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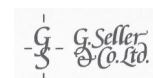
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Taste and see that the Lord is good.
The Lord's words are sweeter to me than honey.
Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103

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Services.....September

	<i>St Mary's Broughton Astley</i>	<i>St Michael's Stoney Stanton</i>	<i>St Michael & All Angel's Croft</i>
Sunday 6 September Trinity 14	10:00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley Patronal Festival		
Sunday 13 September Trinity 15	9:45 am Holy Communion With Baptism	9:30 am Messy Church	11:15 am Praise Service
Sunday 20 September Trinity 16	9:45 am Messy Church	9:30 am Holy Communion With Baptism	11:15 am Holy Communion
Sunday 27 September Trinity 17	10:00 am United Service at St Michael's Church Stoney Stanton Patronal Festival 4:00 pm United Service of Choral Evensong St Michael and all Angels Church, Croft		
Sunday 4 October Trinity 18	10:00 am United Service at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley Harvest 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

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 –

How do you measure “success”? Normally, it's defined in terms either of financial gain or of numerical growth. So a successful church might be one with a large or growing congregation, and that more than meets its financial obligations.

Certainly, a church which is broke or has very few members is not desirable. Yet, Jesus did not call his followers to amass wealth. Nor did he define the Kingdom of God in terms of ever growing numbers of people. No - Jesus' measurement of success seems to have been the extent to which his heavenly Father's will was being done.

In his writings, the great German Christian leader Dietrich Bonhoeffer criticised the “normal” worldly standards of success. By such means, often, a “good” ending justified wrongs done, or questionable methods. According to this view, the “successful man” conquers and then presents the facts to be those which he has decided will be “right”. In this way, a prominent and successful person or group can redefine right and wrong. Something we may have seen a little of quite recently in the treatment of smaller nations such as Ukraine by President Putin, and Iran by President Trump.

But for Bonhoeffer, it is not man, but God who is to define success. And all our little “successes” - and our “failures” - stand open to His judgement alone. We stand before God through His acceptance alone.

This is a very important issue for us today. It is our views of what is success, and what is acceptable Christian behaviour, which will define the church of the 21st Century.

When God called Abraham out of Ur, he told him that he would be “a blessing to the people of the earth”. The mission of Abraham and his descendants was to bring that blessing. So we need to remember that this is our mission, as the heirs of Abraham. And the measure of “success” is the extent to which that blessing has been brought.

We are not primarily called by God to show a profit in our PCC balance sheets, or to demonstrate year on year increased numbers in our churches. No - we are called by God to be a blessing - to reconcile the world to himself - to bring His Kingdom into being - to share with those around us in the great adventure of the journey into God.

May we all indeed find ways of enabling our churches to bring that blessing about in the future. But don't start by counting the numbers, or calculating the profit. Start by discovering what sort of blessing God wishes to bring into our communities. And God's Kingdom will come.

Yours in Christ,

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Police

A young clergyman, fresh out of theological training, thought it would help him better understand the world if he served as a policeman for a while before taking on a congregation.

He studied hard and passed the exams; passed the physical; and then came the all-important final interview. One question was: "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?"

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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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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	Jamie, Roman and Milo Simpson
Stoney Stanton	John, Isabelle and Edward Baraclough

Funerals

Broughton Astley	Peter Latowski
Croft	Christine Conway James Bridges

Weddings

Broughton Astley	David Pennick and Isobel Clare Dayle Eaves and Tamarah Smith
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Stoney Stanton	Dean Wilmot and Kizzy Lane



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Commandment

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour thy father and thy mother', she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."



1st Stoney Stanton Scout Group

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gslstoneystanton@hotmail.com

For general enquiries contact
Stuart Wilson (Group Trustee Board Secretary) on 07929 479970
Group Headquarters The Old Chapel, Broughton Road, Stoney Stanton LE9 4JA

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 Jesus prayer

***'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
have mercy on me, a sinner'***

That's all it is, such a simple idea, but human beings cannot leave simplicity alone, it seems. As seems to be the custom in the Church it has been much mused upon, much written about, inspired much theology., and become ever more complicated!

So here are a few personal thoughts.

It is sometimes referred to as 'The Jesus Prayer of the Orthodox Church', which seems to me to be a shame for it is a gift to us all. It has been practised in Orthodoxy for centuries, but thankfully, nowadays, we are all free to explore ways of prayer that suit us best and it is more widely used.

It probably dates back to the Desert Fathers, a movement of people who became hermits in the Egyptian desert, in the 4th and 5th century, people who were on a quest for a way of prayerful life which distilled the very essence of Jesus' teachings. But it may be said to have its very beginnings in Scripture, in the Parable of the Pharisee and the publican, where the publican prays 'God be merciful to me a sinner'.

As we say the words, their rhythm sinks into us deeper and deeper, coinciding with our breathing, becoming part of our very being.

And this is the genius of the prayer. It fits in well with the pattern of breathing, as we walk, as we go about our daily tasks, as we enjoy times of silence, be they long or short, as we go to sleep. It requires no special arrangements, no special situation, we simply have to recall its words, and it embeds itself in our consciousness. I used to have quite a walk to work every morning, down two long roads in the

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August

First Prize - £40.00 - No 85 - Mrs M Pawley
Second Prize - £20.00 - No 65 - Mr R Sweeting
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 120 - Mrs M Slark

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.

St Michael's Stoney Stanton 100 Club Draw

July

First Prize - £25.00 - No 33 - Hannah Brooke
Second Prize - £15.00 - No 44 - Caroline Reene
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 32 - Sarah Martin

August

First Prize - £25.00 - No 25 - Margie Brimacombe
Second Prize - £15.00 - No 43 - Lesley Cosgrove
Third Prize - £10.00 - No 91 - Sue Astill

There are numbers available for this draw.

Please contact Julie on 07738 764245

Typeface

I'm working on a new typeface to be used for church bulletins. I call it Baptismal Font.

middle of Leicester leading from my bus-stop, and this prayer became a constant companion. Over its accompaniment I could reflect on the needs of others, the likely problems of the coming day, whatever might arise.

So whatever happens, do not let anyone complicate this prayer for you. It lets God speak in our deepest being. It brings us before him, contrite and conscious of own frailty, with so little effort. It is a natural as every breath we take. If you haven't already, try it.....



Fast prayer

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

Suddenly, she tripped on the pavement, and fell over, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

Summer in the Parish

We have had a busy summer in the Parish, across our three churches. In addition to our regular services and coffee mornings, here is a flavour of some of the other events.

At the end of June the Broughton Astley Volunteer Group (BAVG) and St Mary's Church held an afternoon tea in the church grounds. A splendid tea was followed by entertainment from the local Rock Choir. The weather was fine and a most enjoyable afternoon was enjoyed by all.



In July an audience of around 85 were entertained at St Mary's by the Enderby Wind Band. Under the baton of Kenneth Tam, the programme was a mix of traditional and classical pieces. From Beethoven's Coriolan Overture and a Suite of American Dances by Robert Russell Bennett, to the traditional Greensleeves and the Floral Dance. A mix of pieces to suit all tastes. And as always, some lovely refreshments.

Clubs, activities & events September

W.I. Meetings etc.....

Where at.....	Date and Time	Speaker	Competition
Broughton Astley Village Hall	Tuesday 8 September 7:30 pm	"Flying for Life" Alistair Crookes	
Stoney Stanton St Michael's Church	Wednesday 9 September 7:30 pm	Defibrillator demonstration Iaraine Wright	
Ladies Fellowship Group St Mary's Church Broughton Astley	Wednesday 9 September 2pm Contact Denise 285410 or Wendy 07779 194730 for more information	Paul Lawrence	

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Vandalism and St Michael's

Last Christmas, after weeks covered up, the lovely stained-glass East window of St Michael's church was able to shine out into St Michael's court, during the Christmas festivities.

The window had been damaged by a stone deliberately thrown through the glass and its protective grill.

When the Church could ill afford it, we needed to find £5,200 to repair the glass and have a new security grill fitted. Insurance covered some of the costs, but we were left with a shortfall of over £2,000. The costs were covered by fund-raising activities, and we hoped that St Michael's would be free of vandalism in 2026.

How wrong we were..... In June this year vandals struck again ... This time climbing onto the roof of our Church North porch and damaging the old and friable slates and leaving a significant hole, which must be fixed before the winter weather sets in. Again, we appealed to our insurance company and again they have supported us, but we will still be left with a shortfall of £700 which we will need to meet.

St Michael's prominent position at the heart of Stoney Stanton, is one of the things that contributes significantly to the appearance of the village, but it won't do so if it continues to be damaged by thoughtless actions, and the Church cannot continue to repair a string of incidents.

So, please help us – If you see an act of vandalism in progress, affecting St Michael's, and you feel able to do so; REPORT IT, following the Leicestershire Police advice, and their online system.

Report vandalism or graffiti | Leicestershire Police

The Police may not be able to stop the incident, but if a pattern is building up, they may be able to ensure that the Church is patrolled more regularly, and St Michael's will be able to continue to enhance the village for another 800 years



Croft Church held two "Crafts and Cake" events. A variety of crafts were available for the children to participate in as well as coffee, cakes and chat for all.

At Stoney Stanton there was the Trains and Tea event:

"What a wonderful afternoon we all enjoyed on Saturday 22 August, with so many visitors to our Tea and Trains extravaganza. Maureen and I really enjoyed hosting it and Carol and Warren had a great time helping us out.

So many visitors from the church and neighbourhood of all ages making the most of the refreshments, the company and of course the trains. Here's a few pictures which we hope will encourage you to come (again) next year! Malcolm"





As Sunday 30 August was a fifth Sunday we once again did something different. We had a united Celtic Eucharist Service followed by a faith lunch. Rev'd Vic led the service with Margie preaching and John leading the prayers. A very relaxed service with time for fellowship afterwards.

We hope you were able to join us with some of these gatherings.

Please see details of future events throughout this magazine. We look forward to welcoming you to our churches.

Here are a few dates to put in your diaries. Some have posters in this magazine, and others will be available in future editions.

Saturday 12 September—"Last Night of the Proms with Croft Silver Band in Croft Church (see page 21)

Thursday 24 Septembr—10:15 am—Macmillan Coffee Morning at Stoney Stanton Church (see page 15)

Friday 16 October—Skittles evening at The Red Admiral, Broughton Astley (see page 18)

Saturday 31 October - 2pm— "Songs, Scones and Sonnets" an afternoon tea, with entertainment, at St Michael's Church Stoney Stanton. Further details next month.

Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November— "Let your light shine" an event at Croft Church. Further details next month.

- 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4)(4)
 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome(6)
 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

Down

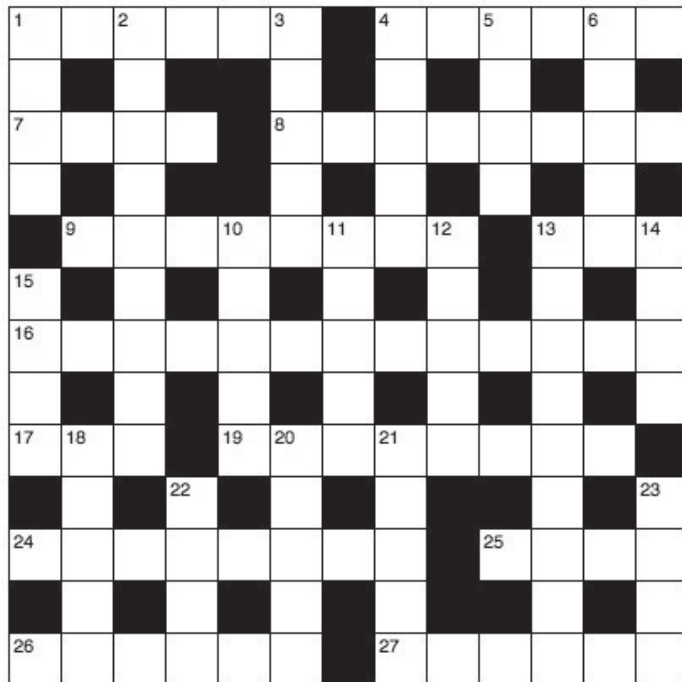
- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
 11 Do ten(anag.)(5)
 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
 13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36)(9)
 14 'Each one should — his own actions'(Galatians6:4)(4)
 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts(5)
 21 One of the four sons of Asher(Genesis46:17)(5)
 22 Be distressed(Proverbs24:19)(4)
 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

July Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

Crossword - September



Across

- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19 Mock(Luke14:29)(8)
- 24 Disgrace(Psalm44:13)(8)

Saturday 28 November 3pm—7pm—"Christmas Fayre" at St Michael's Church, Stoney Stanton. Further details next month.

Friday 11, Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December—"Christmas Tree Festival" at St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley.—Further details next month.

We do hope you will be able to join us for some of the above events.

Stoney Stanton Methodist Church

The Chapel held their last coffee morning on 27 August, and their final service on Sunday 30 August. The service was well attended by villagers and members from other churches in the circuit.



Local Lay Pastor, Judith Cooke, led the service with Roderick Holyland playing the organ. Valerie Freestone the Senior Steward remembered her time attending the chapel from a very young age. Local Preacher, Charles Davies and Roderick and Judith read passages from Scripture.

The Minister Rev'd Edward Sakwe gave the address and Rev'd Andrew Lomax, the Circuit Superintendent, led the prayers.

A lovely selection of well known hymns, ending with Toni Holyland singing "Some Golden Daybreak" a very fitting hymn to end the service. Judith closed with The Grace, and we all joined together in further fellowship over tea and cakes!

Coffee Mornings

St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley

Saturday 5 September

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 12 September

10 am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning

EFFFI (Elmesthorpe Friends Food and Flower Initiative)

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

Coffee Morning

Elmesthorpe Village Hall

10:00—11:30

Saturday 26 September

**Last Night of the Proms
Dress in Theme!**

All Welcome

Those new Royal Mail solar-powered digital post-boxes

Royal Mail has converted about 3,500 of the old trusty red post-boxes into digital affairs, out of the 115,000 post-boxes in the country.

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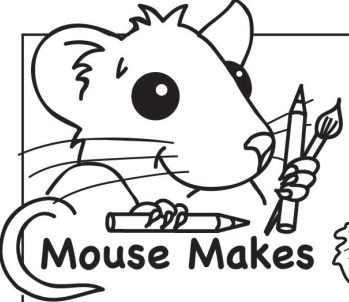
If you don't want to download an app or use a printer, the good news is that you can still send your parcels as before, at a post office counter.

No date

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she explained: "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Jerusalem

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a babysitter."



Mouse Makes

THE TRUE VINE

Who is the vine?

 John 15:1

What does Jesus ask us to do?
 "Go and bear _____"
 John 15:16

What happens to the branches that do not remain in the vine?
 Thrown into the _____ and _____
 John 15:6

How many times does Jesus use the word FRUIT?

What does Jesus command?
 To _____ one another.
 John 15:12,17

How many times does Jesus command us to LOVE one another?

READ John 15:1-17

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**Saturday 3rd October 6pm,
St Mary's Church, Broughton Astley**

➤ Come and enjoy a Ploughmans and Apple Pie, and a quiz!

- £10 person – pay on door
- Bring your own drinks
- Raffle
- Proceeds to Charity

➤ Everyone welcome!

➤ **Please add your name to a list** at the back of each church so we have numbers for catering.



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*Maureen's homemade
Soup Lunches re-commence
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St Michael's Church Stoney Stanton



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From 12:00 to 1:30



Traditional flavours or try something new
plus a bread roll and hot drink



Then the first Thursday of
each month during the winter



St Mary's Skittles Night

Friday 16th October 6pm,
At the Red Admiral, Station Road, Broughton Astley

➤ Come and enjoy a game of skittles,
a hot meal and good company!

- £17.50 per person
- Raffle
- Prizes
- Drinks from the Bar



➤ **Please sign up quickly
to ensure a place**

- Lists at the back of each church
- You will need to choose your menu choice
when you sign up



11 September - The 25th Anniversary of 9/11

25 years ago, on 11 September 2001, the terrorist attacks on America took place.

Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes and crashed them into the World Trade Center's Twin Towers in New York, into the Pentagon, and into a field in Pennsylvania (following a passenger revolt – the intended target was Washington DC). 2,973 people were killed.

This year major national institutions in the US will mark the anniversary of that terrible day. In New York, a good number of Christian churches and interfaith groups are planning special services and memorial events.

This will include hourly musical offerings at St Paul's Chapel in New York City, in honour of the chapel's role as a refuge for the first responders.

Other events include a digital experience at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, and various events by the New York City Fire Department, who lost 343 members that day, as well as the 400 members who have since died from World Trade Center-related illnesses. There will also be the iconic reading of the names of those who died, and the annual Tribute in Light installation, held at Ground Zero.

In the UK, the 25th anniversary of 9/11 will be remembered by a Memorial Concert held on Friday, 11 September at Southwark Cathedral (7:30 pm to 9:30 pm). A special guest performance by The Outcry Ensemble will present a programme of American and British music reflecting on loss, memory and the human cost of violence.