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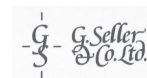


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Services.....June

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 7 June Trinity 1	10:00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley		
Sunday 14 June Trinity 2	9:45 am Holy Communion With Baptism	9:30 am Messy Church	11:15 am Praise Service
Sunday 21 June Trinity 3	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion With Baptism	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 28 June Trinity 4	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Café Church	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 5 July Trinity 5	10:00 am United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft		

Weekday Services:

Broughton Astley: Wednesday 9:30 am a service of Morning Prayer with Holy Communion on the first Wednesday

Stoney Stanton: Thursday 9:30 am service of Morning Prayer with Holy Communion on the third Thursday

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.

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Friends

Some thoughts as we move into joining into a new Minster Community.

One of the delights of living in Leicestershire is the multi culturalism of the city. In our parish we don't have the diversity of faiths and culture our city areas take for granted, but these are only just down the road. Differences bring great benefits and the opportunities to discover cultures and traditions other than our own. Even in our neighbouring parishes we find differing practices and traditions.

However if we pay too much attention to some of the media and social media we find promotion of hatred and division and if we are not careful those politics of division and hatred can draw attention to cultural diversity in an unhelpful way which creates tension and divides communities.

So, the question I want to pose is how do you cope with difference? We all think we are good at dealing with diversity, but the reality is that most of us like and feel most comfortable with people just like us! We all have a certain amount of preference and bias, and it is important that we know how to spot our blind spots and the issues that can trip us up. Yet the bible speaks about difference in a positive way because it recognises all of us are unique expressions of God's love.

In the very beginning of creation God created diversity and difference not just in humanity but in the entire creation. However, uniquely, he created human beings to reflect his divine nature. Whatever preferences we have, at heart we are called to treat others as we ourselves want to be treated. When we reject those who are different, we are in effect rejecting God's love for our world.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. 'The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

Paul recognised that difference was a key part of our faith. Christians are called to live counter culturally and that alone marks us as

different from those around us. Our values are shaped by the kingdom and in the kingdom the differences that matter in this world are meaningless. Instead, Paul wants us to know that what is important is our trust in Jesus as our Lord because this enables us to be citizens of heaven.

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Galatians 3:26-29

When we look elsewhere in the New Testament, we also find a similar message, in fact John goes further in his letters because he says if we love God but hate those we can see then our faith is flawed. John says when we reject difference, we have not let our faith shape who we are.

“We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.” 1 John 4:19-21

As we move forward towards our proposed Minster Community, we will encounter differences and changes. Part of our challenge will be to see where the Spirit will take us, but I am confident that God is calling us to a new way of working with new and exciting blessings if we work together.

I wish you all a blessed future as we learn to work and worship together.

Peter

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9:30 am - Every Wednesday – A service of Morning Prayer with Holy Communion on the first Wednesday at Broughton Astley

9:30 am – Every Thursday – A service of Morning Prayer with Holy Communion on the third Thursday 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.

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At our recent Annual Parochial Church Meeting, three of our Churchwardens stepped down. Paul and Rachel at Stoney Stanton and Mike at Croft.

Grateful thanks were expressed for the duties they had performed in this role.

Presentations of gifts were made to them at services in their respective churches.

They will all continue to be involved with their churches and the parish.



Baptisms

Broughton Astley	Sadie-May Grosvenor-Brown
Croft	Julia Duncan
Stoney Stanton	Jacob Graham Grant Oliver James Grant

Funerals

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Carl West (Group Lead Volunteer) on 07711 077606
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Group Headquarters The Old Chapel, Broughton Road, Stoney Stanton

Prayer Chain

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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.

1 June – Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Mary – the virgin mother of Jesus. For centuries, the Eastern and Western Churches have considered her pre-eminent among all the saints.

In the gospels, Mary makes her first appearance as a teenager. Nothing is known of her childhood, and what we do know of her is found mostly in Matthew 1 – 2 and in Luke 1 – 2. If you read both accounts, you'll notice that Luke's account seems to give the story from Mary's standpoint, whereas Matthew concentrates more on Joseph's side of things. In both accounts the virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated. Mary's quiet devotion to God and her total acceptance of His will shine forth.

Her visit to Elizabeth, when both were pregnant, is a moving and poignant account of two humble, ordinary women, suddenly caught up in a great event that would shape world history. Their trusting faith in God and acceptance of His will, shine through.

After Jesus is born, Mary fades into the background, and makes few appearances: when the family visits Jerusalem and she loses her son on the way home; when she urges Him to help the wedding party in Cana with its wine problem; and when Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when He is dying on the cross. Mary's last appearance is in Acts chapter one, just before Pentecost.

Mary obviously joined the early Church, but her role was never one of teaching and preaching, and indeed she remained so much in the background that nothing more about her is known for certain. Both Ephesus and Jerusalem have claimed to be the place of her death. Mary, chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ, one who is both God and Man, holds a unique place in the history of mankind. Down the centuries that have followed, the Church has paid special honour to Mary – and well deserved it is. "All generations shall call me blessed..."



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A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could go to church. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her dress dirty. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me again, either!"

Thinking about Prayer.....

Icons

The word 'icon' is freely used today in a variety of ways. In the computing world, it may indicate a tool, or a gateway into another area. It may be applied to a person, the King as icon of the State, for instance. It may be simply applied to a representational person or image, sometimes quite frivolous, in fact.

However, in a religious sense it has a very ancient meaning indeed. The name is Greek in origin and is usually given to the paintings, which go back to the earliest centuries of christianity, derived from use in the Eastern Orthodox churches. For some these may appear to be strange, lacking perspective, and distinctly 'otherworldly', but in recent years have become quite a usual sight in the Western Churches, be they Catholic or Reformed. They exude a sense of holiness, wherever they may be placed.

I shall never forget, as a 16-year old, walking into a gallery of icons on a school visit to Rome, and being overwhelmed by their radiant colours. Yes, I was used to stained glass windows in our parish church, and to seeing statues and paintings in Catholic Churches, but these were something different, something which struck awe into my heart.

Because of ancient schism between East and West, because of the swirl of reformation in the 16th and 17th centuries, the devotional use of icons had been pushed to one side. In this country, even the visual imagery which covered the walls of many of our churches was covered in whitewash, in an effort to bring in a more severe, more puritanical form of religion. Thankfully, other forms of art persisted, and we have a rich heritage of words and music which were not plundered in the name of faith. In more Catholic countries, the visual arts were allowed to flourish, and many European churches are full of statuary and painting from every age.

Clubs, activities & events June

W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 9 June 7:30 pm	"Canine Partners"	
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday 10 June 7:30 pm	"Hands on craft meeting" Vicki Bridgewater	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 10 June 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 07779 194730 for more information	"Meet the Brewer" Mike Wootton	

But in recent times, as a broader expression of faith has become acceptable, and as foreign travel is experienced by more of us, the strange, flat image of the icon has appealed to a greater number of people as a visual aid to prayer.

Sometimes called 'windows into eternity' the icon is a Way into prayer and worship. Orthodox churches will have a proliferation of imagery, culminating in the iconostasis, the screen between the holiness of the altar and the worshipping community. In Orthodox churches the icon is as much a part of worship as the music and prayers which we find acceptable. And it is said, that icons depicting saints remind the whole congregation that they are part of a larger, more ancient tradition, drawing them into worship with the church past and present. Many western churches today have at least a couple of icons, inviting us into worship. And many Christians will have a personal icon to focus their prayer

The painting itself is formal, following a set tradition, using symbolic colours. It is mostly painted on wood, and the painter prepares the ingredients carefully and with prayer. Indeed the icon is painted as an act of prayer, and is intended for veneration. The formal meaning is contained within the tradition, but certain icons have taken on a special intention.

One of the best known icons, which will be familiar to many, is the 'Visitation to Abraham' by the Russian master Anton Rublev in around 1425, and copied a multitude of times. It is a story to be read on two levels; first. The story in Genesis, about the three strange creatures, or angels who visited Abraham under the trees at Mamre, and brought the news that he and Sarai would have a son; then the second meaning is that it is a depiction of the Holy Trinity, with God the creator, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Each of the figures on the icon wears symbolically coloured clothing, and they are seated around a table. The wings which belong to each creature gently touch and unify the three. It is a moving portrayal of community, presence and holiness, and invitation to us all. It is revered throughout the world.

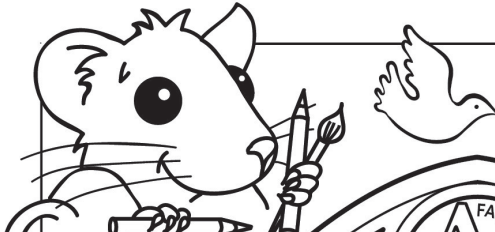
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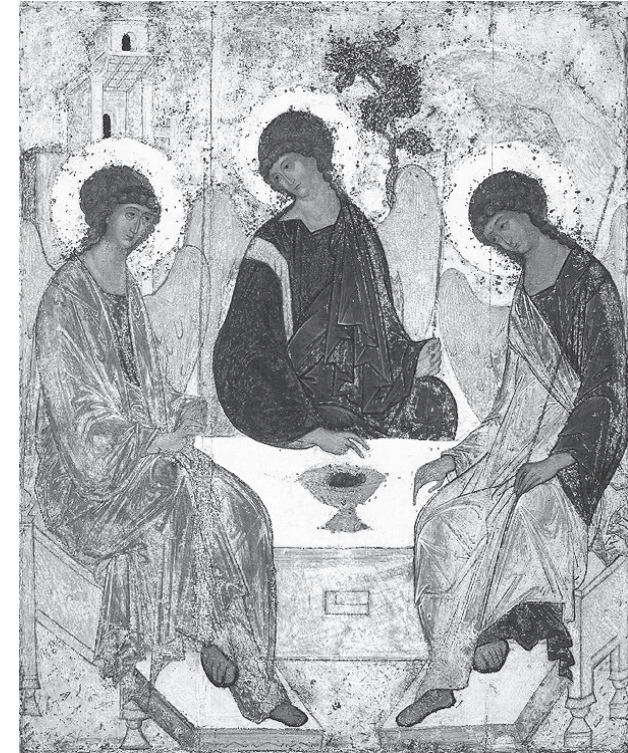
“May the grace of the Lord **JESUS CHRIST** and the love of **GOD** and the fellowship of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you all.”

2 Corinthians 13:14

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It is worth contemplating an icon in silence, they are indeed 'windows into eternity' which we can make The Trisagion – a prayer to the Trinity



The Trisagion – a prayer to the Trinity

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22 Or I live (anag.)(7)

23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

Down

1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16)
(5)

2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)

3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)

4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they
settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)

5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)

6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)

9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-
in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)

14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)

16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)

19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23)
(5)

20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)

May Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel.
16, To do. 17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash.
23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.

DOWN: 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing.
8, Opportunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet.
24, Hindu. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.

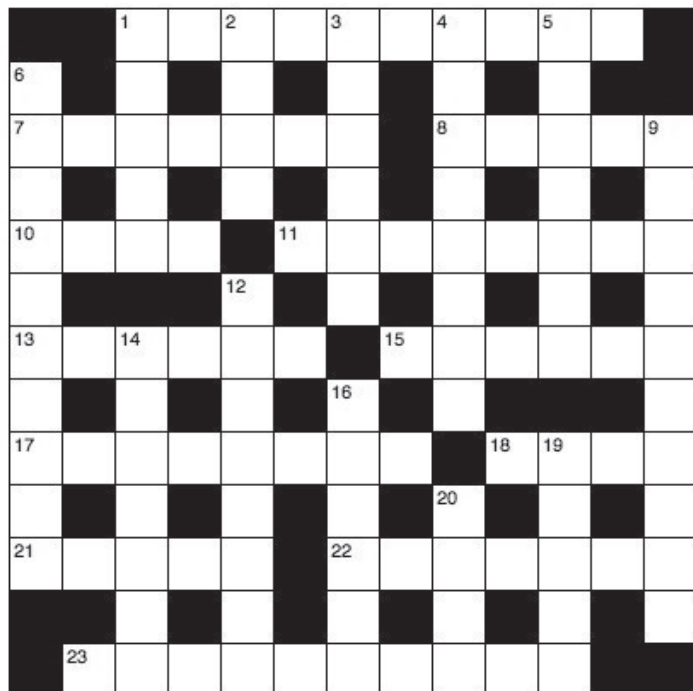
Motoring holiday

Lost Husband: Where are we now?

Wife: Halfway between Paris and Marseilles, dear.

Husband: Don't bother me with details. What country are we in?

Crossword - June



Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—'(2Corinthians4:8)(4)
- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
- 21 'As for man,his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)

School Assembly Songs!

Saturday 9 May saw a small group assemble at Croft Primary School to sing some favourite school assembly songs!



Mike told stories from the Bible, each followed by an appropriate hymn/song.

We had a break when tea/coffee and

cakes were provided by the school PTFA.

Grateful thanks to Mike and Claire for organising the afternoon, to Andrew Davies for playing the keyboard and Mike his guitar, the PTFA for the refreshments, and all who came.

Proceeds of the event were divided between the school and the Church.

It was a lovely afternoon which it is hoped will be repeated in the future.



Coffee Mornings

St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley

Saturday 6 June

10 am— 12 noon

Community Market and Coffee Morning

St Michael and All Angels Croft

Coffee Mornings

Every Tuesday 9:30—11:30

St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton

Saturday 20 June

(Change of date due to the village carnival on 13 June)

10 am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning

Quiet prayers

The little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice.

"I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered.

"Wasn't talking to you," said the small one firmly.

For the wicked

A little boy had been very naughty and as a punishment his mother told him he would go without his favourite vegetable. He sat down for a meal, and his mother served, carrots, corn, - - and ? "It's no use waiting," said his mother, " I told you, no peas for the wicked."

Remembering G K Chesterton

Ninety years ago, on 14th June 1936, G K Chesterton died at his home in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Novelist, short story writer, journalist, essayist, poet, social/literary critic and theologian, he is remembered for his stories about the priest-detective Father Brown.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton was born in Kensington, London, to an estate agent father and a Swiss-French mother. He was educated at St Paul's School before studying art at the Slade School and literature at University College, London. He did not get a degree, and his earliest ambition was to be an artist.

A conspicuous figure in both height and girth, he eventually took to writing, producing in all about 80 books, several hundred poems, 200 short stories, 4000 essays (mostly newspaper columns), and several plays. His literary preoccupations were initially journalism and social commentary, then literary criticism and lastly religion.

He was an apologist who spoke out for orthodox Christianity, initially from an Anglican standpoint, but after 1922 as a Roman Catholic. Using paradox, a sense of wonder and imaginative wit, he described the Christian faith as the one logical answer to life's mysteries. His seminal book, *Orthodoxy*, written when he was an Anglican, was a key factor in the conversion of C S Lewis.

Chesterton married Frances Blogg in 1901, but the couple were unable to have children. A writer herself, Frances encouraged her husband and acted as his personal assistant. He survived a life-threatening illness in 1914 affecting his heart and kidneys and was unconscious for a long period before recovering, though he never regained full vitality.

His most widely known invented character was Father Brown, kindly protagonist of a series of detective novels later televised and recently rerun. Father Brown is an unprepossessing figure with a sharp mind who understands the intricacies of evil through hearing many confessions

Tim Lenton

Also 10 years ago, on 16 June 2016 that Jo Cox, Labour MP for Batley and Spen, was murdered by a far-right extremist. She was 41.

Also 10 years ago, on 23 June 2016 that the UK European Union (EU) membership referendum was held. 52 per cent of voters voted to leave the EU, and 48 per cent voted to remain. The UK left the EU on 31 January 2020.

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Tree Bumblebee: - Found in England and Wales, and recently Southern Scotland. A fuzzy bee, with brown-orange hairs on its thorax, a black abdomen, and a white tail.

Red-tailed Bumblebee: - The female is very large, with a big red 'tail', while males are smaller.

Garden Bumblebee: - A scruffy-looking large bee, with a long tongue and face. It has yellow bands at the collar, rear of the thorax and at the first segment of the abdomen, and the tip of the tail is white.

Buff-tailed bumblebee: - The biggest of our bumblebees, with a yellow collar near the head and another on the abdomen. The queen has a buff-coloured 'tail', while the workers have white 'tails' and black hair on their faces.

Be kind to our bees. They are in steady decline across the UK.

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 27 June

World Cup Wonders

Host Countries' Quiz

All Welcome

Stoney Stanton Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

Thursday 25 June

10:00 am—11:30 am

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Enderby Windband at St Mary's Broughton Astley



🎵 Saturday **18th July** at 7pm

🎵 Come and enjoy a concert featuring a variety of music, including Big Band, Japanese, Folk, Classical, Musical & Film music

🎵 **Entry £10 per person** - includes a glass of wine/fruit juice & nibbles
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Tickets

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Under
18's
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For further info contact Heather (01455 284689)



Also 65 years ago, on 6 June that Carl Jung, Swiss psychiatrist and psychologist, died. Founder of analytical psychology.

50 years ago, from 23 June to 27 August, the 1976 British Isles Heat Wave took place. One of the hottest and driest summers on record, it dried up rivers and evaporated reservoirs. Domestic water supplies were rationed, and public standpipes were installed in some areas. September and October both saw very heavy rainfall.

40 years ago, on 22 June 1986 that the 'Hand of God' goal took place during the quarter-final of the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico City. Argentine football player Diego Maradona scored a goal against England using his hand, which the referee mistakenly thought was his head, and allowed the goal. England was knocked out of the World Cup as a result, and Argentina won it.

30 years ago, on 4 June 1996 that the Second Severn Crossing was officially opened. The bridge spans the River Severn and links England and Wales via the M4 motorway.

Also 30 years ago, on 15 June 1996 that the centre of Manchester was devastated by an IRA bomb. 200 people were injured and the city centre had to be redeveloped because of the immense amount of damage.

Also 30 years ago, on 18 June 1996 that Benjamin Netanyahu became Prime Minister of Israel for the first time. He served from 1996 to 1999, then from 2009 to 2021, and then from 2022 to the present time. He is Israel's longest-serving Prime Minister.

25 years ago, on 1 June 2001 that Crown Prince Dipendra, heir to the Nepalese throne, massacred eight members of the royal family, including the King and Queen. He then shot himself and died three days later.

20 years ago, on 18 June 2006 that American bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori became the first woman to be elected as a primate in the Anglican Communion. She became the Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church from November 2006 until 2015.

10 years ago, on 3 June 2016 that Muhammad Ali, American world heavyweight boxer, died. He was regarded as the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time.

All in the month of JUNE

It was:

250 years ago, on 11 June 1776 that the Second Continental Congress appointed John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R Livingston and Roger Sherman to create the first draft of the Declaration of Independence.

Also 250 years ago, on 11 June, that John Constable, British landscape artist, was born.

150 years ago, on 19 June 1876 that Nigel Gresley, railway engineer, was born. He designed some of the best-known steam locomotives in Britain, including the Flying Scotsman.

100 years ago, on 1 June 1926 that the American film actress, model and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe was born. Remembered for Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, The Seven Year Itch, and Some Like it Hot, among others. Died 1962.

Also 100 years ago, on 10 June 1926 that Antoni Gaudi, Spanish architect died. Known for his unique Modernist style. Best remembered buildings such as the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.

90 years ago, on 14 June 1936 that G K Chesterton died. Novelist, short story writer, journalist, essayist, poet, social/literary critic and theologian, and remembered for his stories about the priest-detective Father Brown.

80 years ago, on 8 June 1946 that the London Victory Celebrations following WW2 took place. Allied forces paraded through London, cheered by crowds that stretched from Buckingham Palace to Regent's Park. Countrywide, an estimated 12 million people joined in various celebrations.

65 years ago, from 4 June to 9 November, that the Berlin Crisis of 1961 took place. It led to Berlin being partitioned into East Berlin and West Berlin, and the erection of the Berlin Wall on 13 August.

St Mary's Subscription Draw

April

First Prize - £40.00 - No 82 - Mrs M Pawley
Second Prize - £20.00 - No 43 - Mr S Windram
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 65 - Mr R Sweeting

May

First Prize - £40.00 - No 68 - Mrs J Seal
Second Prize - £20.00 - No 91 - Mr & Mrs D Gardner
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 32 - Mr R Hall

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.

Which Way to Heaven?

The evangelist Billy Graham told of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to post a letter before the service that evening, he asked a young boy in the street where the post office was.

When the boy had told him, Dr Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the Baptist Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven."

The boy replied, "How can you do that? You don't even know your way to the post office."

9 June - Columba of Iona, missionary to the UK

In 563 AD St Columba sailed from Ireland to Iona – a tiny island off Mull, in the Western Highlands. He brought Christianity with him.

Columba (c. 521 -97) was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and he trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.

Why would a monk in his mid-40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include going into voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

Here is a prayer of St Columba:

Christ With Us

My dearest Lord,


Be Thou a bright flame before me,

Be Thou a guiding star above me,

Be Thou a smooth path beneath me,

Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,

Today and evermore.



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