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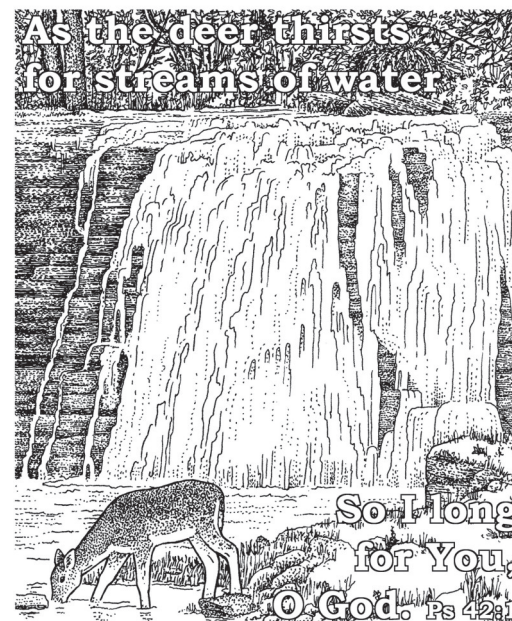


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The Parish magazine for Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

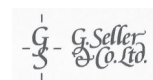


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Services.....August

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 3 August Trinity 7	10:00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley		
Sunday 10 August Trinity 8	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Messy Church	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 17 August Trinity 9	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion With Baptism	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 24 August Trinity 10	9:45 am Holy Communion	10:00 am Café Church	11:15 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 31 August Trinity 11	10:00 am United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft		
Sunday 7 September Trinity 12	10:00 am United Service Venue to be decided		

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.

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Services.....July

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 6 July Trinity 3	10:00 am United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft with attendance of representatives of the Royal British Legion to mark VE & VJ days		
Sunday 13 July Trinity 4	9:45 am Holy Communion	10:00 am Café Church	11:15 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 July Trinity 5	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion With Baptism	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 27 July Trinity 6	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Morning Prayer	11:15 am Morning Prayer

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Friends

My thoughts started on a boat in the middle of the Bristol Channel. Psalm 107 has a section about those who go on the sea in ships who see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep. The Israelites shared with all the people of the Ancient Middle East a deep awe for the sea, particularly its untameable and destructive power in storms and giant waves. It was regarded as an example of the hostile forces that threatened to overwhelm their society and good order. For the other nations it was touch and go whether their gods could defeat these forces but for the Israelites these forces were under the complete control of God who had set limits to their power.

The sea was fairly calm that day so there was not much of the power but for sights there was a dolphin following the boat and every so often it broke surface. As there was a party of school children aboard we all knew when that happened from the noise.

The reason of the voyage is to see the puffins on Lundy (or Puffin Island as the Vikings named it). These birds arrive sometime in May and depart sometime in July. This is the only time they are on land and they spend most of the year somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean. They nest in burrows on very steep grass slopes over some cliffs so you can only see them from a distance and need strong binoculars. You see one bird standing at the entrance waiting for the partner to return with the next meal for the chick. The returning bird flies straight in to the nest site from the sea and then they change places. Only one egg is laid each year.

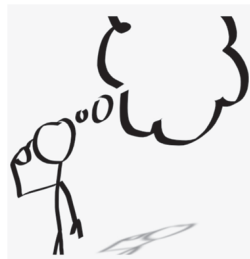
Because of its position there have been many shipwrecks on the island and as a result a large population of rats developed. These could go into the burrows and eat the egg or chick and as a result the population of puffins declined. At the start of this century it was down to 13 birds. A rat elimination project was started and the island is now rat free and the puffin population is now up to about 1000. Other nesting seabirds have also benefited. Remove a problem and nature has the ability to bounce back - another wonder of the Lord.

The changes in routine on holiday can be a time to rest and relax but also a time to see new things or familiar things in a new light to add to the wonders of the Lord. Whatever you do over the next couple months have a good time, enjoy yourself and may you travel safely.

Lester



To be Confirmed



What is Confirmation? When we confirm something we say 'yes'. At Confirmation we say yes to Jesus' call to follow him on our journey through life. We confirm our faith in him. Parents and godparents may have said yes for us at our baptism as a child, but Confirmation gives us the chance to say yes for ourselves. Are you thinking about making a deeper commitment to your faith by preparing for Confirmation? Or would you be interested in a "refresher course" on the basics of what it means to be a Christian and a member of the Anglican Church? There will be a short course of two or three sessions after morning service on Sundays in October and November.

For more details please contact Paula Atkinson 07581 574340.

Around the Churches

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Facilities

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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.

I would ask you to check that the person you are requesting is OK about being on the prayer chain.

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.

St Michael's Stoney Stanton 100 Club Draw

June

First Prize - £25.00 - Name and number withheld
 Second Prize - £15.00 - Name and number withheld
 Third Prize - £10.00 - No 63 - Caroline Reene

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Please contact Julie on 07738 764245



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Cub Scouts

(Age 8 to 10½ years)

Meet Mondays 6.30pm to 8.00pm

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SCOUTS

Scouts

(Age 10½ to 14 years)

Meet Tuesdays 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Interested in playing a part in delivering lifetime skills for young people ?
We have a whole host of options for adults, from actual team leadership
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For more information on this or youth membership
please contact:-

Carl West (Group Lead Volunteer) on 07711 077606
gslstoneystanton@hotmail.com

For general enquiries contact

Stuart Wilson (Group Trustee Board Secretary) on 07929 479970
Group Headquarters The Old Chapel, Broughton Road, Stoney Stanton

Regular Midweek Services and Events

9:30 am - Every Wednesday – Either Morning Prayer or Holy Communion Service at Broughton Astley

9:30 am – Every Thursday – Morning Prayer at Stoney Stanton.

Third Monday each month, Bible Study House Group, in Broughton Astley, 2.30 – 4.00 ish pm. Please contact Paula Atkinson, 07581 574340.

Second Tuesday each month, Prayer Group meets at St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton 7.30 pm for a time of quiet prayer. Please contact Carol Ford 07779 841555.

Every Wednesday during Term Time,
10:30 am – 12 noon Teddy Bear Bunch for pre-school children at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley.

Home Communion

If anyone within the Parish wishes to receive Holy Communion at their home, please contact

John Bass 01455 640381 who will be able to help you, and arrange to visit you.

Murder

Do you see a lot of murders? On TV, that is. According to the star of Gavin and Stacey, James Corden, television these days has become pretty much “wall-to-wall” murder.

Corden believes that audiences deserve more programmes that feature love and kindness, instead. He says: “If there was an alien species that came to Earth, they would assume that all of us know multiple murderers, and that we’re involved or implicated in murder somewhere.”

So, what is there about a murder mystery that still so attracts us?

Canon Paul Hardingham considers a bedrock of our Christian belief: that Jesus is the Son of God.

The Nicene Creed part 2: Who is Jesus?

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

This month we are looking at what the Nicene Creed affirms about the person of Jesus Christ.

‘We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God’:

Jesus is presented as the unique Son of God. This reflects the big debate at the time, which was to counter the teachings of Arius, who taught that Jesus was the first and greatest of God’s creatures, but not the same as God the Father.

Today we can be more concerned about Jesus’ authority as a moral teacher, neglecting that Jesus the man is also truly God. *‘We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father’* (John 1:14).

‘eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father’: These words affirm the divinity of Jesus. The phrase *‘begotten not made’* is crucial in understanding Jesus as the unique Son of the Father, who existed eternally of the same divine nature as the Father.

‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning’ (John 1:1,2). It is a powerful reminder that our belief revolves around trusting a person, not simply in a set of beliefs and moral teaching.

‘through Him all things were made’: The Creed affirms that Jesus the Son cannot be made, because through Him all things were made and only God can create from nothing.

‘Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.’ (John 1:3). This implies that our world was made good, with a purpose in which we can share.

The author of these words, William Whiting, was an Anglican clergyman in Winchester, which is hardly a seaside town. Yet Whiting had not only grown up by the sea, but had nearly died in it. As a young man he had been on a ship that got caught in a violent storm, and afterwards he felt certain it was only God who had saved the ship from sinking that night.

Some years later, as headmaster of the Winchester College Choristers’ School, Whiting was approached by a student in distress. The student was due to sail to the USA and was simply terrified at the thought of 3,000 miles of ocean. To try and reassure the student, Whiting decided to share his experience. And so, he wrote this poem, basing the description of the power and fury of the sea on Psalm 107.

It is not known if it helped the nervous student or not, but within a year the poem had become a hymn, and soon sailed into the influential first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* of 1861.

Another Anglican clergyman, John B Dykes, wrote the music for it. He was already a successful composer, with 300 hymns to his name. Dykes named this tune ‘Melita’, after an old name for Malta, where St Paul was once shipwrecked. Whiting released two more versions of the lyrics, in 1869 and in 1874.

During the rest of the 19th century the hymn became a favourite with the Royal Navy and the United States Navy. Other Services adapted it, including the Royal Marines, the Royal Air Force, the British Army, and the United States Coast Guard. Above all, it became known as the Royal Navy Hymn.

Well into the 20th century, it was the favourite hymn of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who had served as Secretary of the Navy during the Second World War. In 1963 *Eternal Father* was played by the Navy Band, as President John F. Kennedy’s body was carried up the steps of the U.S. Capitol to lie in state. (Kennedy had been a PT boat commander in World War II.)

More recently, *Eternal Father* made a ‘guest appearance’ in the Hollywood blockbuster *Titanic*, and is also often chosen by ship’s chaplains for use in civilian services at sea.

The story behind the hymn: Eternal Father Strong to Save

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!*

*O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!*

*Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!*

*O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

Also, Jesus has the last word in promising to bring everything in heaven and on earth together at the end of time under His Lordship (Ephesians 1:10). This makes a real difference to how we see and treat God's Creation and those created in God's image.

In response to this, can we say that Jesus is Lord of every area of our life?

Walking is amazing – here's how to get started

Walking is simply good for you. Even a casual stroll can give your overall physical and mental health a boost.

So says Britain's leading walking charity, Ramblers.

It also says that the current mantra of 'ten thousand steps a day' need not daunt you, as "you don't need to adhere to this to feel the benefits of getting outside and stretching your legs." Even walking for just 30 minutes five times a week can help ward off back pain, according to a recent study.

So – here's five ways to get going....

Walk in the morning – you are more likely to fit it in before the day takes off.

Start gently, set an easy pace.

Keep it short, to start with. Build up your distances gradually.

Aim to build it up to last for at least half an hour.

Work out some simple local routes that suit you.

Doctors tell us that 'movement is medicine', and this medicine is certainly cost-free.



2025 EVENTS AT ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH – CROFT

Thursday 24th July 11am - 2pm
Craft and Cake - bring your own picnic

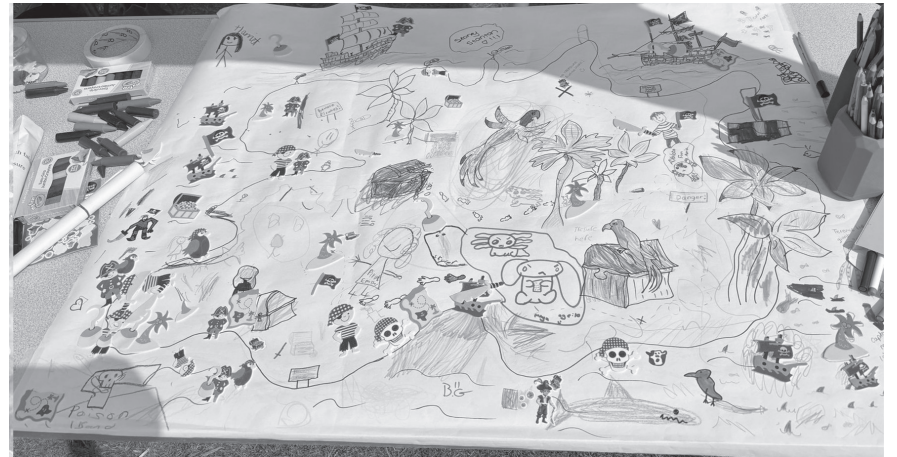
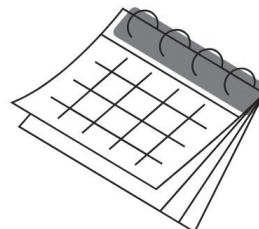
Saturday 13th September 7pm
Meet the Brewer with Guided Beer Tasting

Saturday 4th October 7pm for 7:30pm
Dinner Dance
(Wycliffe Rooms Lutterworth)

Saturday 15th November - Angel Festival

December events to follow

**POP THE DATES
IN YOUR DIARY**



Thanks to Nick, Martin, Malcolm, Maureen and Carol for helping to get the lorry ready, to Margaret for ensuring all looked right, the March family for being on hand as usual to help us take everything off the lorry at the end. And of course, to everyone who dressed up as a pirate!

We didn't win a prize, but once again we had a good time, singing sea shanties as we travelled round the village. We were, however, a little concerned at the amount of "rum" Julie was consuming!!

Special thanks again to Linda for organising our lorry. Here's to next year!

Church Notices that didn't quite 'make it'...

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult, so it will be appreciated if parishioners cut the grass around their own graves.

Saturday 14 June—Stoney Stanton Carnival!

The Calor lorry arrived on Friday night, and was swept.

Saturday morning dawned fine, and warm! At 8 am work started on preparing the lorry for the parade. The theme this year was “Read me a Story”, and St Michael’s had chosen the book “Treasure Island”

The Hispaniola was assembled, a treasure map affixed to the lorry, and rigging and sails attached.

Then at 11:30 the crew arrived, an interesting bunch!



Along the procession route, treasure maps were given out to children, telling them to go to the Messy Church table on the playing fields to collect their treasure, from Kath, Alison and Martin. Whilst there, they could draw themselves onto the Treasure Island Map, and make an origami boat.



Children's Crafts & Cake

Thursday
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St Michael & All Angels Church
Croft

11am - 2pm



Bring a picnic to enjoy with your friends and family and we'll provide tea, coffee, squash and of course, CAKE!

All are welcome, and there will be craft packs for the children

Come rain or shine, the event will run as we can have our picnics inside or out!



This is a free event, but we politely request a £2 donation per child to cover the cost of the crafts



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Join us for a beer tasting experience hosted by a brewer with over two decades of experience in the industry.

During the evening you will be guided through a selection of beer styles.

There will also be plenty of time to learn about how beer is made at different scales of production, hear some anecdotes from the industry followed by a home brewer's Q&A session.

**SATURDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER 19:00**

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- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
10 Trout (anag.) (5)
11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

June Crossword Solutions

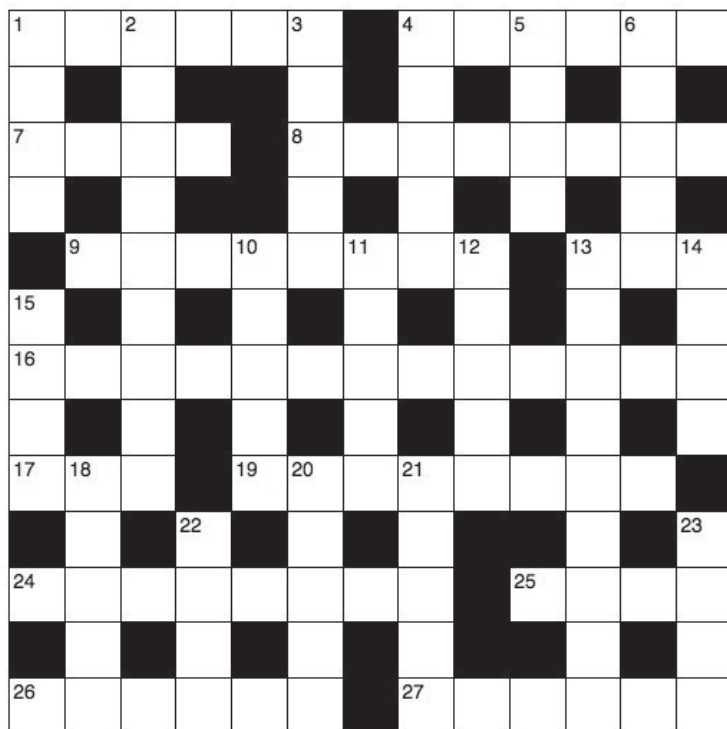
ACROSS:

8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle.
16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

DOWN:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet.
7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become.
18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

Crossword - July



Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
 8 See 5 Down
 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)

BACSS Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group meets on the third Monday of each month from 2.30 - 4.00pm. We spend about half of each session exploring a Bible passage together and the rest of the time enjoying fellowship, tea and biscuits!



We are a very open and friendly group and are keen to welcome new members. None of us are 'experts' but we find that we learn a great deal from each other through the wide ranging discussion each passage initiates. There are no wrong or right answers as we work together to try to find what God is saying to us in Scripture.

Our theme this autumn is *Walking Towards Advent* as we find out more about key figures in the nativity story.

Monday 15th September: Elizabeth and Zechariah *Luke 1 vv5-25 and 57-66*

Monday 20th October: John the Baptist *Luke 3 vv1-20*

Monday 17th November: Mary and Joseph *Luke 1 vv26-38 and 46-55; Matthew 1 vv18-24*

If you would like to give the Bible Study Group a try and find out if it is your 'cup of tea' you can be sure of a very warm welcome.

Contact Paula Atkinson 07581 574340.



What's in a name

Jake... Jamie... ?

These two names may have the same starting letters but who would have thought they were 'cousins' derived from the same name?

Well, here perhaps is some sort of solution.... If I remind you that in official documents of the time, King James I would have been referred to as Jacobus Rex, things may seem to drop into place.

The name James is derived by various 'byways' from the ancient Hebrew name of Jacob, and every language seems to have its own variation - from the Spanish Iago, to Italian Giacomo, from the French Jacques to the Irish Seamus. Starting in Hebrew as Yaakov, even there today you may find 'Chaim'. Even the Cornish have a variation, Jago! And there are countless others. The name, from ancient sources, refers back to Jacob (Yaakov), the patriarch, father of the 12 tribes of Israel in the Old Testament.

So young people called Jake or Jamie today have a long and distinguished history in their chosen name!

And the understood meaning? Biblical connections have given it a sense of 'Strength, leadership and divine favour'



A scallop shell, symbol of the 'Camino' to Santiago de Compostela, the great Shrine to St. James in Northern Spain and a mark of pilgrimage throughout the world

W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 12 August 7:30 pm	"Indo Western Bridal & Evening Wear" Gurtej Mathuru	Design a Wedding Invitation
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday August 7:30 pm	Outing	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 13 August 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 272050 for more information	Beetle Drive	

St Mary's Subscription Draw

June

- First Prize - £40.00 - No 73 - Mrs C Page
- Second Prize - £20.00 - No 10 - Mr & Mrs P Yates
- Third Prize - £10.00 - No 56 - Mrs K McMichael

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.

Clubs, activities & events in July

W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 8 July 7:30 pm	"Summer Meeting"	
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday 9 July 7:30 pm	"Bess of Hardwick" Julie Kinnear	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 9 July 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 272050 for more information	Afternoon Tea	

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**Sunday August 31st
End of Summer
Tea & Trains**

**27 Cadle Close
Stoney Stanton
Between 2 and 4:30**



**Entrance is free but please
make a generous donation to our
village church,
St Michaels, if you can**

Thinking about prayer.....

'Prayer in the Day'

Sometimes, on a hot summer's day, when I was at school during my teenage years, it was quite usual to have the window vents open.

And at around midday the gentle sound of a light, musical bell would come, sounding from the Catholic Church a couple of hundred yards distant from the school. It was a totally different sound to that of the more majestic, heavy bells of the Parish Church. This was a more 'private' sound, yet one which was just as much a call to prayer as those of its cousins right in the middle of town.

Our Roman Catholic school friends were quick to inform us that this was the Angelus bell, and it sounded three times in the day, at 6am and 6pm and at 12 noon.

The custom of ringing the Angelus bell goes back many centuries, the little set of prayers to be said at that time date back to the thirteenth century. It gets its name from the opening Latin words 'Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae' - 'The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary', and reminds us that at the centre of our Christian Faith lies the Incarnation, the point at which Jesus, was conceived, and Mary's assent - her 'Fiat' to being involved in this momentous event.

It is no bad thing to take a few moments in each day to consider this wonderful event, rather than keeping the whole celebration simply for Christmas! It brings us to the very heart of the Christian Faith, as we consider just how the life of Jesus, gave us insight into how God wanted us to be, showed us the love of God for mankind, all of it, not just the sanitised bits.

This simple act reminds us daily of the distinctive reverence of the Christian faith for the world around us, and all of life upon it. And it also reminds us that prayer can be as natural as breathing as we go about our daily work, even in our case, school lessons!

Coffee Mornings

St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley

Saturdays 5 July and 2 August

10 am— 12 noon

Community Market and Coffee Morning

St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft

Saturdays 5 July and 12 August

12 noon—1:30 pm

Tea/coffee and Cakes

St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton

Saturdays 12 July and 9 August

10 am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning

Stoney Stanton Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

Thursdays 31 July and 28 August

10:00 am—11:30 am

Come and Join Us

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 26 July

"Hidden Treasures"

Pirate costume!

Saturday 30 August

"Seaside Special!"

Bring something from the beach

All Welcome

Life choice

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason of his distress, he gulped: "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be an engine driver."

Come in

The choir was practising the anthem. The choirmaster said to the trebles: "Now don't forget, when the tenors reach 'The Gates of Hell', you come in."

No worries

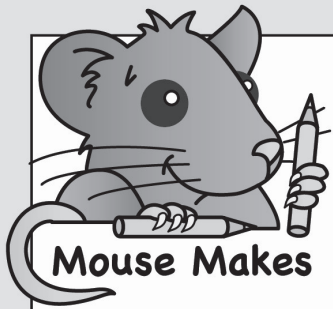
A 102-year-old lady was asked if she had any worries about the future. She replied: "Not since I got my eldest son into an old people's home."



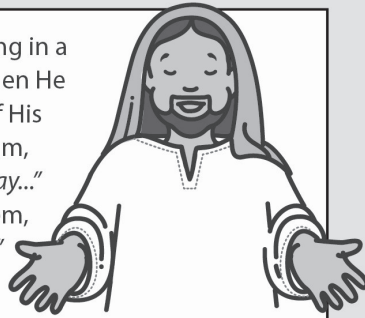
'The Angelus'

The famous painting by Jean-François Millet, inspired, he said by his grandmother who always observed the prayer-time.

It shows two workers in the field gathering potatoes – a staple of life.



"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...' And He said to them, 'When you pray, say....'"



Our _____
in _____,
hallowed be your
_____, your
_____ come,
your _____ be done,
on _____ as it is in
_____.
Give us today our daily
_____.
_____ us our
S _____ as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into

but _____
us from _____.
For the kingdom,
the _____ and
the _____ are
yours now and forever.
Amen

D T E O P R G O D
F E E B R E A D I
O M G T O P P G S
R P W R T E O L C
G T L E E N W O I
I A O S C T E R P
V T R P T A R Y L
E I D A I N A M E
N O S S O C D A S
E N P S N E V F W
S K P E V I L A I
S I R S I N S T L
Y N A E A R T H L
G Y H E A V E N
I D E L I V E R E
F O R G I V E V E
A M E N W O R L D
I L F L J E S U S



Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:

LORD'S PRAYER
DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE



The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
Which version do you use in your church?



Read
Matthew 6:9-15
and
Luke 11:1-4



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Minster Development Update

The process for the formation of Minster Communities in our area of the Diocese started in earnest in January of this year. Our Church Representatives, Churchwardens and PCC are working hard in conjunction with the Diocese to secure a positive outcome for the Parish. Possible groupings are still under consideration and we would hope to have a clear direction shortly.

As part of this process we have also been developing very positive links with neighbouring parishes. From a starting point of being very concerned about the impact of the Minster development, the discussions have highlighted significant potential benefits of being a member of a Minster Community.

We are in a period of considerable change, and change is always unsettling. However, it does present opportunities for us all to develop our faith and our mission. In taking forward this work we ask for God's guidance and the prayerful support of our congregations.

Day trip?

A north country choirmaster was rehearsing the hymns for Sunday, telling the choir the hymns they were to sing, and the tunes to which they were to sing them. He concluded the list and said, "Now then, 'Come ye that love the Lord', to Southport!" A moment later a voice called out, "Where are you tekking t'rest of us then?"

Baptism

The vicar announced that an additional font would soon be placed in the church, so that babies could be baptised at both ends.