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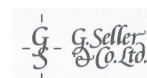


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Services.....September

| | <i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i> | <i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i> | <i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i> |
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| Sunday 7 September Trinity 12 | 10:00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley Patronal Festival | | |
| Sunday 14 September Trinity 13 | 9:45 am Holy Communion | 9:30 am Messy Church | 11:15 am Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 21 September Trinity 14 | 9:45 am Messy Church | 9:30 am Holy Communion With Baptism | 11:15 am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 28 September Trinity 15 | 10:00 United Service at St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton, with Baptism Patronal Festival | | |
| Sunday 5 October Trinity 16 | 10:00 United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft Harvest Festival | | |

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).

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

Greetings at this Creationtide.



Down on the allotment it has been a very trying year. With a very dry spring, a little mid-season rain then back to drought conditions, some produce has fared much better than others. Fruit crops seem to be prolific while root crops have been disappointing. The seasons have all been a mishmash. Picking succulent ripe blackberries in July had a very odd feel to it and blackcurrants in abundance need

me to be provided with a stool to sit on!

If a crop fails for us it might be a slight inconvenience and annoyance but no more than that. At this time of Climate Emergency our farmers are suffering. Low yields and poor crops mean reduced incomes in an already economically challenged section of society. This is true across the world.

Pope Francis, in 2015, called for urgent action to protect the planet, framing environmental concern as a core aspect of Christian faith and responsibility. He consistently linked environmental degradation to social injustice, highlighting the disproportionate impact of climate change on the poor and vulnerable.

During the past two years there has been little time to discuss Eco-Church matters, with Minster Communities causing us to 'navel gaze' rather than look outwards towards the needs of our world.

Two of the churches in the parish have been awarded Eco-church status but I wonder if it is now time to renew our commitment to doing all we can to look after our planet and environment?

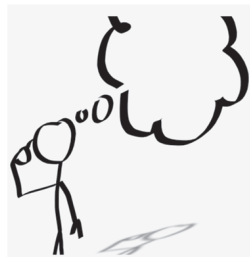
Creationtide reminds us of the need for us to care for this wonderful planet which we have been loaned and given stewardship of by God. Are there ways, big or small, where we can change our lifestyles, and the lifestyles of our churches, so that we make a difference in our world?

Pope Francis criticised unsustainable consumption patterns and lifestyles, particularly in wealthier nations, as contributing to environmental problems. Can we help to be a small part of the solution by promoting environmental awareness and action, recognizing that the challenge is too large for any single group to tackle alone.

Perhaps a good starting point would be if we could include environmental concerns in our prayers week by week.

Sheila Yates

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.

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| Broughton Astley | Darcey Isabelle Teague-Concannon |
| Stoney Stanton | Rory William Matthew Hession |

Weddings

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| Broughton Astley | Richard Lester and Jaye Ballendat |
| Croft | Callum Peel and Jordan Linthwaite George Stocking & Amy Lindop Scott Jackson and Ruth Rollings |

Funerals

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| Broughton Astley | Zofia Soltys |
| Croft | Glenda Mary Lewis |
| Stoney Stanton | Robert Oliver Cox |



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.

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.

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It is with regret that The Dinner Dance being organised by Croft Church, has had to be cancelled as only 6 tickets had been sold.



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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 07458 315152 who will be able to help you, and arrange to visit you.

St Michael's Stoney Stanton 100 Club Draw

July

First Prize - £25.00 - No 42 - Roger Statham
Second Prize - £15.00 - No 78 - Joy Hoult
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 51 - Carol Griffiths

August

First Prize - £25.00 - No 5 - Rachel Smith
Second Prize - £15.00 - No 80 - Sue Cox
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 9 - Vicky Lee

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

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

The Nicene Creed part 3: The Incarnate Jesus

“For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.”

In this study we are looking at what the Nicene Creed says about the ministry of Jesus on earth.

‘For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven’: Jesus came down to earth to save us all. Salvation involves healing and rescuing us from the wrong things in our lives, which result in death itself. The Creed demonstrates the importance of having a proper understanding of Christ that safeguards the gospel of salvation. ‘For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.’ (Luke 19:10).

‘by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man’:

Although the word ‘incarnate’ doesn’t appear in the New Testament, it expresses the meaning of Jesus’ birth. Heresies of the time included Adoptionism (i.e. Jesus became God’s Son only at His baptism) and Docetism (i.e. Jesus appeared to be human, as a fully divine being). The incarnation affirms that the divine son, was conceived in Mary’s womb by the power of the Spirit and born in time as a human being: ‘The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.’ (Luke 1:35). If Jesus was not conceived both fully divine and human, the Christian understanding of salvation is lost.

‘For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried’:

In the Creed we move straight from Jesus’ birth to His death, which is the climax of His ministry. Jesus dying for our sins on the cross lies at the heart of God’s plan of salvation. The mention of Pontius Pilate roots our faith in history and reminds us of the important part people played in God’s plan. ‘He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.’ (1 Peter 2:24).

What is the place of the incarnation in your understanding of the Christian Faith?

Robert continued to work with his father on the farm; it was a mixed farm which over the years had milking cows, cattle and sheep as well as growing crops to feed to the animals. Robert learnt his trade from his father Oliver and developed a keen eye for both live and deadstock. Robert loved life and loved people, he and Lorna brought up their four children, Anna, Nick, Rachel and Rebecca at Port Hill Farm; growing up on a farm is a huge privilege, one that Robert enjoyed and was keen for his own family and friends to benefit from too, testimony to this are the many people who have treasured memories of the wonderful times they spent in the countryside with the Cox family.

Hay time and harvest were particularly busy seasons, as was lambing; sheep were Robert’s main love and in particular his prize winning Southdowns. He looked forward each Spring to see what lambs were born that could join his show team. He was a big supporter of local agricultural shows and ploughing matches, exhibiting his sheep at every opportunity, the Winter months saw Robert competing locally and nationally with his butchers lambs always returning home with some silverware and rosettes.

Robert lived at Port Hill Farm his entire life until retiring to Broughton Astley with Lorna in 2008. He continued to visit the farm every day to check on his sheep and observe the changing of the seasons at the place he called home. He loved to chat, especially about the farm and the world of sport; his great love was horse racing which kept him mentally active and provided him with a great sense of enjoyment.

Robert’s family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers and condolences that have been a great source of comfort; also to thank the church for their contributions and especially to Malcolm Britton for delivering the very fitting sheep themed service!

Thank you for being you Dad and for bringing so much joy and laughter to us all; you will be loved, cherished and remembered forever.

Robert Oliver Cox

31.01.44 – 18.06.25



St Michael's Church Stoney Stanton was full to overflowing for the funeral of village farmer Robert Oliver Cox on 16 July 2025. Robert's final journey by tractor and trailer from Port Hill Farm took him passed fields full of sheep before his arrival at St Michael's where his coffin was carried into church by his six grandsons.

Born on the kitchen floor of the farmhouse at Port Hill, Robert was the second child of Henry Oliver and Drucilla Florence Cox; Robert joined older sister Dorothy where they would grow up on the farm together.

As a young boy Robert shadowed his father around the farm and very quickly knew that all he ever wanted to be in life was a farmer. He attended the old granite built primary school in the village, before

spells at Heathfield and Hastings High Schools; he left school at the first opportunity to pursue a life on the land. He continued his education at Hinckley College, gaining a qualification in agriculture. Growing up he enjoyed sport and in particular football; he was a gifted footballer and had trials for the Leicester City youth team. It was as a member of the Church Youth Group that he met Lorna Underwood the daughter of Ken and Vera Underwood of Cross Farm, Stoney Stanton. On 23 March 1963 the two farming families were united when Robert and Lorna were married at St Michael's Church.

Local Girl makes (Very) Good.

A message from Vic Goodman.

The (Anglican) Church of Wales elected a new Archbishop on 30 July, the Rt Rev Cherry Vann. Cherry was born and raised in Whetstone, where her mum was an outstanding Churchwarden for me in the 1990's. Her father was a well respected local music teacher, and played the piano, organ and timpani to great effect. Cherry trained at Westcott House, and was ordained Deacon in 1989. After rising to Archdeacon of Rochdale, she moved to become consecrated Bishop of Monmouth five years ago – a post she will continue to hold alongside her new duties. The office of Archbishop of Wales has existed since the disestablishment of the Church of Wales in 1920.

Speaking last week, the Dean of Newport said that she had "brought stability to the Diocese of Monmouth ... showing deep care for the clergy and people... She has a deep faith, which is open to those who take a different view to her, and this has impressed those people enormously."

We could perhaps each spend a little time over the next few months remembering and praying for her as she begins this new and important phase of her faith journey.



Choral Evensong 17 August at St Mary's

It was a warm, still evening and the BACCS Choir were on top form for a special Parish service – Choral Evensong, taken from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

The choir were led by both Seb Carrington and Andrew Davies, with Andrew McMillan at the organ, and Rev Vic Goodman presiding. The service started with the choir singing an Introit before processing to the choir stalls.

For some of us in the congregation who were perhaps less familiar with the 1662 service, the order of service was of great help. I was surprised to find that the older language helped me look afresh at the meaning of the responses.

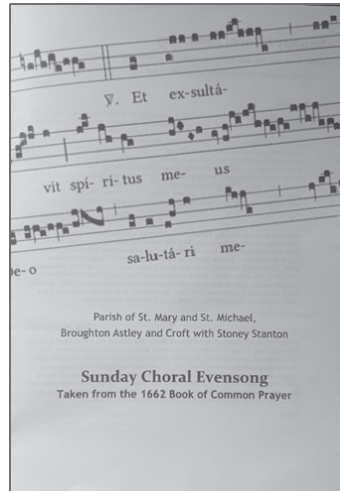
The service was uplifting, with the choir interspersing the service with sung responses (led by Thomas Darker), and beautifully sung renditions of The Psalms, The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.

In contrast to the traditional Evensong, the Choir Anthem (based on the Song of Solomon) was a very modern piece written by Ola Gjeilo (b1978). This was a very beautiful and calm piece - on researching this I note that the music was inspired by the ethereal aurora borealis phenomenon (or northern lights).

Vic gave an enlightening address on The Magnificat, and then prayers were led by Liz Pennick. The congregation joined in throughout the service with some well-known hymns.

I would encourage others to check Parish News for future Choral Evensongs. If you have yet to attend this style of service, I would recommend that you try it!

Heather



an eighteenth century copy which contains some of the additional services inserted to mark national events, such as 30 January (the execution of King Charles I) 5 November (*'the happy deliverance of King James I from the most Traiterous and bloody intended Massacre by Gunpowder'*) and the arrival of the firmly Protestant monarch William III (also 5 November). It has given us some exquisite music as composers such as Purcell have used its words as inspiration. But though the copies we had were small and tightly printed on flimsy paper, it also contains strict rules and ordering for the services of the Church, and carefully devised matters of doctrine to which Anglicans should subscribe. All this among some very special prayers.

The services of Morning and Evening Prayer were written as just that, Common Prayer for domestic use as much as for grand and ethereal services of Choral Evensong. This month we are just looking at one very special prayer.

Over the years, the themes of light and darkness have played themselves out in worship, the darkness of a troubled world, the darkness of our ignorance set alongside the light of Christ. This prayer speaks to all the darknesses that may trouble our lives.

*Lighten our darkness we beseech thee O Lord;
And by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
For the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Such a simple prayer, no breast-beating, no blame or recriminations, just a simple prayer for enlightenment in a troubled world.



Thinking about prayer.....

'Lighten our darkness'

- the Book of Common Prayer (part 1)

One of my earliest memories of 'going to church' was of going to Evensong as a companion for my elderly grandmother.

Just before the service started, a formidable grey-haired lady would make her entrance, a large prayer-book clasped to her bosom. The Vicar's wife had arrived, and the service could begin!

That book..... in its many forms, has been described as.....

'A beloved and battered personal possession, a lifelong companion and guide, to be carried from church to kitchen, to living room, to bedside table. It was a symbol of the domestic emphasis, providing spiritual stimulus, moral guidance, meditative material and family prayer'

Most Anglican adults owned a copy of the 'BCP' as it became known, and many children as well, a very special gift at Baptism, Confirmation and on other remarkable occasions, culminating in the white volumes (with a flower attached) so often preferred to a bouquet by brides.

The Book of Common Prayer is a remarkable spiritual masterpiece, not superseded until the revisions finally leading to 'Common Worship' in the Church of England until the late twentieth century. In its early years it was frequently revised, its premier architect was brutally executed as a heretic, and yet it is still much treasured by those who are familiar with it, its beautiful seventeenth century cadences providing a very special form of spoken prayer.

As girls, we treasured our little copies of the Prayer Book, which could be easily slid into a pocket. I remember my mother going to great lengths to obtain one in large print for my grandmother, whose sight was fading. It was part of the life of a faithful Anglican. Sometimes old volumes can reveal much about past priorities, I have (and treasure)



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- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
20 Episcopal headwear (5)
21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

July Crossword Solutions

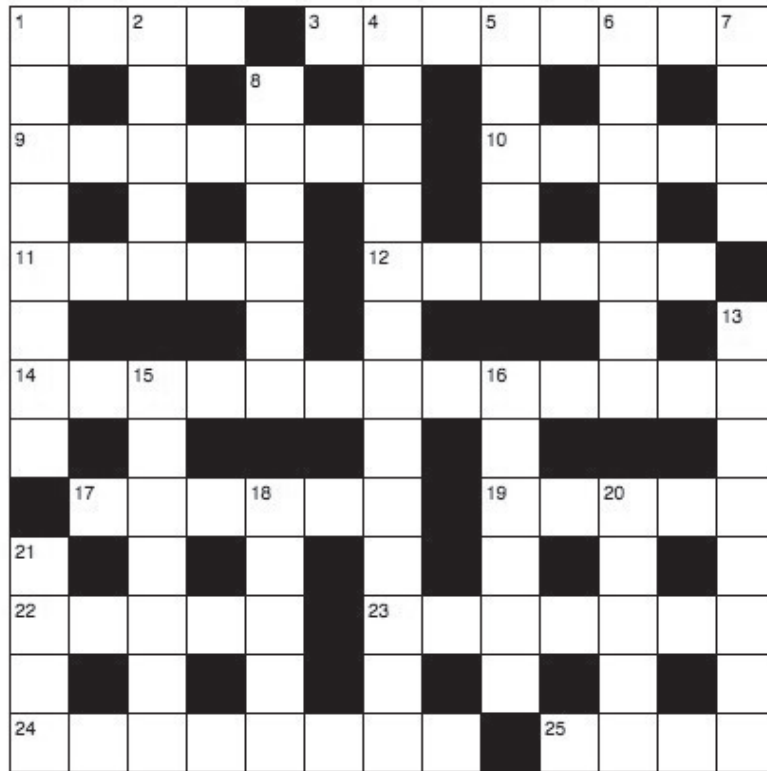
ACROSS:

1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thief.

DOWN:

1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

Crossword - September



Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th-century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)

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Our Values, Our Promise

We believe every life is unique, and every farewell should reflect that uniqueness. Whether you're planning a simple, heartfelt service or something more elaborate, we're here to guide you with patience and understanding. Our role is never to take over, but to support – giving you the time, space, and knowledge to make the choices that feel right for you and your family.

More Than Funerals

Our commitment extends far beyond the services we provide. We support local charities, host remembrance events and create opportunities for people to connect – not just in times of loss, but in moments of reflection and community. From seasonal displays that inspire hope, to our annual Service of Reflection where memories are honoured together, we believe in keeping people connected through care and compassion.

An Open Invitation

It was a pleasure to recently welcome the magazines editor, Wendy Howe for a tour of our new funeral home. Just as we did with Wendy, we warmly welcome members of the community to come and meet us – whether you'd like to learn more about our services, explore our facilities, or simply share a cup of tea and a conversation.

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2. To integrate Fairtrade into the life of our places of worship, at Fairtrade Fortnight or other times of the year, for example through events, stalls and worship.

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| Where at..... | Date and Time | Speaker | Competition |
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| Broughton Astley Village Hall | Tuesday 9 September 7:30 pm | "Tax, Care and Toy Boys" Abbie Mitchell | |
| Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church | Wednesday 10 September 7:30 pm | "The Tales of a Tour Guide" Jo Golby | |
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A prayer for us to be agents of change

Dear Lord, please give us hearts
Yearning for the changes
That manifest your Kingdom:
Justice in matters large and small,
The love that cares for neighbours,
A closer walk with you as we follow your ways.

Dear Lord, please give us minds
That strive to understand
Your Word and our world
So that we can hear your call
In the situations we encounter
And the choices we have to make.

Dear Lord, please give us eyes
That see the world as you do,
Lips that speak words of truth and love,
Hands and feet that take action,
And strength to persevere:
That, changed by your Spirit,
We may become agents of change
Through whom you reveal your Kingdom
For the honour and glory of your name.

Peter Yates



Handbell Dedication at St.Michael's, Stoney Stanton.

The last Sunday in June was Petertide, a Sunday when we especially think about the vocation to serve whatever our skills and shortcomings.

It's what makes the church what it is, a patchwork of very different people. And in this country 'the Ringing Isle', there can be no more disparate group of people than you will find in the ringing rooms of churches throughout the country. Some of us learnt to 'handle a sally' when we were little more than children, some learnt much later on in life.

Bellringing appeals to all sorts of personalities, from the deeply introverted to the loudest extrovert. But it would not happen at all unless there were skilled and dedicated teachers to train people to ring the bells safely, from generation to generation. So it was fitting that we gathered at St.Michael's to honour one such person in particular.



Alf Ballard was brought up in Stoney Stanton and learnt to ring on its peal of eight. Moving to Burbage and then eventually to his home on Leicester Road, Hinckley, Alf was by then a distinguished ringer, and a founder member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. He was also a handbellringer of note.

In Hinckley, he joined the band at St.Mary's, which by then was somewhat fragmented. He and Roger Hayward (also from Stanton) were determined to teach a new band, and approached the Church Youth Fellowship for recruits. Two of his original group of youngsters (now in their eighties!) were able to be at the service on 29 June.

Alf, as mentioned earlier, was a skilled handbellringer and his bells have now been thoroughly restored



Coffee Mornings

St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley

Saturday 6 September

10 am— 12 noon

Community Market and Coffee Morning

St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton

Saturday 13 September

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

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Coffee Morning

Thursday 25 September

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and refurbished, following their donation to the Guild by his nephew. They will be stored in a display-case, built by Michael Angrave, in the Ringing room at St. Michael's while remaining the property of the Guild.

During the service, the bells were dedicated, rung by a visiting band, and the organist played the 'Bellringer's hymn'. The readings were given by the President of the Guild and by Michael Angrave. Margie Brimacombe led the prayers. The service, perhaps, gave the congregation a chance to see what a serious business the 'exercise' of bellringing can be, and to honour the contribution made by ringers to the life of the parish church. But it is a contribution which would not happen without the dedicated work of people like Alf Ballard, who give their lives and their leisure time to the service of calling people to worship.

The service finished in splendid fashion with the singing of 'For all the Saints' followed by the equally splendid refreshments at which Stanton excels, thanks to Marge and Steve and helpers.



What's in a name

Rachel

This lovely name has been particularly popular in England since the seventeenth century and the Puritan love of Biblical names after the Reformation.

However, it has far more ancient origins, probably as ancient a name as we are likely to encounter.

Rachel, in Genesis, was the beloved wife of Jacob, mother of his two youngest children, Joseph and Benjamin. She was renowned for her beauty, and Jacob had to toil for seven long years for her father before he would allow him to marry her. However, the name itself has quite an unusual meaning. It is derived directly from the Hebrew word meaning 'Ewe' and has brought along with that meaning ideas of gentleness, innocence and purity.



This may seem a strange idea in our modern hyper-industrialised society, but in an ancient nomadic culture, ewes would be the most prized of animals, producing young to increase the flock. Their wool would be needed for clothing, their meat for nourishment. This



St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Fri 12th to Sun 14th December 2025
at St Mary's, Broughton Astley

Open: Fri - Sat 10am to 5pm; Sun 11am to 5pm

Admission - adults £2, children under 12 free

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

Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 14th December at 4pm.

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



Mouse Makes

"May the people **praise** you **God**...
The **land yields** its harvest, God,
our God **blesses** us."
- from Psalm 67:5-6

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

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

"God... gives you **rain** from
heaven and good harvests
at the right times. He gives
you plenty of **food** and
fills your hearts with **joy**."
- Acts 14:16-17

"So the one who **plants** is not
important, and the one who **waters**
is not important. Only GOD is
important because He is the one
who makes things **grow**."
- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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important role of sheep in many cultures can even be seen in more recent centuries locally, when the eighteenth century records and accounts reveal a dependence on weaving and woolcombing and other trades associated with the use of Leicestershire sheep with their particularly long wool. In the stony soil of a place like Stoney Stanton, sheep would possibly be the only productive crop. And even when mechanisation in the form of the knitting frame arrived, wool was still the only yarn available for many years.

So the ancient name of Rachel is an important one, reminding us of a harder but simpler life, reminding us of the ancient origins of the Jews. It is a treasure which has come down to us virtually untouched by later generations, and reflects on some very ancient and special values.

St Mary's Subscription Draw

July

First Prize - £40.00 - No 17 - Mrs J Acres
Second Prize - £20.00 - No 28 - Mrs L Sasse
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 216 - Mr R Thomas

August

First Prize - £40.00 - No 75 - Mr I Longford
Second Prize - £20.00 - No 9 - Mrs S Loughan
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 26 - Mrs C Pyle

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Croft Village Events



Are holding a scarecrow festival on Saturday 13 September. The Church are entering a scarecrow "St Michael & All Angels". St Michael is already in hand, but if anyone could help with making an angel/angels to go alongside him, it would be appreciated.

Please contact Claire on 07423 041399

Thank you

Did you spot many butterflies this past summer?



The wildlife charity Butterfly Conservation is deeply worried about our butterflies. Or rather, the lack of them. It seems that more than 80 per cent of our species have declined sharply in number since 1970s.

Each summer sees the Big Butterfly Count, when the public is encouraged to send in the number of butterflies they have seen over a short period of time. Last year saw the lowest number of butterflies spotted in the count's 14-year history. Even the familiar species like the small white, common blue and small tortoiseshell had their worst summer ever. And a record number of people saw no butterflies at all.

Butterflies have been hit by climate change, the use of pesticides, and damage to their habitats. The drought this summer will have been bad news for their caterpillar offspring, which need growing plants to feed on.

So, this autumn, why not plan a happier year for butterflies in 2026? As you prepare your garden for winter, go to <https://www.rhs.org.uk/wildlife/butterflies-in-your-garden> for some ideas of how to make your garden butterfly-friendly.