent is a time of reflection. A time when we can make space in our lives to think about our relationship with our heavenly Father and the ways in which we are responding to his love and care for us.

One of the problems we face in making a loving response is that we may have a hazy or distorted image of God. This image can result from a number of things -

- As children, we may have received ideas of God which have remained with us in adult life.
- We may have had difficulty coping with a crisis and feel that we were abandoned by God at that time.
- We may have found it difficult to cope with changes in our life and/or in the Church, and feel lost and distanced from the God we thought we knew.
- We may have had a bad experience in a church context which has made us question the God that church claims to worship.
- We may in fact, have no feelings of faith, which prompts us to question whether there is a God at all.



All these reasons are understandable. It's very easy to "lose" the real God in our world and in our life. It's easy to come to feel like a displaced person or a wandering soul in search of a home. The fact that we do wonder and we do question is a healthy sign. It shows that God and our faith are still of significance to us. The rumour of God is alive and kicking, even if we sometimes feel very unsure of what to do about it. It shows too, that we care enough to be conscious of the existence of "something more" than the surface experiences of life.

I hope that you will feel able to come along this Lent and join with us in our joint exploration of our relationship with our heavenly Father.

Yours in Christ

Vic Goodman

ELECTORAL ROLL

A new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have their name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than 4 May 2025.

Application forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Churchwardens or from the Electoral Roll Officer:

Tom Cockerill, 9 Osprey Close, Broughton Astley, Leicester LE9 6RS.

SPUD-U-GROW IS BACK!

By popular request, the St Mary's Church Potato Growing Challenge returns for 2025.

Can you beat last year's winning total of a crop weighing 2.5kg grown in a bucket from a single seed potato? Collect your bucket and seed potato (£2.50) at the Community Market on Saturday 5 April. Judging will take place at the Community Market on Saturday 6 September.



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(Age 10½ to 14 years)

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(Age 14 to 18 years)

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EXPLORERS

We are currently looking for adults interested in joining our team of volunteer leaders who provide a wide range of Scouting activities for all of the age groups.

For more information on this or youth membership please contact

Carl West (Group Lead Volunteer) on 07711 077606
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For general enquiries contact

Stuart Wilson (Group Trustee Board Secretary) on 07929 479970
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Katherine Fowler



Have you ever felt you would like someone to pray for you? Or maybe there is someone you know who needs prayers.

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 .

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Jackie March



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50 years ago, on 26 March 1975 that the Biological Weapons Convention came into effect. This multilateral disarmament treaty banned the development, production and stockpiling of all biological and toxin weapons.

40 years ago, on 3 March 1985 that British miners voted to return to work after a year-long strike over pit closures and job losses.

30 years ago, on 2 March 1995 that the 'rogue trader' Nick Leeson was arrested for his role in the collapse of Barings, Britain's oldest merchant bank. Four days later, on 6 March, the Dutch bank ING purchased Barings, for the nominal price of £1.

Also 30 years ago, on 26 March 1995 that the Schengen Treaty came into effect in the European Union. Seven nations (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain) eliminated their internal border controls and tightened their external borders.

20 years ago, on 10 March 2005 that Dave Allen, Irish comedian, died.

10 years ago, on 12 March 2015 that Terry Pratchett, British fantasy novelist best known for his Discworld series, died of Alzheimer's, aged 66.

Also 10 years ago, on 24 March 2015 that the Germanwings Flight 9525 crashed in the French alps, killing all 150 people on board. An investigation found that the co-pilot had deliberately caused the crash. His doctor had declared him unfit to fly due to suicidal tendencies, but he had reported for work anyway.

All in the month of March

It was:

250 years ago, on 23 March 1775 that Patrick Henry, a Founding Father of the United States, gave a famous speech at the Second Virginia Convention. He called for America's independence from Britain, saying "Give me liberty or give me death!"

175 years ago, on 5 March 1850 that the Britannia Bridge linking Anglesey and mainland Wales across the Menai Strait was officially opened. Designed and built by railway engineer Robert Stephenson, it had to be replaced after a disastrous fire in 1970.

150 years ago, on 7 March 1875 that the French composer Maurice Ravel was born. Best known for *Bolero*.

125 years ago, on 28 March 1900 that the British archaeologist Arthur Evans began excavating the ancient city of Knossos, capital of the Minoan civilisation, in Heraklion, Crete. Knossos is regarded as the oldest city in Europe. It was abandoned (unknown reasons) more than 3,000 years ago.

100 years ago, on 21 March 1925 that Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh was officially opened.

90 years ago, on 16 March 1935 that driving tests were first introduced in Britain. Three days later, on 19 March, a speed limit of 30 mph in built-up areas was also introduced, under the Road Traffic Act of 1934.

80 years ago, on 24 March 1945 that Operation Varsity took place in Wesel, Germany. The USA, Britain and Canada carried out the largest single-day airborne landing operation in history, involving more than 16,000 paratroopers and thousands of aircraft. Allied victory.

70 years ago, on 11 March 1955 that Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish bacteriologist died. Joint winner of the 1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering penicillin

60 years ago, on 8 March 1965 that the first US troops arrived in Vietnam. This marked the beginning of the USA's main involvement in the war.

Pancake and Beetle Drive Party at St Mary's



Saturday **8th March at 6pm**



Come and enjoy some fun dice throwing to build your beetles and then eat pancakes!



**£10 per person on the door
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Includes:

- A supper of a savoury and a sweet pancake
- First drink (glass of wine or juice)
- Please add names to the sign-up sheet or let Moira know if you hope to come (Moira763@gmail.com or 07951 134920)



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BEETLE DRIVE



What's in a name?

Two quite different names this month!

Joshua

'Joshua'..... or as many young men prefer it 'Josh' is Hebrew in origin, famous as the name of the successor of Moses as leader of the Israelites, who led them on the final trek into the Promised Land.

The name (in Hebrew Yehoshua), means 'Yaweh is salvation'. The name 'Jesus' is derived from its Greek form.

It is hard to find a feminine form of the name, perhaps one of our readers will know of one?

Joshua comes down to us as a great hero – almost a war-lord, who, appointed by Moses as a military leader, following Moses' death, conquered Canaan and famously destroyed the besieged city of Jericho, signalling the end of the town with the sound of the sacred ramshorns, blown by seven priests as they encircled the ramparts.

The name has become popular over the years both as a Christian name and as a surname

Chloe

Chloe is a well-known name in the fashion world, and even those who are not well enough off to buy clothes of that brand will know of its exquisite perfumes!

The name is associated with elegance and charm, coming from a Greek word indicating 'blooming' or 'green shoots'. – singularly appropriate for springtime. In mythology it is found alongside that of Demeter, the fertility goddess.

Chloe is the name of one of those many obscure women mentioned by Paul in his letters, of whom we would love to know more! She is mentioned as hosting a 'church', a gathering which would probably have taken place in her house, in his first letter to the people of

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust in you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Amen.



Thinking about Prayer.....

'I have no idea where I am going'

The hermit, Thomas Merton, had a somewhat chequered path through life and this month's prayer was written at a time in his life, when he, like so many of us, faced a sense of uncertainty.

Born in 1915, he was of 'mixed' parentage, his parents meeting at art school in Paris. His father was a New Zealander, his mother American. Tragically losing his mother at a very young age, he travelled in France with his artist father and spent some time in a French Lycée before transferring to Uppingham School in England. After an unsuccessful time at Cambridge, he eventually returned to the States, where his grandparents still lived.

Though he is known to have had close relationships with women, he was drawn to Catholicism and the monastic life, eventually entering the Trappist monastery of Gethsemane in Kentucky, where he would live for 27 years. By this time it was apparent that he was a gifted writer, and was encouraged by his superiors in the order to publish a great deal, both prose and poetry. His writing encompassed themes of spirituality social justice and pacifism. Despite becoming the Novice Master in the monastery, he yearned for the life of a hermit, and eventually, after much examination within his community, his desire was granted. He lived for the most part in a simple building in the grounds of the monastery while sharing in the daily round of services.

Through his writing he became known as a social activist, and tragically died in 1968, while at a conference in Bangkok, electrocuted in a faulty shower.

Thomas Merton left a huge amount of wise and valued writings, a truly gifted 'man of prayer'. However, the prayer below has become a great favourite of many people over the years, relating as it does to the internal conflict experienced by so many Christians.

Corinth. He describes it as 'Chloe's people'. There had been argument within the church on many fronts, as would be expected in a disparate new sect, and Paul's letter sets about setting things in some sort of order..

However it would be lovely to know more about this first century woman, who, despite Paul's strictures against women later in the letter, sounds as if she was in a position of leadership.

For an insight into the lives of first century Christian women, Paula Gooder's fictional accounts 'Lydia' and 'Phoebe, a story' are well worth reading. Available from a variety of booksellers.



New meanings

Dogma - a puppy's mother

Polygon - a lost parrot



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Saturday 4th October 2025

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- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

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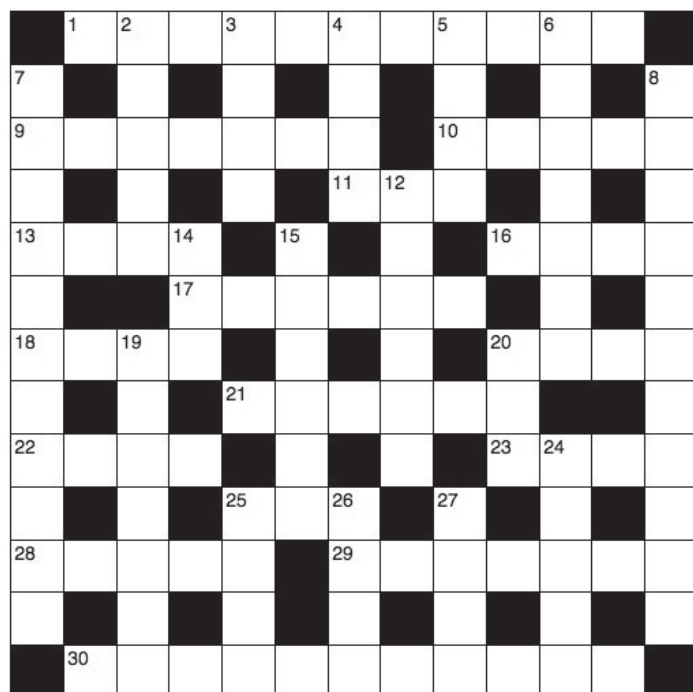
- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

February Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: 8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

DOWN: 1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

Crossword - March



Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)



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Saturday 4th October 2025

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This is a fundraiser event, raising money for Croft Church. We will also have a raffle, so please do bring some cash with you

Leek and potato soup (gf) (dfa)

Smoked salmon and king prawn terrine (gf)

Creamy garlic mushrooms served on a bruschetta (gfa/dfa)

Tomato and mozzarella stack served with a pesto drizzle (gf)

Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding (gfa)

Chicken stuffed with apricot, sage and onion stuffing wrapped in bacon served with a thyme jus (gfa)

Poached salmon with a citrus crust served with a hollandaise sauce (gf)

Mediterranean wellington with a rustic tomato sauce (vegan)

Served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes

Profiteroles with a chocolate sauce (gfa)

Apple and mixed berry crumble (gfa, dfa)

Pavlova (gf)

Cheese and biscuits (gfa, dfa)

Tea or Coffee

Most dishes can be altered to suit dietary requirements we just need to know beforehand
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Dress Code: Black tie / lounge suit, evening or cocktail dress

Timings: 19:00 for 19:30. Carriages at 23:00

Seating: Guests will be seated on shared tables of 8 to 10 people. For parties of 8 or more wishing to be seated together please contact Claire Wootton and we will do our best to accommodate your party.
 To book your place, please contact Claire Wootton at CroftChurchSecretary@gmail.com or 07423 041399 and we will provide bank details for BACS transfer or we will accept cash or cheques payable to Croft Parochial Church Council. Following payment confirmation, we will forward a link to a Google Form to submit your menu choices and contact details. For those without internet access, please call us and we will get your place booked.

School Governor Vacancy in Broughton Astley

Orchard Church of England Primary School's Governing Board has a vacancy for a foundation governor.

Foundation governors are nominated by the Parish and appointed by the Diocese. They share equally with other governors the duty of carrying out the governing board's wide range of responsibilities. Governors do not run the school day to day as their role is strategic. Amongst other tasks, they ensure that the head teacher performs her responsibilities for the educational performance of the school and ensure the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources. You do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor, and we value the experience and skills that all governors bring to the role. However, you will be expected to demonstrate skills and experience that will enhance governance at the school, a commitment to undertake training and a willingness to engage in the life of the school and its strategic development, over and above merely attending meetings.

As a foundation governor, the Board would be keen for you to become involved with visits to talk to staff and children about the school's core values. You might also be interested to observe collective worship and the teaching of religious education.

If you join our governing board, you will serve for a four-year term. Being a governor does take up time. There are at least four governing board meetings each year and governors usually serve on one or more committees which meet once each term. You will need to set aside time to be able to be an effective governor: time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the school and to undertake training.

To discuss the role further or to arrange to visit the school, please contact the school on 01455 283247 or e-mail admina5@orchardcofe.leics.sch.uk and the Head Teacher or Governance Professional will contact you.

Thank you.



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Clubs, activities & events in March

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Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 11 March 7:30 pm	"The Agony and Ecstasy of a Canal Hotel Boater" Barry Watson	
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday 12 March 7:30 pm	"Indian Cookery Demo" Shumaila Saleem	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 12 March 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 272050 for more information	"Ringtons" Talk and Sale of Goods	

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Can you tell whether a tree is an apple tree or a pear tree? Not easily when they are in blossom, but very easily when they bear fruit. Bearing fruit takes time and a lot of planting, preparation, nurture and growth.

March is the time of year when gardeners begin to plant seeds ready for summer, but patience is needed – the seeds will take a while to germinate, and the gardener needs to write the names of seeds on labels and not forget which are fruit, flowers and vegetables. The seeds need to be in the dark, or the light, or the warmth or the cool, depending at what stage of life they are at.

So too, is God with us. God writes our names on His heart; God knows what fruit we can bring forth. God nurtures us and gives us light to grow. But first, we need to be planted and that can be scary.

Maybe you are feeling in a cold dark place this March, maybe it feels as if you've been buried, maybe you've got a weight above you and you can't see the way out. Just think that maybe you've been buried because you've been planted.

With patience there will be warmth and light, be like a seed, trust God, and begin to grow out of the darkness towards God's marvellous light. We won't see fruit immediately; we have to be nourished and mature and ripen. Patience will be given to us, fruit of the seed of the Holy Spirit.



How do we find the next Archbishop of Canterbury?

It is not a simple process. And now Stephen Knott, The Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments, has written to members of General Synod to confirm expected timings for the process of nominating the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

He writes: "The Canterbury Diocese 'Vacancy in See' process commenced in December and, late last year, it was announced from Downing Street that the Prime Minister had appointed Lord (Jonathan) Evans of Weardale to chair the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC). My colleagues and I are supporting Lord Evans, working with him on the detailed planning.

"During February and March, Jonathan Hellewell (the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary) and I will undertake an extensive consultation exercise and, as part of this consultation, it will be possible for you to contribute.

"The themes that emerge through this consultation will then sit alongside the 'Statement of Needs' produced by the Diocese of Canterbury, as well as other information provided by the National Church and Anglican Communion, in informing the CNC of the needs of the mission of the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion.

"It is expected that the full membership of the Commission will be known by mid-March, by which time the names of the three individuals elected from the Diocese of Canterbury's Vacancy in See Committee, the outcome of the election of the episcopal member(s), the Central Members and the Anglican Communion representatives will be announced.

The election process for the episcopal membership will be overseen by the Central Secretariat and further information on this will be circulated in the next weeks.

"Once the Diocese of Canterbury's Vacancy in See process has concluded, the extensive consultation exercise has been completed, and the full membership of the CNC is known, the Commission will convene for its first meeting in May, followed by

Coffee Mornings

St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley

Saturday 1 March

10 am— 12 noon

Community Market and Coffee Morning

St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton

Saturday 8 March

10 am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning

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 March

Games Galore!

Wear hearts/diamonds/clubs/spades!

All Welcome

Stoney Stanton Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

Thursday 27 March

10:00 am—11:30 am

Come and Join Us



Saturday Lunches

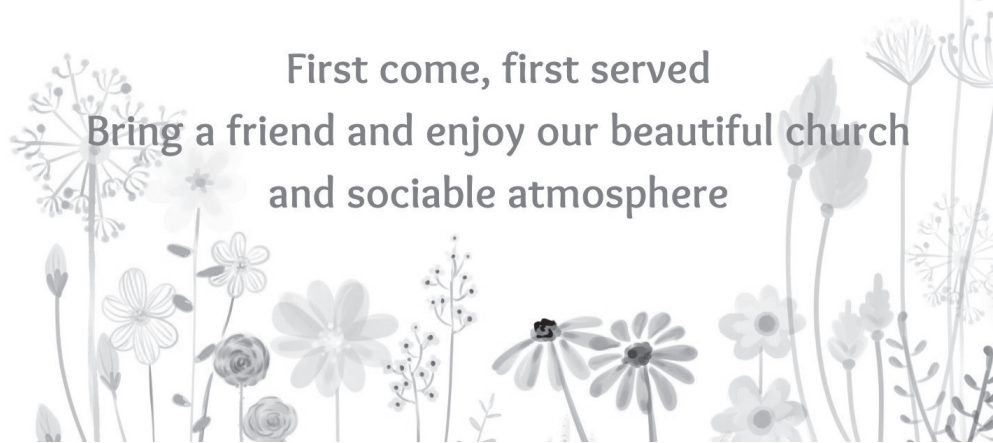
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FROM 12:00 - 13:30

Join us at St Michael and All Angels Church,
Croft for a two course lunch with tea/coffee

MARCH
APRIL

£5 per person
payable in cash on the day

MAY
JUNE



First come, first served
Bring a friend and enjoy our beautiful church
and sociable atmosphere

two further meetings – one in July and one in September.

“Through these meetings, the Commission will agree the ‘Role Profile’ and ‘Person Specification’ for the next Archbishop, as well as longlist, shortlist and interview potential candidates.

“While the discernment of the Crown Nominations Commission is necessarily confidential, we are committed to sharing relevant updates and information whenever available. To provide clarity on the timeline and sequence of events concerning the appointment and CNC process, there is a dedicated page on the C of E website for your reference.” <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance/archbishops/appointing-new-archbishop-canterbury>

St Mary's Subscription Draw

February

First Prize - £40.00 - No 25 - Mrs C Pyle
Second Prize - £20.00 - No 41 - Mrs L Colwell
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 6 - Mr D Gardner

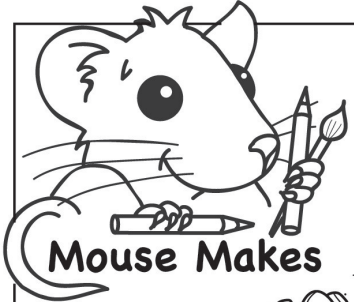
Some numbers still available – an excellent way to support the church
and have some fun in these difficult times.
Contact Tom Cockerill on 01455 698949.

St Michael's Stoney Stanton 100 Club Draw

February

First Prize - £25.00 - No and Name withheld
Second Prize - £15.00 - No 94 - Owen Burbage
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 19 - Robert Cox

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



Mouse Makes


THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?

Luke 4:1

Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

Luke 4:8



For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

Luke 4:2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

Luke 4:3

Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

Luke 4:8

Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

Luke 4:12

What happened after the temptation of Jesus? see Luke 4:14-15

Luke 4:15

READ

the story in

Luke 4:1-13

JESUS • LED
WILDERNESS
DESERT
TEMPTATIONS
DAYS • DEVIL
HUNGRY • SON
STONE • ROCK
KINGDOMS
WORLD • GLORY
WRITTEN
SCRIPTURE
WORSHIP • ONLY
SERVE • LORD
JERUSALEM
HIGH • TEMPLE
THROW • DOWN
JUMP • ANGELS
HANDS • HOLD
LIFT • FOOT

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Find the words from the questions too!

Beware of these contagious diseases in church

Frontophobia: A morbid fear of the front seats in church. The sufferer is struck by an attack just inside the church door, and so collapses in the nearest back seat.

Ear Frequency Destruction: Caused by sitting near the loudspeaker when the minister is singing full volume, off-key, etc., into the microphone.

Sermonic Throat: A dreaded choking caused by the start of the sermon. The sufferer unwraps a sweet very slowly and noisily, which seems to effect a complete cure.

Double Auricular Clearance: A condition due to the simultaneous opening of both ear ducts, which allows sound to enter one ear and leave the other without any absorption thereof. Condition is acute during Bible reading and sermon.

Accelerated Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing faster than the organ.

Retarded Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing slower than the organ.

Theexits: A condition where the sufferer rushes for the exit before the minister gets there.

Church Meeting Paralysis: This can strike suddenly, when a post in the church needs filling. A good dose of enthusiasm works wonders with this sad affliction.

