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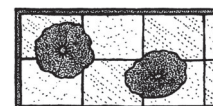
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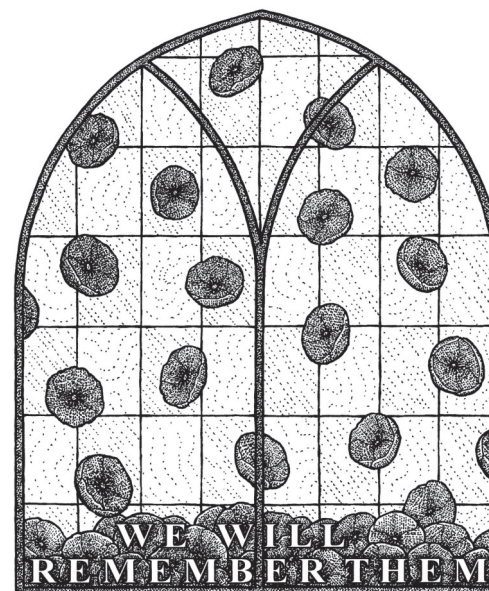


'Parish News'

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

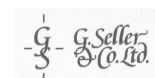


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Services.....November

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 2 November All Saints/Souls	10:00 United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley		
Sunday 9 November REMEMBRANCE	10:45 am War Memorial	10:45 am War Memorial	10:45 am War Memorial
Sunday 16 November 2nd Sunday Before Advent	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion With Baptism	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 23 November Christ the King	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Cafe Church	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 30 November Advent Sunday	10:00 am United Service of Holy Communion at St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton 6:00 pm United Advent Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley		
Sunday 7 December Advent 2	10:00 am United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church Croft		

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/>

Dear Friends -

November is our month for remembering.

Sunday 2nd - All Souls.

1st November is All Saints' Day, and 2nd is All Souls' Day. On these days, the church invites us to remember all those who have passed from this mortal coil on to the glories of eternity. We all have some departed loved ones who we remember with gratitude and with love. On Sunday 2nd we shall be taking the opportunity in church to remember them and thank God for them.

Our joint service on 2nd November is at St Mary's. As we enter the church on that morning, there will be some cards on which we are invited to write the names of those we wish to recall and for whom we thank God. These will be read out at the intercessions.

Sunday 9th - Remembrance

We also need to remind ourselves of those who have given their lives in order to preserve our freedom and security as a nation. This year's Acts of Remembrance will follow the normal pattern in each village.

Thinking about those who have died can be a rather depressing and morbid activity. Yet it need not be so. Most of our personal memories of the departed will be of happy days shared with them, and of their love and their goodness to us. We can be confident that they have passed on from this difficult existence, towards the Kingdom of Love and of Peace. They are no longer hindered by pain and bodily suffering. They are free from those things which restricted their ability to love and be loved.

And it's a future which we shall all share with them. In times past, it was the normal thing to spend the period of Advent (the 4 Sundays leading up to Christmas) reflecting upon our own mortality and our preparations to join the departed in eternity.

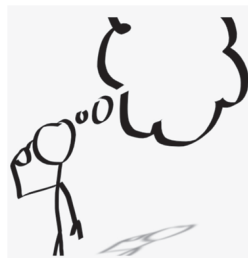
Memories can be positive things which help and inspire us in our own lives. I hope that, in some way, we will all be able to join in this month's remembering. Thanking God for those we loved, and for those who gave everything they had for their families and friends.

Yours in Christ,

Vic Goodman



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:

26 October; 23 November and 7 December.

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

For more details please contact Paula Atkinson 07581 574340.

Mouse Makes

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
 Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November.
 ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour.
 We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.

HOPE

Read:
Isaiah 40:5
What shall be revealed?

JOY

Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?

LOVE

Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?

PEACE

Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

WORD SEARCH

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Stoney Stanton	Owen Ralph Burbage
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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 .

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



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St Michael's Stoney Stanton 100 Club Draw

October

First Prize	-	£25.00	-	No 70	-	Kate Worrall
Second Prize	-	£15.00	-	No 59	-	Jonathan Bestwick
Third Prize	-	£10.00	-	No 87	-	Val Payne

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



1st Stoney Stanton Scout Group

BEAVERS

Beaver Scouts

(Age 6 to 8 years)

Meet Wednesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Cub Scouts

(Age 8 to 10½ years)

Meet Mondays 6.30pm to 8.00pm

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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 ?
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For more information on this or youth membership
please contact:-

Carl West (Group Lead Volunteer) on 07711 077606
gs1stoneystanton@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 07458 315152 who will be able to help you, and arrange to visit you.

Bible knowledge

A minister was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I finally figured out what the Bible means!" The minister thought of his extensive theological library and smiled indulgently. He asked his young son what he thought the Bible meant.

"It's easy, Daddy," the boy replied. "It means: 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

Dry

My minister friend put hot-air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks, took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine, but someone had scribbled on the dryer: "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

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

The Nicene Creed: The Person of the Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

This month we are considering what the Nicene Creed says about the Holy Spirit.

'We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life': The original version of the Nicene Creed ended simply 'We believe in the Holy Spirit.' However, the phrase 'the Lord, the giver of life' was added to counter the teachings of Macedonius (Bishop of Constantinople), who viewed the Holy Spirit as a creation of the Son. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity who shapes us, according to Christ's image, through His fruit and gifts: 'the Spirit gives life...we are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.' (2 Corinthians 3:6,18).

'who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified': In the late 6th century the Latin churches added the phrase 'and the Son' (the Filioque Clause), which was rejected by the Orthodox Churches. Augustine described the Spirit as 'love proceeding' from the Father and the Son, so we can know God: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about me.' (John 15:26).

The Creed is clear that the Holy Spirit is due equal status and worship with the Father and the Son, as a distinct divine person: 'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.' (2 Corinthians 13:14).

'He has spoken through the Prophets': Why does the Creed include this activity of the Spirit? It is not just referring to the OT prophets, but the whole of Scripture. He has inspired Scripture, so that we have God's word communicated by human writers: 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16). When we read the Bible, the Spirit enables us to hear what God is saying to us.

In what areas of life have you felt the Holy Spirit at work in you?

Bishop Sarah said: "As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager.

"At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen deeply – to people and to God's gentle prompting – to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing.

"I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and for it to shape our actions.

"And I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with the millions of people serving God and their communities in parishes all over the country and across the global Anglican Communion.

"I know this is a huge responsibility but I approach it with a sense of peace and trust in God to carry me as He always has."

Lord Evans, Chair of the Crown Nominations Commission for Canterbury, said: "It has been a great privilege to have chaired the Crown Nominations Commission as it sought to discern who God is calling to lead the Church of England and Anglican Communion as Archbishop of Canterbury.

"That discernment began with the public consultation, which heard the voices of thousands of people as they expressed their hopes for this nomination, and continued all the way through to the Commission's final meeting.

"I would like to thank all those who took part in this process, particularly those who took time to share their views in the consultation and the members of the Commission who worked so diligently over several months, ably assisted by the Appointments Secretaries and by the Appointments and Vocations team at Lambeth Palace.

"I shall be praying for Bishop Sarah as she prepares to take up this new ministry in the coming months."

Extracts from the Church of England Website

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE to become 106th Archbishop of Canterbury



His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, Downing Street has announced.

The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury since Saint Augustine arrived in Kent from Rome in 597, Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office.

She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026.

Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman appointed to that role, and before that was Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse. Bishop Sarah has described nursing as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God".

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) for Canterbury nominated Bishop Sarah following a process of public consultation and prayerful discernment that began in February this year. The Canterbury CNC was made up of representatives from across the Church of England, global Anglican Communion and the Diocese of Canterbury.

The most senior bishop in the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry combines many roles including serving as the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, as well as primus inter pares – or first among equals – of the Primates of the global Anglican Communion, which consists of around 85 million people, across 165 countries. In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury is one of 26 bishops who comprise the Lords Spiritual.



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.



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



The Book of Common Prayer has such wonderful prayers scattered throughout. It is designed to supply material for every turning on the way. Some of its ceremonies may seem quaint, today, few would wish to attend the 'Churching of Women' after childbirth, as was customary in the past, but it is no bad thing to offer thanks after a serious medical procedure. And while many of the ancient services found in earlier volumes are no longer considered appropriate, alongside the services which accompany us through life, baptism, communion, marriage and funerals, we find orders to use for visiting the sick, prayers for occasional use, prayers for use at sea, so essential at a time when we were so dependent on our Navy, and the Communion.... a most wonderful rant against sinners and wrongdoing! This latter may seem quaint but a lot of it is hugely relevant today..... when you read about slander, or boundary disputes, or unkindness to the disabled, quite apart from the condemnation of immoral behaviour you would expect!

The Book of Common Prayer is an absolute gem, even today several hundred years after its conception, and still legally remains at the bedrock of the Church of England. Its spiritual truths are still worth a visit, even in these cynical times.



Thinking about Prayer

Defend O Lord.....

A special prayer. (the Book of Common Prayer Part 3)

Every Advent Sunday back in the 1940's and 1950;s, and I know for many years afterwards, the Bishop would visit our church to take the annual Confirmation of around 20 - 30 young people. It was an important day for us all, we were told we had reached the 'age of discretion' , when we should be able to distinguish between right and wrong! Our confirmation services were inevitably taken by the formidable Bishop Williams (reputed to be the last Anglican Bishop to wear gaiters!). My mother had made me a new white dress for the occasion (later dyed blue for Sunday use) and we all made the procession from the Parish Hall into the church, suitably clad in white veils for the girls and boys equally, for this special day, in new clothes. It would be a memorable occasion.

But singularly precious to me was the prayer, pronounced by the Bishop as he laid his hands on the head of each candidate.

*'Defend O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace,
that they may continue thine for ever,
:and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more,
until they come into thy everlasting kingdom. Amen.'*

It was a prayer for protection, particularly appropriate for us youngsters as we faced the rough seas of adolescence and puberty. A prayer which, today, all those years later reminds me of the 'circling prayers' – of which more, at a later date.

It is a prayer, not just for once in a lifetime, but a prayer for every day, a prayer for later life, and whatever difficulties and challenges it may present.



**Soup Lunches in Stoney Stanton
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What's in a name?

Katherine, Catherine, Kate.....?

Katherine may be described as a name with many variations upon a theme! From the Danish 'Karen' to the Irish and Welsh Caitlyn, it is a popular and much distinguished name. It has been the name of saints and queens down the centuries, and in 1999, St.Catherine of Siena, the great theologian, was proclaimed a patron Saint of Europe, by Pope John-Paul II. An earlier Saint, Catherine of Alexandria, was martyred in the 4th Century and is remembered as having been tortured on a wheel..... hence the firework!

More happily though, the name has a long history, probably having come to this country from eastern Europe during the Crusades. The name itself derives from a Greek word meaning 'Pure', which is why you will sometimes find it written with a K sometimes with a C.

While, in this present age, the diminutives such as 'Katy' are popular, I wouldn't mind betting that this name will become more popular as the years go by and we are faced with the prospect of another Queen Catherine in this country. The last one was the Portuguese born Catherine of Braganza, wife of King Charles II, but before that we remember three of the wives of Henry VIII, and before that, memorably (thanks to Shakespeare) Catherine of Valois, Queen of Henry V.



Catherine of
Alexandria

- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

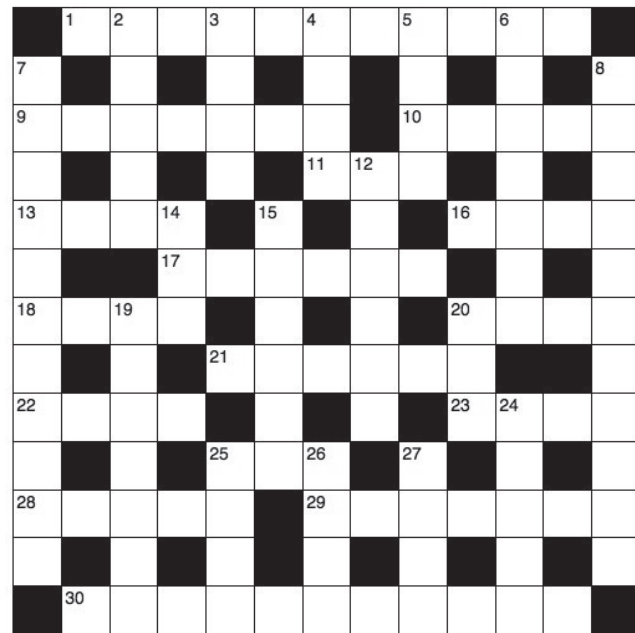
- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
- 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
- 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
- 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
- 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
- 26 Heroic tale (4)
- 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

October Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin. 7, Endured. 8, Eased. 10, Rash. 11, Startled. 13, Easier. 15, Rubric. 17, Impurity. 18, Feet. 21, Eye at. 22, Ready to. 23, Holy Spirit.

DOWN: 1, Judas. 2, Harm. 3, Is duty. 4, Cheerful. 5, Insular. 6, Jezreelite. 9, Dedication. 12, Secretly. 14, Supremo. 16, Stir up. 19, Egypt. 20, Hair.

Crossword - November



Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —
 ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46)
 (3)
 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after
 Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
 16 Metallic element (4)
 17 At line (anag.) (6)
 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's
 jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to
 destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)

Agape Celebration

The Parish Bible Study Group warmly invite everyone to join us for an Agape Celebration. A tradition dating back to the earliest days of Christianity, an Agape Celebration involves sharing a simple meal, prayer, praise and fellowship. Please do join us on Monday 15 December at St Michael's Stoney Stanton from 2.30 - 3.30 pm. Take an hour out of the pre-Christmas busyness to enjoy a breathing space and a time of sharing faith and friendship.

If you would like to know more please contact Paula Atkinson on 07581 574340.



St Mary's Subscription Draw

October

- First Prize - £40.00 - No 15 - Mrs M Pawley
 Second Prize - £20.00 - No 67 - Mr T Seal
 Third Prize - £10.00 - No 38 - Mrs M Rogers

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.

Glenda Lewis 24 April 1941—27 July 2025

Memories of Glenda Lewis, shared by her daughter



Glenda had such a full and amazing life, and accomplished so many things. This is just the tiniest glimpse into a life well-lived, of a woman well-loved, who will *always* be missed.

Glenda was born in South Croxton in 1941. She had two older brothers, and eventually a much-wanted sister. Their father, a farm worker and 'special' during the war, had a smallholding and kept a few cows, pigs and chickens. Glenda loved the animals and one of her responsibilities was looking after the chicks when they hatched, and helping her father to deliver milk with a horse and cart was a special treat.

When Glenda was seven years old, the family began an almost nomadic lifestyle, moving wherever work took her father. Despite the frequent uprooting, Glenda excelled at school, – in fact, Glenda lived in 9 different places before she married and always having to leave behind good friends and happy school days had a profound effect on her.

She left school at 16, at first trying Nursing, but quickly found that wasn't for her; and instead, found a clerical job at a large engineering company in Birmingham, while also attending Tamworth College.

When her youngest brother was killed on his motorcycle near to home, it devastated Glenda, her faith getting her through one of the hardest times in her life. Her parents couldn't bear to live in that area anymore, so they moved again, her father managing a variety of different farms, including a short spell in the Enderby area. Whilst there she met a dashing former-RAF

Sullivan – of Gilbert and Sullivan

Some 125 years ago, on 22nd November 1900, Arthur Sullivan, the British composer, died. Best known for his collaborations with the dramatist W S Gilbert on light operas including HMS Pinafore and The Pirates of Penzance, he also wrote the music to the hymn Onward, Christian Soldiers.

Sullivan was born in 1832 in Lambeth. His Irish-born father Thomas was a military bandmaster, clarinettist and music teacher who, from 1845 to 1857 was based at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, where his son became proficient on many of the band's instruments and composed an anthem, By the Waters of Babylon, when he was eight.

Arthur was drawn to classical and spiritual music of various kinds, and his huge success with Gilbert was awkward for him, as he often felt – encouraged by certain reviewers and others – that he was "capable of higher art". He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1883, and the musical establishment felt this should end his involvement with comic opera.

Sullivan was inclined to agree, but he was also aware of the quality - and popularity - of his work with Gilbert. He had told an American reporter in 1879: "His ideas are as suggestive for music as they are quaint and laughable. His numbers ... always give me musical ideas."

By 1885 the duo had completed The Mikado, their most successful work, which ran for 672 performances.

Sullivan never married, though he had close relationships with a number of women, including the American socialite and singer Fanny Ronalds. He was devoted to his mother and also to his nephews and nieces after his brother Fred died at an early age.

Persistent kidney disease often meant that Sullivan had to conduct sitting down. He died of heart failure following bronchitis. His Te Deum Laudamus was performed posthumously.

Tim Lenton

Clubs, activities & events in November

W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 11 November 7:30 pm	A G M	
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday 12 November 7:30 pm	"Christmas Tree Decoration" Carolyn Boulter	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 12 November 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 07779 194730 for more information	Ringtons	

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pilot, each of them playing tennis with friends. It was love at first sight for Mike, and after some gentle encouragement from her mother, Glenda agreed to a date with him!

A further move took the family to Burton Lazars where Glenda & Mike were married at the church in May 1960.

Glenda became the personal assistant to the managing director of 'Glamour Girl' stockings in Burbage. Whilst working there, when there was talk that Hinckley Hospital would close because it didn't have an x-ray unit, Glenda took it upon herself to send out an appeal to 500 businesses in the Hinckley area, and was successful in raising the funds required to provide the unit. This would be just the beginning of Glenda's charitable work.

After 6 years of marriage, Glenda and Mike moved to Windermere Drive, Croft and some 9 years later, adopted me; and 18 months later, adopted a son.

After 16 happy years there, The Old Rectory came up for auction after being empty for 5 years. Mum and Dad made a successful bid for it and spent many years renovating it, something Mum thoroughly enjoyed, and they spent 26 very happy years there.

Mum's faith was all encompassing; it guided her every day; and every day was about how she could best serve God.

St Michael & All Angels' Church in Croft was Mum's Church for over 40 years, and she was involved in so many aspects of its life - from cleaning brasses, arranging flowers, recreating the Christmas story with a live Shetland pony, Mum served on the church council, PCC and DCC. She helped form and run the Teenage Action Group or TAG group, and with Lester, Derek & Helen, she filled our house with teenagers each week, discussing the Bible and their faith, and also taking them pony trekking in the Black Mountains, camping at Abersoch, roller skating at Granby Halls.

Mum also enjoyed sharing the Old Rectory for Open Gardens, Christmas parties, and all manner of fund-raising events for the Church.

Mum became a member of the Leicester Anglican Cursillo in the mid-1990's and it would become a cornerstone of the rest of her life, also gifting her a love of butterflies. Mum also helped with pastoral care in the community, helping to take prayer and communion to those in the community who were unable to attend church, something she cared deeply about, and after sadly leaving Croft in 2009, Mum became part of Leicester Cathedral's Wholeness and Healing Team, helping those who attended the services each week, sometimes just sitting and praying with them.

Mum gave many teenagers their first jobs, usually odd jobs around the Old Rectory, but there was always something that Mum was organising or helping with where extra help was welcomed. I don't think it's wrong to say that

some felt that Mum was like a second mother to them, and she was a godmother to many more; but perhaps more importantly, she was someone they felt they could talk to, to trust with their worries and concerns, knowing that they would not only get a listening ear, but also truthful & sound advice (whether it was what they wanted to hear or not), and she would always help wherever possible. If you needed Mum, she was there for you.

Mum instilled in us truth, honesty, kindness, strength, respect for others, a very strong work ethic; she taught us to never give up, but always be true to ourselves, our family, and to God.

Mum shared her time and love with so many, and she was many things to many people – wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend... she was 'Auntie Glenda' to most.

Mum was always authentically herself and she lived a life she loved.

She was incredibly well-travelled, going to 100 different countries around the world, and visiting relatives in Australia, New Zealand, the USA; going on spiritual pilgrimages with friends, and mother-daughter trips .

Wherever she was in the world, Mum always found people to engage with and help, especially other mothers, and young people. Mum joined the Mothers' Union in the early 1970s and was a long-standing member of the WRVS.

Like her mother before her, and her daughter, Mum kept many notes. So, I'd like to finish with some words from Mum herself:

*"I tried to live my life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.
I did not live for myself, I put my (parents, brothers, sister, husband,
children, family & friends) in first place.
I had a special love for each person, never counting the minutes
spent with them; sharing their joys, their successes, their hopes; as
well as trials, and the worries and sufferings.
I did everything out of love; to be loved by Father God; to live in the
Spirit of our Lord Jesus.
A butterfly has to pass through two distinct stages.
I truly believe we are similar to a butterfly. An active life - feeding
and moving about on earth - we become a resting chrysalis,
cocooned within our confines. From this chrysalis – and this is
where we change – neither moving nor resting – Father God, through
our Lord Jesus, enables us to become eternal. Our Spirit.*

*Mother Teresa's ethos has inspired me and I encompass her biblical
strategy. Jesus LOVES each one of us and we must love each
other.*

My motto is 'to live in Hope and Love'."

Coffee Mornings

St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley

Saturday 1 November

10 am— 12 noon

Community Market and Coffee Morning

St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton

Saturday 8 November

10 am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning

EFFFI (Elmesthorpe Friends Food and Flower Initiative)

Raising money for St Mary's Church and other local charities

Coffee Morning

Elmesthorpe Village Hall

10:00—11:30

Saturday 29 November

"Peacetime" Thanksgiving
Wartime Teatime

All Welcome

Stoney Stanton Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

Thursday 27 November

10:00 am—11:30 am

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*December details to follow as this will be a pre-book event



Mum did just that, and shared those things with everyone whose lives she touched. We will all miss her in our own, individual ways; but her family know that she is happy, at peace, and that eternal butterfly.

Thank you to everyone for their cards, prayers and condolences at this time and for sharing your memories of Mum with us.

Ruth

A deeper problem

Young James started nursery and began bringing his drawings home. Each day his mother admired the pictures and hung them on the refrigerator. But one thing bothered her. James used only black and browns for his drawings. What did that mean? Fearing a problem, and not wanting it to get worse, she decided to take him to a child psychologist.

The psychologist delicately went to work. He gave James a battery of psychological tests. Everything seemed perfectly normal. Yet every day, James continued to bring home drawings in only blacks and browns.

Frustrated and fearful that something was terribly wrong, the child psychologist finally decided to give James some paper and a box of crayons and simply observe what happened.

James opened the box of crayons and cried! "Oh, cool! A new box! At school we only have old boxes. The only crayons left in mine are black and brown!"

Hear, hear

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

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