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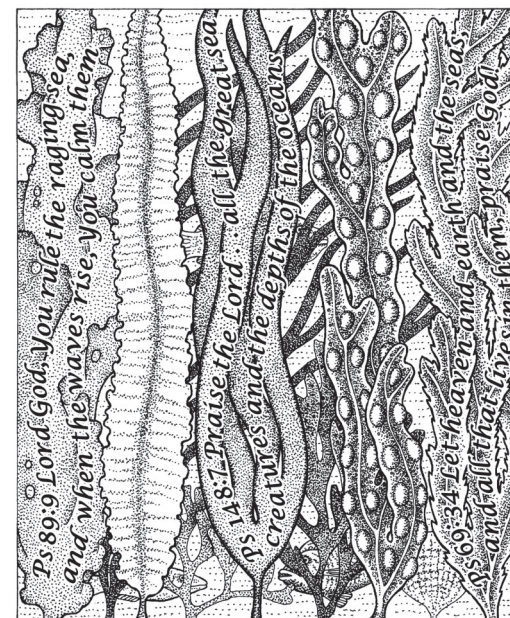


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The Parish magazine for Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

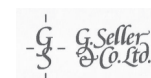


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Services.....August

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 2 August Trinity 9	10:00 am United Service at St Michal's Church, Stoney Stanton		
Sunday 9 August Trinity 10	9:45 am Holy Communion With Baptism	9:30 am Messy Church	11:15 am Praise Service
Sunday 16 August Trinity 11	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion With Baptism	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 23 August Trinity 12	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Café Church	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 30 August Trinity 13	11:00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley Iona Service, followed by Faith Lunch (Further details will be available on the weekly sheet)		
Sunday 6 September Trinity 14	10:00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley Patronal Festival		

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

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Services.....July

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 5 July Trinity 5	10:00 am United Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Croft		
Sunday 12 July Trinity 6	9:45 am Holy Communion With Baptism	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:15 am Praise Service
Sunday 19 July Trinity 7	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 26 July Trinity 8	9:45 am Holy Communion	9:30 am Café Church	11:15 am Holy Communion

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Bucket list

I'm proud to announce that I have completed the first item on my bucket list. I have the bucket.

Friends

Oh sing unto the Lord a new song!

Do you have a favourite hymn? Hymns and singing in church have been very much on my mind recently. Our united fifth Sunday service in May was Songs of Praise. St Michael's was filled with a very joyful sound as we sang favourites old and new chosen by members of the congregation. It was lovely to hear the reasons for the choices: a hymn which called to mind a loved one; a favourite from school days; a hymn which expressed a deep truth. So many people have remarked how much they enjoyed the service and I'm sure another will be planned soon.

At St Mary's we are delighted to have been able to replace our well worn set of hymn books with smart new ones. A very generous donation met half of the cost, and members of the church and wider community have also been very kindly sponsoring individual books.

The BACSS Choir held an open rehearsal in June and they are always keen to welcome new members. Singing is known to be good for your physical and mental health so please do consider giving the choir a try.

It is amazing how words set to music stick in the memory so well. The hymns we sang at school seem to be hard-wired into our brains. No wonder we get so put out when they change the words to "bring them up to date"! Mind you, some of them were a bit obscure. For example:

Let every creature rise and bring

Peculiar honours to our King

I think I was well into secondary school before I realised that peculiar in this case meant specific to a particular creature rather than weird!

I do find that the familiar words of hymns are a wonderful resource for prayer when I can't find the words to say what I am feeling. They are a source of comfort in tough times and a treasury of praise in joyful times. Christmas and Easter hymns lead me to reflect more deeply on the meanings of those seasons.

Sadly, I myself am no singer. However, many years ago I was assured by a wise priest that we will all be able to sing in Heaven. So that is something to look forward to!

I hope that we will all enjoy a peaceful and relaxing holiday season and return refreshed and in good voice in the Autumn.

Paula Atkinson



At the open choir rehearsal, five new people came along and we hope they will be joining us on a permanent basis. If anyone else would like to be part of our choir, please contact bacssmusic@gmail.com or speak to any member of the choir on a Sunday morning.

Around the Churches

St Mary's, Broughton Astley

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St Michael and All Angels, Croft

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St Michael's, Stoney Stanton

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Perfect for that special occasion

Regular Midweek Services and Events

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.

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.

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The Centenary of the Diocese of Leicester

As the Diocese of Leicester prepares to mark a significant milestone in its history, we are delighted to bring you details of their Diocesan Centenary Celebration Worship Gathering with very special guest, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The gathering, which takes place on Sunday 13 September at the Athena in Leicester, will celebrate 100 years since the establishment of our diocese, and bring together the people of our parishes, church schools, cathedral, chaplaincies and wider communities to give thanks to God for all that we are and will be - past, present and future.

Everyone is welcome to attend the afternoon worship event, tickets for which are free and can be **booked through Eventbrite.**



Baptisms

Broughton Astley	Rory David Sayers
Stoney Stanton	Zachary Jamie Taylor Elton

Funerals

Croft	Elaine Marvin
Stoney Stanton	Marie Woodford David Turner Roger Douglas Statham Mary Bell Chris



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St Michael's Stoney Stanton 100 Club Draw

June

First Prize - £25.00 - No 83 - Linda Humphreys
Second Prize - £15.00 - No 7 - Jo Kennedy
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 8 - Alison Johnson

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



1st Stoney Stanton Scout Group

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(Age 8 to 10½ years)

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(Age 10½ to 14 years)

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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

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.

Thinking about Prayer

The 'holding' cross

We human beings do need our connections, whether it be in researching family history, a yen to 'get back to our roots' geographically, or looking up relatives we haven't seen in years. And contained within faith is the same urge to search and connect, sometimes almost a wistfulness which drives us on to connect with the history of faith, and sometimes with its very origins.

Travel to the Holy Land is nigh on impossible at the moment for those wishing to go as pilgrims, it was getting more difficult when my daughter visited just before present hostilities became so acrimonious. However, there is a very small connection which may help us, physically relate to both the time and place of Jesus' ministry.

Many of you will probably possess, or at least have seen, the curiously shaped olive wood crosses known as 'holding crosses'. They are designed to fit comfortably in the palm of the hand, a contact with, and thoughtful reminder of, the long story of Christian prayer. They are made from olive wood, often from the pruning of plants growing in the Holy Land, a physical connection with the past. There are still ancient olive groves, places like Gethsemane whose ancient trees which would have been familiar to Jesus, a thoughtful reminder of the Passion story which enshrines Jesus' commitment to what was to come. The olive trees growing there now, may or may not be 2000 years old, but certainly they may well be growing from the same ancient root systems.

The olive tree in itself is seen as a symbol of blessing, a blessing from God, and it is equally a powerful symbol of peace.

The olive wood 'holding cross' is a powerful connection for many, can be used as you please, as you feel most appropriate, or comfortable. Very often they are supplied with a sheet of prayers for personal use, which you may or may not find helpful. Personally I keep a small

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cross in my pocket, available to hold quietly for a moment whenever I am confronted with something or somebody who needs prayer, - it may be an item on the news, or a message that someone, somewhere, is ill or in trouble. It was brought for me as a gift from the Holy Land, from my daughter's visit. Nowadays it is the land where the wood for my little cross was sourced which needs so much prayer.

There is no one way of using the cross. It can be good to hold the cross during times of quietness or of contemplation, a physical reminder of God's presence with us. Or you may like to meditate on a verse of scripture or perhaps a psalm? Your prayer can be as formal or as personal as best suits you, a tacit reminder that God accepts our prayers be they formal, spontaneous, or however we feel most comfortable.



Jesus tells us:

'When you pray, go into a room by yourself, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret will reward you.....'

Roger Douglas Statham

15 December 1942—16 May 2026



It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Roger Statham on 16 May 2026. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. He was very much part of the life of St Michael's, helping out quietly with many events.

His funeral was held at St Michael's on Wednesday 17 June, attended by over 100 family and friends, and led by Rev'd Jo Hover.

Below is the Eulogy read at Roger's funeral, written by the family:

"Roger was born to Doug and Joyce Statham at Small Cottage, Sappcote Road, Stoney Stanton.

His Dad was serving in the Air Force in World War 2. Roger was 3 years old when his Dad finally returned home.

The family then moved together to live at 6 Huncote Road, Stoney Stanton.

Roger attended the old infants school in the village, where the Doctors are now situated and then at the Junior School in New Road, where he played football for the school.

At this time he became interested in Pigeon Racing, spending a lot of time with his Uncle Dave at his Pigeon Loft.

Roger continued his education at Heathfield School, playing cricket and football for the school. He left school at 15 to go on a plumbing apprenticeship, which became his chosen career, going on to work at Stressline and Caterpillar for over 20 years.

Clubs, activities & events August

W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 11 August 7:30 pm	"The Drunken Botanist" Tracey Akehurst	Floral arrangement in any medium
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	August	Trip	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 12 August 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 07779 194730 for more information	Paul Lawrence	

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Clubs, activities & events July

W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 14 July 7:30 pm	"Summer Meeting"	
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday 8 July 7:30 pm	"Be happy live your life " Janet Harrison	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 8 July 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 07779 194730 for more information	"Afternoon Tea"	

St Mary's Subscription Draw

June

First Prize - £40.00 - No 56 - Mrs K McMichael
 Second Prize - £20.00 - No 94 - Mrs C Giles
 Third Prize - £10.00 - No 61 - Mrs K Longford

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.

Roger has always had an active role within St Michael's Church including fundraising and taking part in coffee mornings. When he was younger he used to sing in the choir with his Grandad Joe and also carried the cross. It was through the choir that Roger caught the eye of a young Jennifer Stevens. After evensong the youngsters used to go to youth club at the Old School. A close friend of Jennifer's told Roger that Jennifer would like to go out with him and that's what happened, Roger and Jennifer later got married at St Michael's on 27 November 1965.

Roger was a welcome addition to the Stevens family, regularly spending time at their house in New Road. Roger was close to Jennifer's younger sisters Carolyn and Annabelle, always looking out for them and ready to help and give advice. They both look on him as the older brother they never had.

Roger and Jennifer enjoyed newly married life, settling in Earl Shilton where Roger helped to build a bungalow for them and proudly put his first pigeon loft in the garden.

In 1967 they welcomed their daughter Claire into the world, followed by their son Alastair in 1970. Not settling in Earl Shilton the family moved back to Stanton to their current home in Johnson Rise.

Roger was the most loving and supportive father, when Alastair was growing up Roger instilled in him, his love of sport. Alastair went on to play football, cricket and support Manchester United like his Dad. Alastair enjoyed helping his Dad with the pigeons and going to the meetings together before a big race. Roger proudly raced his pigeons under the name RD Statham and son and had many successes winning notable club races from Angoleme in the South of France to Perth, Frazerburgh in Scotland and many race points in between. Roger also enjoyed playing indoor bowls with his friends at the Bowls club at Manorfield School.

Later Alastair and Roger enjoyed their time together with trips to various sporting events, which include:

Local football matches

Cricket at Grace Road and test matches at Trentbridge, Edgbaston and Old Trafford.

Horse Racing, visiting all 15 tracks around the Midlands

Snooker at the Crucible and World Bowls in Norfolk.

Roger was always there to help, advise and support, he was also very handy with his DIY skills when Alastair and his wife Sarah bought their house in Stoney Stanton with nothing being too much trouble.

Over the years the Statham family enjoyed many lovely family holidays and after the children left home, they shared some lovely holidays as a couple including a safari in Kenya and time in Malta which has a special place in their hearts.

In 2008 Clair gave birth to their one and only Grandson, Theo Roger. Roger was extremely proud of Theo and the young man he has become, he also made sure that Theo is a Manchester United supporter like his Grandad and Uncle Alastair.

Later in life, Roger enjoyed his garden and growing his own vegetables. After the last of his pigeons had gone, Roger had a new interest, when Alastair and Sarah brought their new rescue dog, Luka, home. Luka and Roger quickly formed a very close bond, and enjoyed each others company with long walks at Fosse Meadows or pottering around the garden and house together. Roger would often be seen driving around the village with Luka sat in the back seat of the car towering over him. Luka also loved Roger's Joop aftershave and would love to rub his head against Roger's neck so he could smell the same.

In 2025 Roger and Jennifer celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary at St Michael's Church. They received a special card from the King and enjoyed celebrating the 60 years they had spent together as husband and wife with their children, family and friends and sharing many special memories of their time together.

Roger has always been a devoted husband, father and grandad and his family were the most important thing in his life. Thank you Roger for all of the wonderful years you have spent with us, the love and care you have given to us and the values you have taught us.

You will always be with us."

- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in —'
(2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you,
O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22)(10)
12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
13 Forebear (James 2:21)(8)
16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)
18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34)(4)
19 Rear (anag.) (4)

June Crossword Solutions

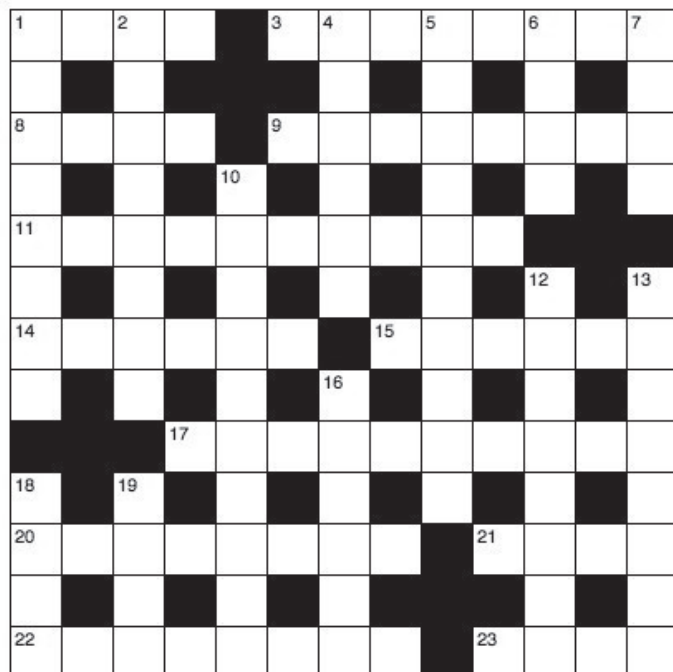
ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

Flight path

Windsor Castle, outside of London, is directly in the flight path of Heathrow International Airport. While a group of American tourists was standing outside the castle admiring the elegant structure, a plane flew overhead at a relatively low altitude, making a tremendous noise. One particularly annoyed tourist demanded: "Why did they build the castle so close to the airport?"

Crossword - July



Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my —' (Luke 14:27) (8)
 11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)
 14 In Cain (anag.) (6)
 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to —' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)
 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)
 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)

Roger's Grandson, Theo, then shared his memories of his Grandad:

"Grandad was funny, caring, a great role model to me. He always made people smile, and I loved spending time with him.

One of my favourite memories is when Grandad and Uncle Al and I went on the tour of Old Trafford. Walking down the tunnel together was such a special moment and something I will never forget.

I also have great memories of playing football with Grandad in the garden. We always had fun together, and those moments I will treasure forever.

Another memory I love is when we used to walk Luka, Uncle Al's dog. Those walks gave us time to talk, laugh and enjoy being together.

Grandad meant so much to me. He taught me a lot through the way he lived his life, and I will always remember his kindness, his sense of humour, and the love he showed to our family.

I feel very lucky to have had him as my grandad, and I will miss him very much.

Thank you."

Following his interment in the cemetery, we gathered in the Church over refreshments to share our own memories of Roger.

Coffee mornings will never be the same without Roger selling us raffle tickets.

With Roger's love of sport, I think he would have been amused by this:

Never too old for cricket

"Well, well," said the old gentleman to some boys who were playing cricket. "I wish I could join your game, but I'm too old."

"You CAN join in," said one young player. "Our ball has just gone through that window. You can go and ask for it back."

Coffee Mornings

St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley

Saturdays 4 July and 1 August

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

Saturdays 11 July and 8 August

10 am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning

Who I am

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please." she answered.

"You really don't want to do that", the usher said. "The vicar is boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. The man shook his head. "Well, I'm the vicar's mother," she said indignantly.

Do you know who I am?" he asked. The woman shook her head. "Good," he grinned.

Mouse Makes

1. What bird makes it's nest on high?
Job 39:27

2. What ate the seeds along the path?
Matthew 13:4

3. The hair of which animal was used to make curtains?
Exodus 36:14

4. What insect can we learn from?
Proverbs 6:6

5. What plague came out of the River Nile?
Exodus 8:6

6. What animal would go through the eye of a needle easier than a rich person?
Luke 18:25

7. Which animal was Jesus compared to?
John 1:29

8. What bird did Noah release from the ark first?
Genesis 8:7

9 across. In what creature's mouth was a coin found?
Matthew 17:27

9 down. What lives in holes?
Matthew 8:20

10. What insect would God send to destroy the enemy?
Deut 7:20

11. What animals eat crumbs from under the table?
Matthew 15:27

12. Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?
Luke 3:22

13. Which animal did Jesus ride on?
Matthew 21:7

14. What bird did God provide for food in the wilderness?
Exodus 16:13

15. What insects did John eat in the wilderness?
Matthew 3:4

16. Which animal is the "mightiest among beasts"?
Proverbs 30:30

LONG WAVE NO LONGER



After 100+ years BBC are finally closing their transmissions on the Longwave Frequency of 198Khz. Ofcom have announced that the last transmission will be on 27 June at 0100 BST.

Earliest LW broadcasts started at Daventry in 1925 and were transferred to Droitwich Spa in 1934. The Director General Lord Reith spent his last evening with the BBC in his Engineer mode by signing the visitor's book at Droitwich and

then travelling to Daventry that he also had been responsible for building.

Prior to the big switch in 1967 when programme titles were changed, Longwave had been used for the Light programme but then switched to Radio 4, the replacement for the old home service. Radio 2 (formerly Light Programme) then transferred to Medium Wave.

Droitwich and its sister stations had very good coverage of the British Isles and much of Europe. LW was ideal for the Shipping Forecast. The carrier wave was also used to switch tariffs for home electricity supply meters, Bank security safes and street lights and for this reason the service was given a reprieve from being shut some years ago.

The final broadcast of Test Match special (Long Wave) was 31 July 2023, the service has since become available on the remaining networks. Although the official reason given for closing Long Wave broadcasting is the shortage of spares, the BBC will save a huge amount in payment to the company who now own and maintain the station. Wogan's Tower of Power will soon be no more a landmark on the M5.

I visited Droitwich in 1963 as a trainee Technician and was fascinated by the huge scale of the aerial that is 700ft high and now has a power of 500 KW. I shall be listening to the closedown on Mum's old Roberts Radio

Jerry Davis

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recorded in 1892, there may have been some in the earlier four years not recorded, there have been at least forty two different ministers who have served the church, conducting not only baptisms but weddings and funerals, the church has touched the lives of so many people in this area.

Some of the highlights over the years have been the Harvest festival, the Christmas Carol service and Easter. And the coffee mornings which have been running for some years. It has been a great joy to see so many village people and those from neighboring villages come along to support it and share fellowship. It has been greatly appreciated.

Over the past years numbers have gone down, but with the Coffee morning and the donation from the carnival committee and private donations the church has been able to continue its work.

The decision to cease worship has had to be made because the small number that worship on a Sunday and all that needs to be done to run the church.

We do give thanks for all the years the church has been able to share the gospel in Stoney Stanton and serve the community.



Methodist Church Sunday School outing 1947

STONEY STANTON METHODIST CHURCH

Stoney Stanton Methodist Church opened in November 1886, and worship has been celebrated ever since, it is with sadness that we will cease to worship on 30 August 2026 at 3pm. Over the one hundred and forty years since opening, the church has served the community of Stoney Stanton in many ways, and we have a lot to celebrate and give thanks for at the final service, the mission of the church will still continue with the remaining members that live locally. Those wishing too will be able to join with the congregation at Sapcote Methodist Church just down the road.

So much has happened over the one hundred and forty years that the church has been active, and there have been many changes. When the church opened the Sunday Service was in the evening at 6pm, there was Sunday school at 10.30am and at 2.30pm. The children and their leaders would gather around the stove, in the winter to keep warm, the Sunday school was led by Mr. Sharmen, following him was Cynthia Clark from Sapcote, followed by Edna Hill, Mary Brown, and Valerie Johnson. When Edna and Valerie moved away, Val Johnson and Ann Stevens carried on the work.

Each year there was a Sunday school outing to Trentham Gardens, which was greatly looked forward to. There was a prize given each year for all the children attending, and at Christmas a party. The Sunday school anniversary was looked forward to each year and like many churches in those days a stage was built. Local people made up a choir led by Mr. Hubert Lane and the organ was played by Clive Bennet of Hinckley. After Clive left Roderick Holyland played and has continued to do so until this present time, 53 years in total.

The Sunday school ceased to meet in the early seventy's.

There have been various stewards over the years, Cynthia Shepherd served for a long time and Valerie Freestone for the past eleven years, during these eleven years Judith Cooke has supported the church as Local Lay Pastor.

Looking through the baptismal record in which the first baptism was

Stoney Stanton Carnival

Saturday 13 June dawned fine, although very windy and cold!



The lorry had been delivered the evening before and at 8 am work started on it's decoration. This year's theme was "A Moment in History" and we had chosen a VE day street party. There were anxious moments that the wind would blow away the

bunting before we reached The Fleet!

At 11:30 the sun came out and folk started to arrive, some as Land



Army Girls, others in day dresses or uniforms. A raised platform was provided for Winston Churchill!

We made our way to The Fleet for the judging, and were highly delighted to be awarded Third Prize!

As we travelled around the village it was lovely to see so many friends and family who had come out to see the parade.

Grateful thanks once again to Linda, Andy, Martin and Wendy for the work they put into planning beforehand and preparing the lorry on the day.

Thanks to all who were on the lorry and also to the March and Chamberlain family for helping us to clear the lorry afterwards.







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summer holidays

Crafts & Cake

Thursdays

30th July & 20th August

St Michael & All Angels Church
Croft

11am - 2pm





Children
must be
accompanied

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

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

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



We politely request a £3 donation per child to cover the cost of the crafts

Trains and Tea 2026

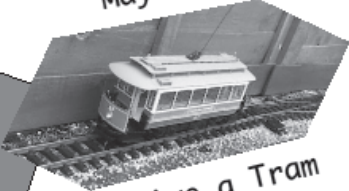
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