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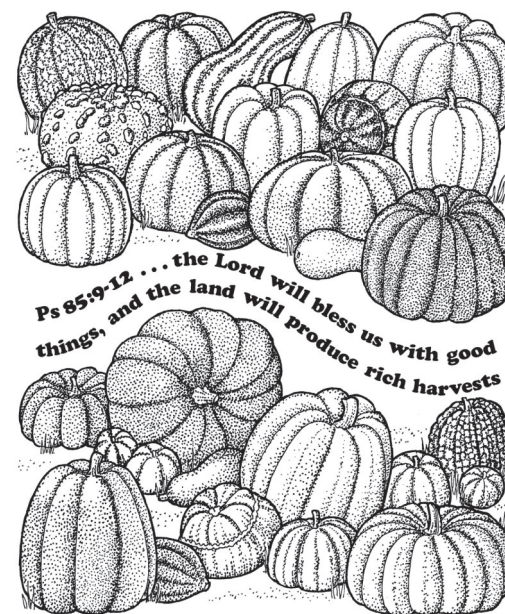


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The Parish magazine for Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton



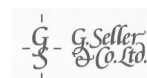
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Ps 85:9-12 ... the Lord will bless us with good
things, and the land will produce rich harvests

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Services.....October

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 5 October Trinity 16	10:00 United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft Harvest Festival		
Sunday 12 October Trinity 17	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Messy Church	11:15 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 19 October Trinity 18	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 26 October Bible Sunday	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Cafe Church	11:15 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 2 November All Saints	10:00 United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley		
<p>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.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>(You don't need a Facebook login to see these pages).</i> https://m.facebook.com/bacsschurches/posts/</p>			

Harvest Thoughts

I'm sure you will have noticed what an astonishing summer it has been for fruit this year. In the garden apple and plum trees have been laden with prodigious amounts of fruit. Even my quince tree, which in five years has only ever managed five or six meagre fruits in total, suddenly woke up. I harvested no less than sixty large and beautiful quinces. My husband maintains that it is because he threatened to turn the tree into firewood if it didn't buck its ideas up. The hedgerows too are full of more fruit than I can ever remember - blackberries, crabapples, sloes all in abundance. As a keen jam maker, I've been very busy.

The Bible has a lot to say about trees and their fruit. Right at the beginning of the Bible we find the story of Eve being tempted to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Psalm 1 speaks of a person who follows God's law being

*Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.*

In Luke 6, Jesus reminds us that a person's true nature is revealed not by what they say but by what they do:

*No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.
Each tree is recognized by its own fruit.*

When St Paul wants to describe how the power of the Holy Spirit can transform us, he too uses the picture of a fruit tree. In what I find to be one of the most beautiful images in the Bible, Paul talks about the fruits of the Spirit:

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*

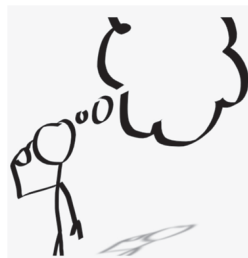
I hope you are enjoying God's generous harvest of fruit at this season, and I pray that we all may be good trees bearing good fruit.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all his love.*

Paula Atkinson



To be Confirmed



A series of informal discussions of aspects of our Christian faith, leading to Confirmation for those who wish, will be held at St Mary's Church from 11.15 to 12 noon on the following Sundays:

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Anyone who is interested in exploring their faith further is very welcome.

For more details please contact Paula Atkinson 07581 574340.



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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 .

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In 2014, 7.6 billion single-use plastic bags were sold in the UK. By 2023, 133 million single-use bags had been sold in the major supermarkets. The average person in the UK now buys only about two single-use plastic bags per year.



1st Stoney Stanton Scout Group

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Scouts

(Age 10½ to 14 years)

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

St Michael's Stoney Stanton 100 Club Draw

September

First Prize - £25.00 - No 67 - Sandie Johnson

Second Prize - £15.00 - No 62 - Rachel Baxter-Wood

Third Prize - £10.00 - No 66 - Christine Hartley

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 4: The Ascended and Returning Jesus

“On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.”

This month we are looking at what the Nicene Creed says about the present and future ministry of Jesus.

‘On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures’: Jesus’ resurrection is central to the Christian Faith, for as Paul says, without it ‘our preaching is useless and so is your faith.’ (1 Cor 15.14). The Resurrection demonstrates the triumph of Jesus over sin and death, as well as recognising the breaking in of the new creation and Jesus as Lord over creation. The Creed affirms that it also fulfils the promises of Scripture, as Jesus explains on the Road to Emmaus: ‘And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.’ (Luke 24:27).

‘He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father’: In the Creed, the Ascension is given equal weight to the Cross and Resurrection, as Jesus is restored to the place of honour alongside His Father. With Christ seated on the throne, there is now a man on the throne who is also God the Son. In His absence on earth, Jesus sends His Spirit to live in believers, ‘Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.’ (Acts 2:33). He remembers His people, ‘because He always lives to intercede for them’ (Hebrews 7.25).

‘He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end’: Jesus will return in judgement as ‘the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.’ (Acts 10:42). God will put all things right, punishing all evil and establishing His full reign over everything. In contrast to human judgment, which is always partial and subject to error, this final judgment will be utterly true and right, because God knows our hearts completely.

How much does the idea of judgment help make sense of the fate of evil in the world?

The Iron Lady of Britain

One hundred years ago, on 13 October 1925, Margaret Thatcher, Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven, was born. She was the first woman Prime Minister of Britain (1979-90).

Her father, Alfred Roberts, was a grocer and Methodist local preacher in Grantham, and she was brought up as a strict Wesleyan Methodist. At one point just before the Second World War, the family gave sanctuary to a young Jewish girl who had escaped the Nazis.

Margaret later became a lay preacher herself, and was married at Wesley's Chapel in City Road, London, where her children were baptised. Afterwards she and her husband Denis (later Sir Denis) attended Church of England services and became Anglicans. She felt her policies as a Conservative aligned closely with Christianity.

She was the longest-serving Prime Minister of the 20th century and, partly because of her resilience, aroused strong feelings both for and against, having to weather difficulties and misjudgements, such as the poll tax. Those opposing her described her policies as ‘Thatcherism’, but others put a positive slant on this. Her nickname of Iron Lady – first used by a Soviet journalist – aptly described her leadership style and lack of compromise.

Before becoming Prime Minister, she had studied chemistry at Oxford, and then the law, qualifying as a barrister. She became an MP – for Finchley – in 1959 and progressed to Secretary of State for Education and Science before defeating Edward Heath in the 1975 Tory leadership election, making her leader of the Opposition and the first woman to lead a major UK political party.

When she arrived at Downing Street, she adapted a prayer of St Francis beginning “Where there is discord, may we bring harmony”. She died from a stroke while staying at the Ritz Hotel in London in 2013 at the age of 87, having been unwell for some years.

Tim Lenton

Time to make your Will?

Been putting off writing or updating your Will? Next month the charity Will Aid's 'Make a Will Month' will offer you the opportunity to put your affairs in order, secure your loved one's future and give to charities helping those in need.

Participating solicitors are inviting people to contact them to book appointments for November, when they will prepare basic Wills without charging their normal fee. All that they will ask in return is that clients consider making a voluntary donation to Will Aid. The suggested donation is just £120 for a single Will, or £200 for a pair of mirror Wills.

The money raised is shared by nine UK charities: namely ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Crisis, NSPCC, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

As many as half of all UK adults in the UK don't have a Will. They have not made any legally valid provision for what they would like to happen after their death. This can lead to a great deal of stress and uncertainty, as well as financial hardship, for those left behind.

Even if you have a Will, it is important to keep it up to date. Experts recommend routinely reviewing a Will every three to five years, and making a new Will as soon as significant family changes occur.

More details at <https://www.willaid.org.uk/register>. Please book early as solicitors tend to fill their appointments very quickly.



The Poppy Appeal – could you help by giving some time this autumn?

The 2025 Poppy Appeal will be launched this month.

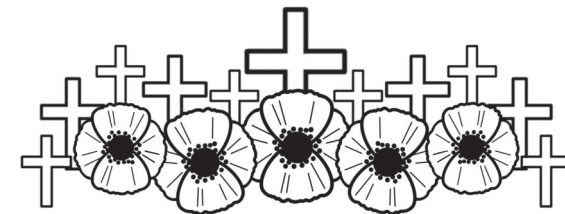
The Poppy is a powerful symbol worn by people right across the UK to commemorate the sacrifices of our Armed Forces and to show support to those still serving today.

The Royal British Legion was first set up to help those returning from the First World War. Almost a century on, they're still helping today's Service people, veterans, and their families coping with bereavement, living with disability or finding employment.

However, the Poppy Appeal would not be able to continue without the dedication of the teams of volunteers who stand in the streets, shops and supermarkets. Each town and village has their own Poppy Appeal Organiser - also a volunteer - who runs these teams, arranges for cover, drops off and collects the boxes.

The Poppy Appeal is always grateful for the work of these dedicated people, but the volunteers say they are proud to be selling Poppies to show support for those who sacrificed their lives for us.

If you want to volunteer, or if you would like a visit from a local volunteer who can speak to your community/church group, please go to: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer>.



St Mary's House of Games



- **Saturday 1st November 6pm for 6.15pm**
- Enjoy our own edition of House of Games. With our own quiz master and a 'celebrity' team. Question rounds for audience members too! Prizes and Raffle
- Supper: Bolognaise/rice/salad & veg option, pudding and first drink included in the price
- **Adults £10, Under 16yrs £5, Under 5s free**
Tickets in advance from Heather (01455 284689)
or sign up in advance (by 25th October to help with catering) and pay on the door



One of the most beautiful of the Psalms, familiar to many is Psalm 121, a great reassurance that God's presence remains with us at all times.

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and
earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper;
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand,
so that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil;
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.*

The Psalms would have been the Jewish 'hymn-book' which Jesus used, and would have known from childhood. We are simply fortunate to have this melodious translation freely available to us. The psalms are a great resource for prayer and we have much to be thankful for.

(The title for this article is words taken from Psalm 34. 'I will always give thanks unto the Lord')



Thinking about Prayer

'O taste and see how gracious the Lord is'

(The Book of Common Prayer part 2)

The beautiful translation of the psalms, included in the Book of Common Prayer are to this day a source of prayer for many. They cover all emotions, all states of mind, from despair to ecstasy.

The translation is the work of one man, a man we hear little of in the great sweep of work achieved by the Reformers.

Miles Coverdale was an Augustinian friar, who played a significant part in the translation of Scripture into English. Exiled from this country three times, as the Reformation swung this way and that, he befriended another exile, William Tyndale and worked with him as he translated the Bible into his native tongue. After Tyndale's betrayal and murder he completed the work, which would become the foundation of the so-called Authorised Version produced during the reign of James I. In the maelstrom of religious dispute which followed Henry VIII's break with the Church of Rome, he eventually became a fervent reformer, aligning himself with Calvin and John Knox.

His version of the psalms lives on. Scripture has been through the hands of so many translators over the years, and the Coverdale psalms would probably have been translated from one ancient, already translated, source. He would not learn Hebrew until late in his life, but these wonderful poems have an immediacy which speaks to the human condition whatever their source.

Over the years they have been a source of inspiration to composers and musicians as well as to ordinary people. I have been told that, many years ago, when Nun Walker was Ringing Master at St. Michael's, Stoney Stanton, he would put down his prayer book as Evensong reached the psalm for the day. He knew the Sunday psalms by heart and needed no prompt.



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Interest in Religious Studies GCSE continues

Religious Studies (RS) GCSE in England and Wales fell by 2.6 per cent this year, but it still remains a popular subject. And the Religious Education Council (REC) of England and Wales is calling for more specialist teachers.

The REC said in a recent statement that RS was “the seventh most widely taken subject in England and Wales, out of the 31 offered at Key Stage 4”, with 249,422 taking the subject.

But the REC expressed concern about a lack of specialist RE teachers, especially given the subject’s popularity. “School workforce data show that 51 per cent of those teaching RE mainly teach another subject.”

The Chair of the National Association of Teachers of RE, Katie Freeman, says that RE lessons are “among the most challenging a teacher will ever deliver.”

As you tidy your garden for winter...

Gardens are preparing to go to sleep, but next Spring will soon be here. So why not consider some changes now:

~ Install a water butt now, to store up the winter rain for the Spring.

~ Reduce the hard standing in your garden. Instead, let rain soak into the soil, rather than go down a drain.

~ Plant something tall to create shade in your garden next year – the soil will remain wetter.

~ Put in more plants – the more you have, the more protection they give the ground. Try to use native species, as your local wildlife depends on them.

~ Consider adding a pond – it will be a great boost to your local wildlife!

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul’s assurance to the Philippian jailer: ‘Don’t — yourself! We are all here!’ (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 ‘Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man’ (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, ‘When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry’ (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship ‘because he feared the Jews’ (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across

September Crossword Solutions

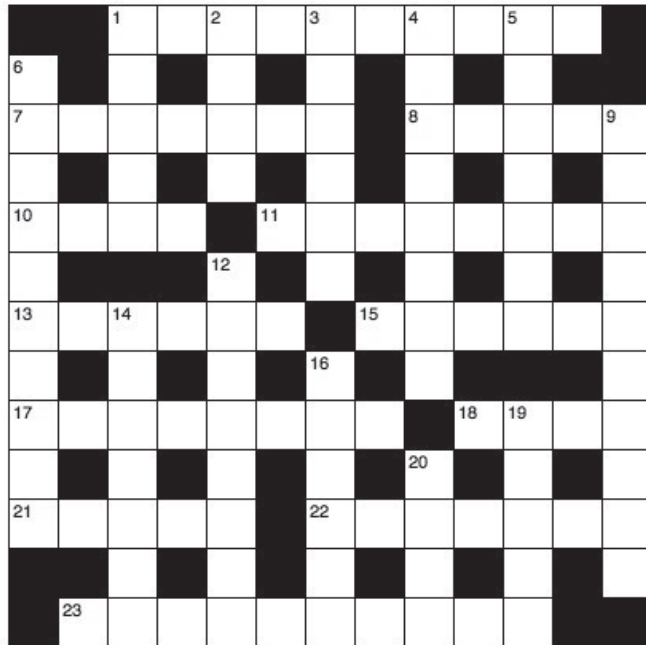
ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

Oddest

The parish magazine was reporting on a recent parish away-day at the seaside. It said: ‘The results of our competition for the oddest item found on the beach were: First prize: Mrs Wainwright; second prize: The Vicar; and third prize, Mr Simpson.’

Crossword - October



Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Exhibition of Queen Elizabeth II's wedding dress and fashion to celebrate centenary

Next year, the largest-ever exhibition of Queen Elizabeth II's clothes will be staged at Buckingham Palace, in honour of the centenary of her birth.

Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style, will include some 200 items – around half of which is to be displayed for the first time.

As well as clothing, jewellery, hats, shoes, and accessories, there will also be design sketches, fabric samples and handwritten notes that give a glimpse of the process involved in dressing the late Queen for her many public appearances.

Caroline de Guitaut, the exhibition curator and surveyor of the King's Works of Art, said: "Her distinctive style became instantly recognisable around the world, bolstering the British fashion industry and influencing generations of designers and couturiers."

The exhibition will include her wedding dress from 1947, her Coronation dress from 1953, and a number of the formal evening dresses she wore for banquets and visiting Heads of State. But there will also be the riding jackets, tartan skirts and silk headscarves that made up her well-known practical everyday style.

'Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style' will be at The King's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, from spring to autumn 2026. Tickets on sale from this November.



What's in a name?

Oscar and Isla

Two names with Gaelic origins this month, depending on which you prefer for one of them.

Oscar has become increasingly popular in recent times for boys. It's an interesting choice, because it has two distinct original sources. For some it derives from Old Norse names, Os and Geirr, meaning God and spear, therefore God's spear.

But for those familiar with the legends of Ulster, it also has Gaelic origins which indicate a meaning of '*Deer-lover*,' and was in Northern Irish legend the name of the grandson of the heroic giant Fionn Mac Cumhaill, the 'builder' of the Giant's causeway.

And across the sea, his name is remembered in Fingle's Cave, a local corruption of Fionn's name. So Oscar has formidable origins.

From a similar source, comes the lovely Scottish name Isla, sometimes spelt Aileagh in its Gaelic form. It lends its name to the Island of Islay, and simply means 'a rocky place' or island. But it is a beautiful name, which has become popular in recent times.



The legendary 'Giant's boot on the Giant's Causeway

Great St Mary's Spud-U-Grow Competition

At the September Community Market and Coffee Morning more than 20 enthusiastic growers staggered to St Mary's with their potato grow bags to have their entries weighed. After such a dry summer expectations were not high, but everyone was very excited to see their spuds emerge like buried treasure from the compost. Weights varied from just under 200g to just over 1kg. However, last year's winner Kevin Featherstone triumphed again with a truly amazing 4.8kg of spuds grown from just one seed potato! Many congratulations Kevin - we need to know your secret!



If you are inspired to take up the challenge, the Great St Mary's Spud-U-Grow Competition will enter its third year in 2026. Bags and seed potatoes will be on sale at the April Community Market. Watch this space for details nearer the time.

Dear Lord,

So far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, or cursed. I have not charged on my credit card or eaten any chocolate. However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes, and I will need a lot more help after that! Amen.

Ten

Asked to name one of the Ten Commandments, one little girl replied: "Do not admit adultery."

Clubs, activities & events in October

W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 14 October 7:30 pm	"Trick or Treat— Halloween" Bob Massey	A Halloween Decoration
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday 8 October 7:30 pm	AGM	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 8 October 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 07779 194730 for more information	Paul Lawrence	

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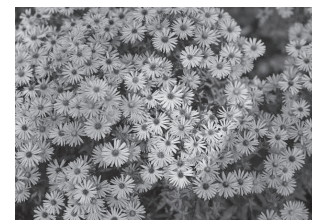
A flower used by Victorians when they wanted to send a 'hidden message' of love is making a big comeback.

It is the aster. It's popularity in bouquets has quadrupled in two years. Sales at Tesco alone have soared by nearly 350 per cent.

And no wonder: asters are vivid, fast-growing British flowers with a good vase life. They come in blue, purple, pink, dark pink, red and white – all with a bright yellow centre. They originally came from Japan and are related to dahlias and chrysanthemums.

The Victorians believed that asters symbolised love, patience, wisdom, elegance and grace. That made asters a sure winner for bearing discreet messages of affection.

More than five million were grown in the UK this year, so there must be a lot of love about!



St Mary's Subscription Draw

September

First Prize - £40.00 - No 88 - Mr R Sweeting

Second Prize - £20.00 - No 30 - Mr B Giles

Third Prize - £10.00 - No 199 - Mr R Quittenton

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.

All in the month of October

It was:

750 years ago, on 27 October 1275 that the city of Amsterdam in the Netherlands is traditionally considered to have been founded.

200 years ago, on 25 October 1825 that Johann Strauss II, was born. This Austrian composer is best known for his waltzes, including The Blue Danube.

125 years ago, on 20 October 1900 that the American aviation pioneers the Wright Brothers made their first untethered glider flight at Kill Devil Hills, in North Carolina.

100 years ago, on 13 October 1925 that Margaret Thatcher, Baroness Thatcher, was born. She was the first woman Prime Minister of Britain (1979-90). (Died 2013.)

90 years ago, on 12 October 1935 that Luciano Pavarotti, Italian operatic tenor, was born. Considered one of the finest tenors of the 20th century, and one of the most commercially successful of all time. (Died 2007.)

70 years ago, on 20 October 1955 that The Return of the King, the third and final part of J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings, was published.

65 years ago, on 30 October 1965 that Diego Maradona was born. The Argentine football player, manager and coach is regarded as one of the greatest football players in history. (Died 2020.)

60 years ago, on 8 October 1965 that the Post Office Tower (now the BT Tower) in London was officially opened. It was the tallest building in the UK until 1980.

50 years ago, on 9 October 1975 that the IRA detonated a bomb near the Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly. One person was killed and at least 20 injured.

Coffee Mornings

St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley

Saturday 4 October

10 am— 12 noon

Community Market and Coffee Morning

St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton

Saturday 11 October

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 25 October

"On the Piste!"

Ski chalet chat, choc and croissants!

All Welcome

Stoney Stanton Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

Thursday 30 October

10:00 am—11:30 am

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Saturday Lunches

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
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*December details to follow as this will be a pre-book event



40 years ago, on 1 October 1985 that riots broke out in Toxteth in Liverpool and Peckham in London. Five days later (6 October) Met Police Constable Keith Blacklock was killed in the Broadwater Farm housing estate riot in Tottenham. He was the first British constable to be killed in a riot since 1833.

Also 40 years, on 26 October 1985 that the Australian government returned the ownership of Uluru / Ayers Rock to the local Pitjantjatjara people, on condition that they lease it to the National Parks and Wildlife Agency for 99 years and allow it to be jointly managed.

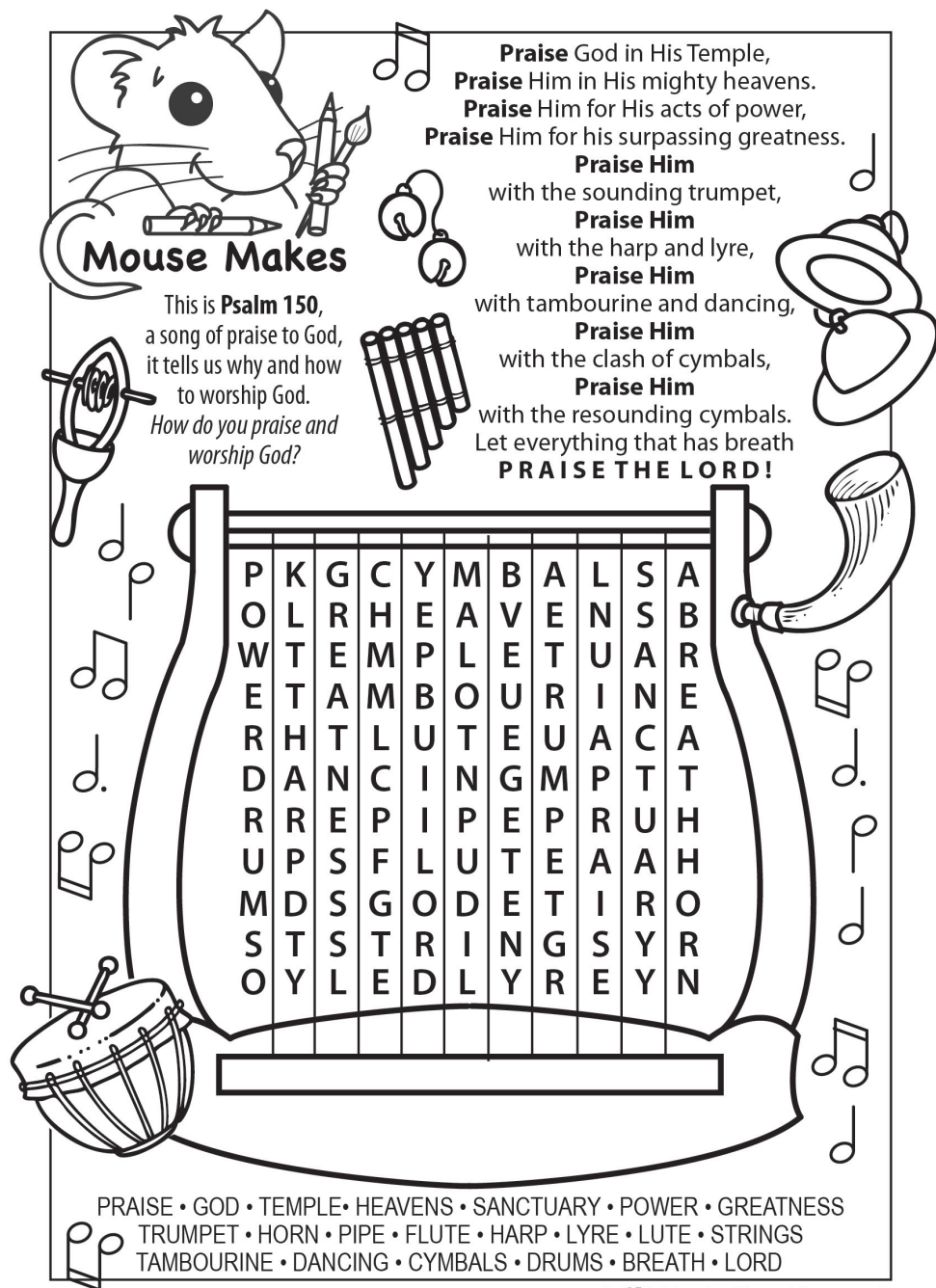
25 years ago, on 26 October 2000 that the BSE Inquiry Report was published in the UK. It concluded that the BSE (Mad Cow Disease) epidemic was caused by the use of infected meat and bone meal in cattle feed.

20 years ago, on 3 October 2005 that Ronnie Barker, TV comedian, actor and writer, died. Known for The Frost Report, The Two Ronnies, Porridge, Going Straight and Open All Hours.

Also 20 years ago, on 18 to 26 October 2005 that Hurricane Wilma, the most intense Atlantic hurricane ever recorded, hit the Caribbean, Central America and the eastern USA. 63 people died. The storm caused £18.1 billion worth of damage.

15 years ago, on 13 October 2010 that 33 Chilean miners who had been trapped underground for 69 days following the collapse of the San Jose copper-gold mine were rescued. Around one billion TV viewers around the world watched them being pulled to the surface one-by-one, in a specially designed capsule.

10 years ago, on 26 October 2015 that the Hindu Kush earthquake hit Afghanistan, India and Pakistan. At least 399 people were killed, and 2,536 more injured.



Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**,
a song of praise to God,
it tells us why and how
to worship God.
*How do you praise and
worship God?*

Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise Him
with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him
with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him
with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him
with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him
with the resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!

P	K	G	C	Y	M	B	A	L	S	A
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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.

