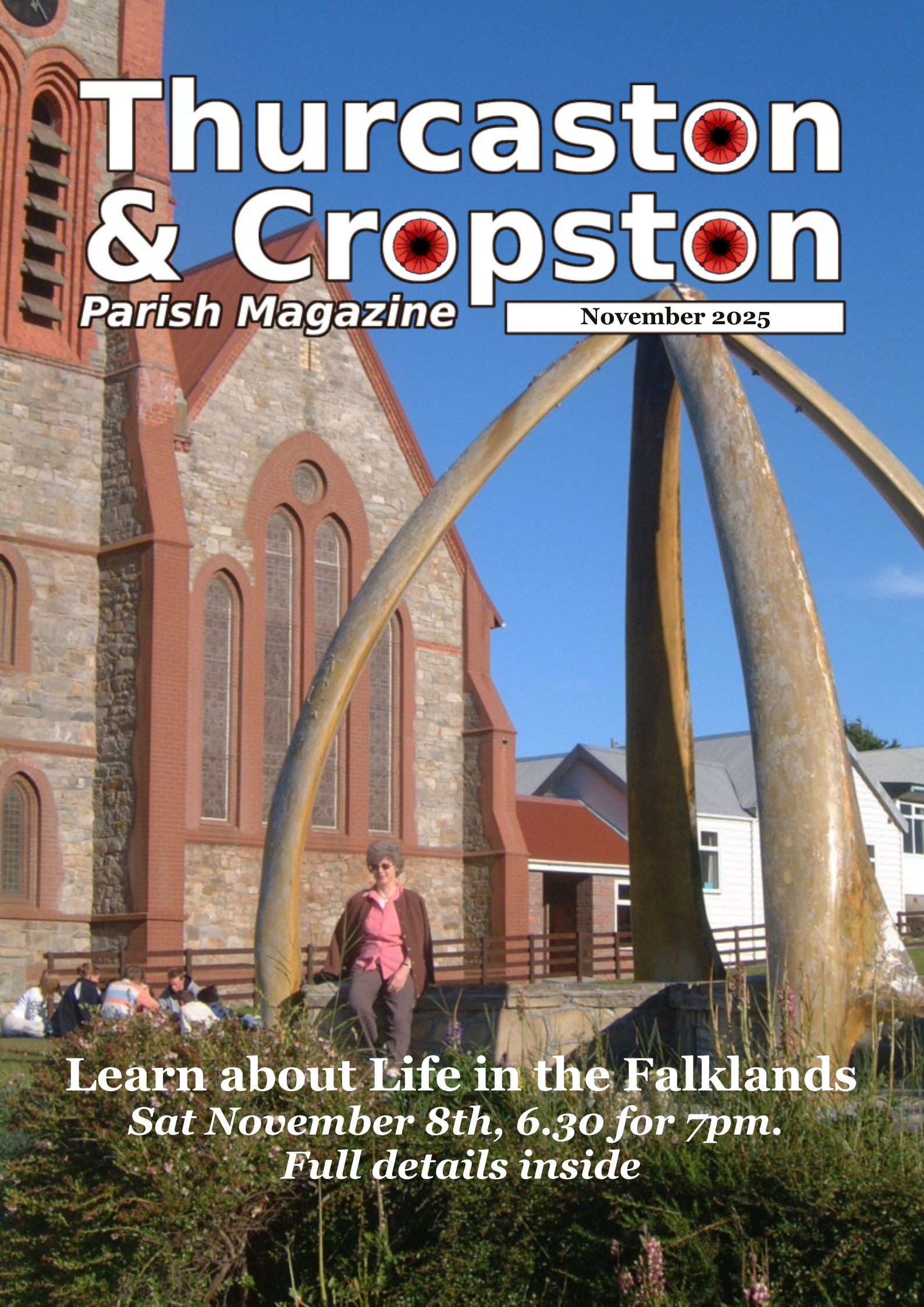


The background of the magazine cover is a photograph of a stone church with red brick accents and arched windows. In the foreground, a large, curved, light-colored sculpture, possibly made of whale ribs, arches over a path. A woman in a pink shirt and brown jacket stands in the middle ground. Other people are visible sitting on a bench to the left. The sky is clear blue.

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Inside this month's magazine...

Welcome to our new look, full colour magazine. Next year sees us celebrate 75 years of monthly publications, bringing you the news and views from our parish. Full colour will enable us to celebrate this landmark in some style. We hope you will celebrate with us and encourage your neighbours to read a copy too!

This month sees lots of events aiming toward the run up to Christmas. At the end of the

month our popular Winter Fair is back on November 29th. Details can be found on page 7. Don't miss it!

Before we sign off, our thanks must go to the huge effort made by the members of our parish who knitted all the marvellous poppies which will be on display over Remembrance Weekend. Do pop in and have a look. Details of viewing times below.

Richard, Barbara & Adam

Remembrance Weekend 2025



As we commemorate 80 years since the end of WWII in 1945, we've had a huge response to our appeal for knitted/crocheted/crafted poppies, we will have around 1000, all lovingly made by local crafters. These will be displayed in church, when there will be several opportunities to see the display;

On **Saturday 8th November**, 10.30 - 12 noon, all those who have contributed to the poppy display are invited to a thank you coffee morning, we do need to know numbers so if you've made poppies and would like to attend, please email me @harrisonroomsbookings@gmail.com or leave a message on my landline 0116 2073248.

The church will be then open on Saturday 12-2 to see the display and read about local connections.

Also on **Saturday 8th November** at 7pm, in the Harrison Room there will be a talk by Sylvia Cole about the Falkland Islands, do come along to this interesting talk.

Sunday 9th will see the annual Remembrance Sunday service at 10am, followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial cross.

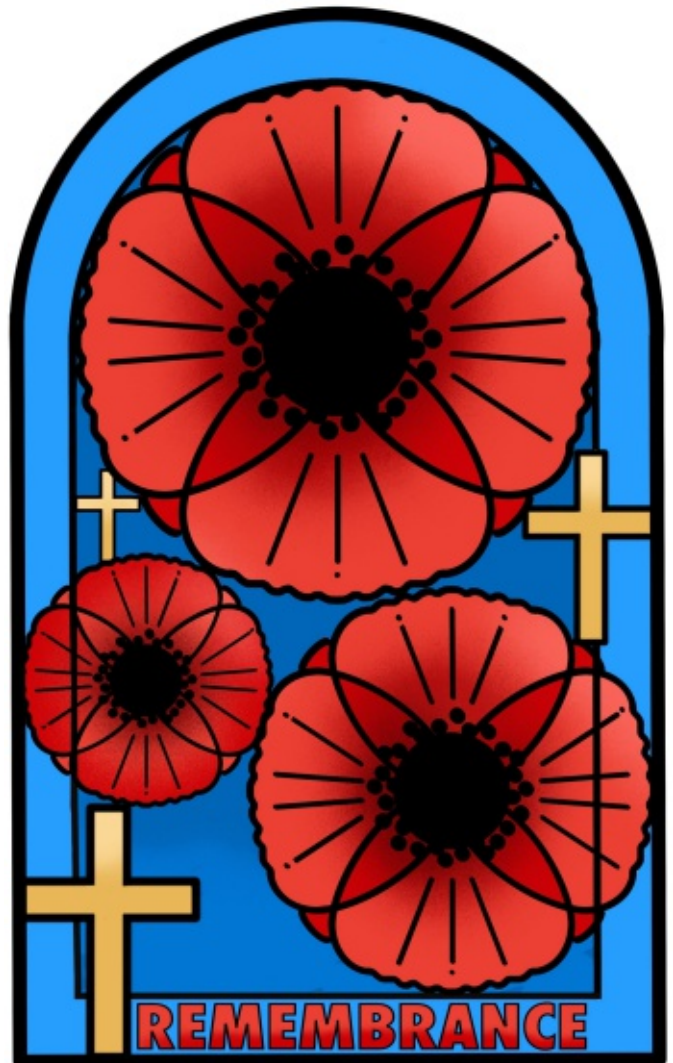
Tuesday 11th Armistice Day – The Church will be open from 10.30 – 11.30am. to mark the 11am silence and a further opportunity to view the poppy display.

Remembrance - remembering well

I am always grateful to the strong local history groups and individual historians in both our parishes. We enjoy a good rapport for the civic and religious aspects of local life. They help me see things in a more detailed and nuanced perspective. For example, I only realised that the stained glass behind the altar at All Saints is not what I thought. Have you noticed? Have you paid attention? Shamefully I had not. I thought that the image is of Jesus crucified attended to by angelic creatures and disciples. This may be what we have come to expect at the altar, but look again. A local historian and stained glass enthusiast pointed out to me that it is a jumble of pieces of glass put together after the vandalism of Reformation zeal will have smashed up the original stained glass. Now it is a jigsaw of ill fitting images shaped in good symmetry to resemble an apparent Christ like image but up close it clearly is not.

In Anstey, we prepare for Armistice and Remembrance in a climate which struggles to assert a new tradition of raising union and national flags in municipal owned spaces. The flags are being used by campaigners to associate patriotism with anti immigration and Islamophobic protests. Would it be too strong to suggest these are the modern day Reformation vandals breaking up our long standing quietly self assured English patriotism and jumbling it up?

As we come to mark Remembrance initiated by the mass losses of WW1 I am grateful to Anstey historians who have shared with me how the people of Anstey and Leicestershire more widely rallied together to help Belgian refugees. As the Kaiser's armies ploughed through Belgium to get to France, the displaced populations sought refuge in Leicestershire villages. It is incredible to see the sacrifices recorded by local businesses providing accomodation, groceries and coal



for heating. Familiar names such as Pollards and Pettifor (the ale producer and pub chain owner) and Latimer School gave much in the way in time to fundraise and commit their own revenues to support the destitute families. These historic accounts refer casually to a 'patriotic drive' to help and refer to the celebration of Empire with tones of quiet confidence.

So let's honour our ancestors for their multiple sacrifices and dignity. And when we look closely at those red crosses- interrogate if you see the hallmarks of an English Christian heritage with the 'true religion' of helping widows and orphans and welcoming the stranger' (James 1 and Matthew 25).

Reverend Matthew

Learn about Life in the Falklands

Saturday November 8th at 6.30pm for 7pm

Harrison Room All Saints' Church

Admission £5 including refreshments



On 2nd April 1982, Argentine Forces invaded the Falkland Islands. 20 years later, Sylvia and John Cole arrived in the islands where Sylvia was about to take up her new post as Director of Education.

Sylvia's talk, (using real slides and a slide projector), focuses on many aspects of life in the Falkland Islands - from education and wildlife, to shipwrecks and farming, with a bit of military history thrown in for good measure.

What was it like, living on a small island, 400 miles from its nearest neighbour, in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean, and 8000 miles away from home? Why don't you come along on Saturday, November 8th and find out?

It would be helpful to let Jane Westby know if you plan to come (2352226 or mowestby@virginmedia.com), but entry on the night is fine.

The Church will also be open to view the Remembrance display.

Prayer

Regular weekly 1hr Prayer Meetings

Each Monday 10am Anstey Rectory

Each Wednesday 4pm All Saints Church

From the registers...

Funerals



Friday 10th October

Richard Cole of Cropston,

All Saints followed by burial at Queninborough Cemetery.

Wednesday 29th October

Janet Duggan of Anstey,

St Mary's followed by committal at Loughborough Crematorium.

Readings for November

November 2, 2025	<i>(All Saints)</i>	Daniel 7: 1-3; Luke 6:20-31
November 9, 2025	<i>(3rd Sunday Before Advent, Remembrance)</i>	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
November 16, 2025	<i>(2nd Sunday Before Advent, Safeguarding Sunday)</i>	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
November 23, 2025	<i>(Christ The King)</i>	Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Luke 23: 33-43
November 30, 2025	<i>(First Sunday of Advent Start of Year A)</i>	Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

A Traditional Prayer Book Choral Evensong to celebrate All Saints' Day

Sunday 2nd November 6.30pm

To celebrate our Patronal Festival David Evans will be leading an augmented choir for a full Choral Evensong with congregational hymns,

accompanied by Paul Morley on the organ. Do come and join us for this lovely evening service.

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Thurcaston Winter Fair

Saturday 29th November 2025

10am – 1pm

Winter table top sale for the Salvation Army in the Harrison Room

Please join us for mulled wine with mince pies to kick off the festive season.

In the past 15 years you have been truly amazing in your generosity and have helped to raise thousands of pounds for those who have had such a hard struggle and lonely life. Sadly, the need appears to be increasing with a hard winter predicted for a whole range of reasons. The Salvation Army really are there for everyone in need, the homeless, who desperately need support to get off the streets, the elderly who have no visitors, families fleeing domestic violence, those who need counselling and support for training and experience to return to the workplace. Every penny you spend will go towards those less fortunate to move forward knowing their surrounded by people who care, and want to help. Donations of items for the table and cakes for sale are very welcome.

All Saints Winter Fair



Move through to the Church and you will find more stalls accompanied by carols and seasonal music from the Handbell ringers, the Salvation Army and the Marydene Guitar Society. Bring your mulled wine & mince pie with you while you browse a range of festive offerings including cakes and preserves, ideas for presents etc Then sit and listen to the music whilst chatting with friends.

We will be setting up on Friday evening from 5-7pm. If you can help or you have items you wish to donate please contact Jane mowestby@virginmedia.com or Eleanor eleanorlj@aol.com

Careful!

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. The lady thought for a moment. "Only the Ten Commandments."

Morning

There are two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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Memories of a seamstress by Bridgette Dowsing

I was sitting repairing some damaged clothing when my friend rushed in and started telling me something. When I got her to calm down and speak slower, she told me some exciting news. She'd heard that Jesus was going to be speaking outside our village! Now we had heard about him and his friends from other events and always said if he appeared near us, we would go to see and hear him.

One look at the pile of clothes I had to do and the number of times I had accidentally stabbed my finger with the needle, there was no choice - we were going!

It seemed as if all the village was going as we made our way out of the village. Everyone appeared to have stopped work to go to the gathering.

We were fortunate to get near to the front, and I was both shocked and surprised. People had said this man named Jesus was so special and amazing. Yet here in front of me were a group of men who looked just the same as the rest of us, their clothes were like the ones I repair.

If Jesus was this great teacher and healer, then where were his bags of teaching materials, medicines and herbs?

I can't put my finger on it but one of the men somehow looked slightly different. He stepped forward to speak.

As he began to speak I was mesmerised. The most amazing voice I had ever heard. Later I found out that everyone had heard him clearly as if he had been standing in front of them talking one to one.

Jesus spoke about many things. What I remember most is when he spoke about his heavenly Father and a future full of love, kindness and hope where everyone can be included.

By now most of us were feeling hungry as no one had thought to bring any food. I didn't mind being hungry as I was being fed with the most incredible words. Soon after the friends of Jesus started passing round baskets full of fish and bread for us to eat. The bread was far sweeter than anything I'd tasted at our local bakery and as for the fish, well my uncle had never caught any so good! Someone said a boy had given Jesus some bread and fish and Jesus had fed us all from this. The tastiest miracle I've ever eaten.

Jesus talked about so many things each of them so important. Sadly I can't recall them all.

When the time came to leave, I didn't want to go home. I wanted to hear more from this incredible speaker. His words were so uplifting and encouraging.

As we walked home, I listened to what others were saying. Many were in shock and awe at what they had seen and heard. Many were ready to give up everything and follow him.

Who knows what miracles of the mind happened today. There were even reports that about 5000 people turned up. I'm sure that the name of Jesus is going to be heard for a great many years to come and even all over the world! This man shared so much with us all that he just can't be forgotten.

Funny thing is I feel different now. I don't want the old ways anymore. I want the new path that Jesus spoke about. Today I have witnessed an absolutely incredible event and realise the truth of his words. I'm different because I found Jesus and let Him into my life.

To find out more and learn about Imaginative Prayer turn to page 10.

A guide to Imaginative Prayer

Bridgette Dowsing from St Mary's, Anstey, shares her reflections (see previous page) after re-encountering the miracle of feeding the 5000 in a new way.

Bridgette's approach is very similar to Imaginative Prayer as outlined by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Please see this short guide that accompanies Bridgette's reflection. It's something you may wish to try too!

What is Imaginative Prayer?

Imaginative prayer was popularised five hundred years ago by St. Ignatius of Loyola around 1540. As a former soldier, he developed a spiritual "training manual" for the members of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) - a new religious order. It was in this manual, the Spiritual Exercises, that St. Ignatius outlined his approach to imaginative prayer.

The basic method of imaginative prayer.

1. Choose a Scripture passage

First, choose a suitable Scripture text. While imaginative prayer can be used with any sacred text (including stories from the lives of the saints), St. Ignatius recommended contemplating scenes from the Gospels; they are the primary texts in which we encounter the Son of God "in the flesh."

2. Prepare with prayer

Rather than diving right into the Scripture or other sacred reading, St. Ignatius suggests we first prepare ourselves. Find a quiet and comfortable place to pray and take a few moments to settle in. Then, take a few moments to pray along these lines:

1. Begin by becoming aware that God is already here waiting for you. Rest in his loving presence.

2. Then, respond to God's loving presence by giving yourself over to him. Pray that you might love and serve him in all your thoughts, words, and actions.

Prayer is fundamentally an expression of our relationship with God. When we begin by acknowledging God's availability to us, and by making ourselves available to God in return, we situate everything that happens next within that relationship.

3. Read the scripture

Next, read the Scripture passage at least once.

You may wish to ask the Holy Spirit to help you to read the text prayerfully. Given the amount of reading most of us do online, you may be in the habit of skimming the text rather than ruminating on the words. Try to slow down; the Gospels were written slowly and intentionally. Each word and phrase, and each omission, was chosen for a reason. Stay with the words and see what they serve up.

4. Set the scene

After you have read the story at least once, use your imagination to set the scene. Be as specific about the details as possible, engaging all your senses: touch, smell, sound, sight...even taste, if the opportunity arises. Make the Gospel story come vividly to life, almost as if you were directing a movie. The Son of God chose to save us not merely with a word from heaven, but by becoming the Word-made-flesh at a specific time and place in human history. In imagining the Gospel in its physical setting, we honour the reality of Jesus' incarnation, and set the stage for encountering him "in the flesh" ourselves.

Here are some things to consider as you set the stage for your imaginative prayer experience:

- Who are you in this story?
- What time of day is it? What is the weather like?
- What do you see around you?
- Who is present? What do they look like, and what are they doing?
- What ambient sounds do you hear?

- How do you feel? Hot? Hungry? Tired?
- What do you smell?
- Above all, be sure to pay attention to Jesus. What does he do? What does he look and sound like?

5. Walk with Jesus

Once you have “composed” the setting of the story, put aside the text and let yourself enter into it. This is the body of your imaginative prayer, so take as much time here as you need.

Before stepping into the Gospel, St. Ignatius advises that you pray for what you most desire from this encounter with Jesus.

Next, enter the Gospel, letting the action of the story unfold by itself under the direction of the Holy Spirit; do not actively direct or force the actions of the main characters. Your role is to participate in the action of the story in whatever way seems natural.

Finally, as you step out of the Gospel story, speak to God directly. St. Ignatius refers to this as a “colloquy,” or a spiritual conversation. He invites us to share our thoughts, feelings, and desires with God much as one friend would speak to another.

St. Ignatius advises that we close our time of prayer with the Lord’s Prayer; you might substitute another formal prayer that you like, such as the Glory Be or a simple Sign of the Cross. The point is to punctuate the end of this special time with Jesus.

6. Reflect on the Journey

After you are finished praying, spend some time reflecting on your encounter with Jesus. You can do this immediately after your prayer, or as you go about the rest of your day. You might record your reflection in a journal or notebook, or share and discuss your experience with your prayer group or a spiritual director.

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Helen & Mary's Ride 'n' Stride adventure 2025

For this year's Ride 'N Stride my friend, Helen, and I decided to use the Leicester to Loughborough bus and hop on and off at various villages on the way.

Our first visit was to St Paul's at Woodhouse Eaves, where we learnt that work had been carried out to stop the chancel from collapsing due to subsidence, and during this time some Victorian floor tiles had been uncovered and later incorporated into the chancel.

Our next visit was to the Methodist Church where accessibility was a problem because of the number of steps leading up to the main entrance. However, a stairlift had been installed to help those with mobility problems access the upper part of the church.

Mindful of the fact that a bus would only come along once in an hour, we timed ourselves to walk to Old Woodhouse where we visited St Mary in the Elms, which is a lovely old church, part of which dates back to the 14th century. Sadly, the number of Anglican worshippers attending on Sundays averages around 10, and the church is now used for Catholic Mass on Sunday mornings prior to the C of E service.

We arrived at St Bartholomew's in Quorn during a coffee morning session, where we were happy to sit and talk to one of the stewards. We learnt that the local Methodists had sold their church and church rooms, and had amalgamated with St Bartholomew's, which is now a thriving

Anglican and Methodist United Church.

After a break for lunch in Loughborough, we then visited All Saints Church. We were disappointed that it was the only church in

Loughborough taking part in the Ride 'N Stride event. As you enter the church, there is a floor memorial dedicated to the Taylor family (who first brought the bell foundry to Loughborough) and bellringers of the town, with the motto 'Their sound is gone out into all lands'.

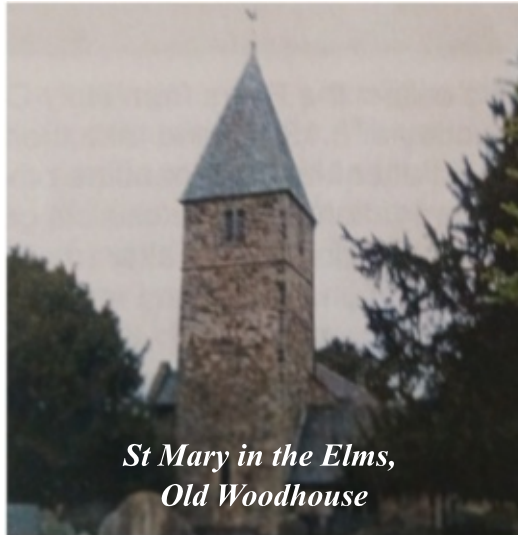
Back in Quorn, we stopped off at the Baptist Church, mistaking the minister for the local handyman as he showed us around the recently opened annexe at the rear of the church.

Finally, we signed in at All Saints, Thurstaston, and I must say we were made very welcome at every church we visited. One of the first questions we would ask was "Do you have a toilet?", and of

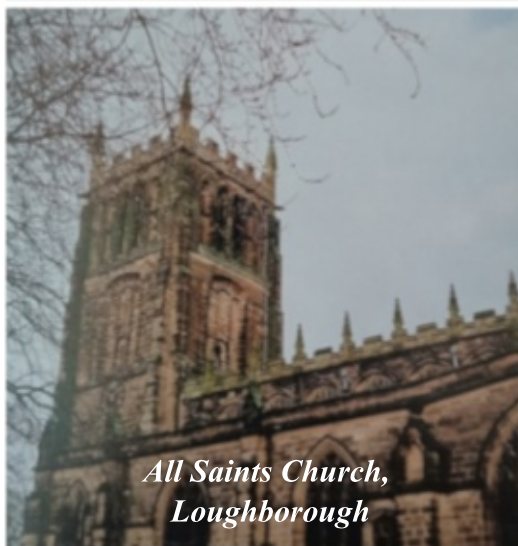
course, every one of the churches we visited had one or more toilets, so 'Come on St Mary's', let's press on with our plans to have a toilet installed in our church.

Apart from learning about the history of every building we visited and the enjoyment we had from our journey, we also raised the sum of £249 from our sponsors, so a big 'thank you' goes to everyone who donated to this event. It's such a worthwhile thing to do, and we are looking forward to joining in with Ride 'N Stride 2026.

Mary Mitchell



*St Mary in the Elms,
Old Woodhouse*



*All Saints Church,
Loughborough*

The Agony and Ecstasy of a Hotel Boater

Mr Barry Watson told us about the development of the canal network, and asked how much the audience knew.



Cropston Evangelical Free Church

13th October 2025

quickly. However, a fatal blow was dealt by the winter weather 1962-63, where the canals froze solid for about six weeks.

The Romans began making canals in Britain, to supply their camp at Lincoln, but the development of a network began in the 1760s when the Duke of Bridgwater engaged James Brindley to construct a canal, in order to transport the Duke's coal deposits to the growing city of Manchester. Josiah Wedgwood saw the opportunity to distribute his flourishing ceramics from Stoke-on-Trent, and decided to buy one as well.

Where canals connect each other, it is necessary to build locks. One end might have a single gate, or a "mitred" gate, whose design is thought to date back to Leonardo da Vinci in the 1480s. A canal joining a fast-flowing river requires robust lock gates.

There was a positive "canal mania" during the 1790s, but there was a huge amount of preparation first. In addition to buying land or obtaining the landowner's consent, engaging navvies, and organising supplies, the canal builders had to get an Act of Parliament passed in every case.

Railways later represented competition, but different methods of transport might be used together. Families grew up on the water, and children had to help. Education and healthcare were almost non-existent.

Conditions were primitive and the days were long, as no money was paid over until the barge load had been delivered. Some families might have two boats which could be worked in tandem. The horse or mule would pull the boat along the towpath, and was a valuable asset.

After the First World War, the road network expanded greatly. Lorries could be fitted with diesel engines and transport goods

Just as an Act of Parliament had been needed to create a canal, so an Act was also needed to close one again. In 1957 two canoeists paddled the Stratford Canal to prove the navigation and keep the canal open. This has been done in other places as well, sometimes clashing with the interests of nature lovers trying to protect rare wildlife which has taken over disused waterways! A certain David Owen has a museum at Ellesmere Port. When it was decided to close a series of nine notoriously difficult locks in Manchester, he advertised for volunteers to move a 70-foot barge up to Rochdale, which was extremely hard work. They managed it, and stopped the flight of locks being closed. In 1943, Tom Rolt in Bamburgh decided to convert a canal boat into a houseboat with an engine. He published a book called "Narrowboat", and in 1946 he formed the Inland Waterways Association, a charity formed "to campaign for the conservation, use, maintenance, restoration and sensitive development of British canals and river navigations."

The first hotel boat was in the 1920s on the Norfolk Broads.

Mr Watson said he and his wife Pam bought a canal boat and a "butty" which can be fixed onto it, and had taken guests for trips all over the country by canal, over the course of several years. There would be four crew and up to eight guests at a time. The age range tended to be retirement or older, with one lady of 94!

Each holiday would take just under a week. It was hard work for the crew and long hours, but many guests came several times

and recommended them to friends. If they visited cities of particular interest such as Bath, Chester or Stratford, the timetable would give guests a bit longer to explore on foot. They had a 24-hour inspection by the Tourist Board only one month after they began the business, and were proud to be awarded five whole stars, a standard they managed to achieve each year.

They gave guests a cup of tea every morning, plus a newspaper, followed by full English breakfast. Coffee with fresh biscuits. Lunch. Tea with homemade cake. Four-course evening meal. The essential jobs included shopping for groceries, which needed to be packed and stowed away methodically; laundry, where he would completely take over a laundrette; and efficiently dealing with the toilet tanks and any blockages!

Various activities were available for wet days. Mr Watson would often entertain guests with his songs and guitar. He was still in touch with some couples from years ago, and he finished by reading us some nice comments and a poem from previous guests.

After refreshments, the meeting closed at around 4 p.m.

Our meetings start at 2.15pm. On 10th November we shall enjoy a talk from Bishop Fox, a magical history tour. There is a pre-Christmas lunch for members and friends in December. Visitors (£4) and new members are most welcome at the Church Room meetings – just turn up.

Mrs Maja Tompkins

Contact mobile 07709 201881.

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Singing for fun 2 – 5pm Sunday 16th November 2025

If you enjoy singing, even if it's only in the bath, or would like to give it a try, then please come and join us.

This will be a relaxed informal session, and there's no risk of you being picked on for singing a wrong note! Some members of the Choral Society will be coming along to add a bit of vocal support, and we will also have an expert keyboard accompanist to help.

The charge of £10 for the session will include coffee and cake! If you are interested have a word with Jane Westby, or contact mowestby@virginmedia.com.

Ruffle's walks - Ruffle's Night Out!

By Rachel Greaves

Ruffle felt a quiver of excitement as he trotted along in the darkening evening, the round pools of light from the street lamps reflecting his bouncing shadow. Samantha, who looked after the train carriage where Ruffle usually sat on his trips on the train, was taking Ruffle to the local youth group meeting where she was a leader. The children had been learning how to care for pets as part of their 'Animal Care' badge and Samantha had promised to take Ruffle to meet the children as part of their pet care activities.

They soon came to the village hall where the children were waiting eagerly for Ruffle's arrival. Samantha had explained the best way to greet a dog so they didn't all crowd round but sat quietly when Ruffle and Samantha entered the hall. To their delight, Ruffle then went to each child and held out a paw for them to shake as he had been trained to do.

Using Ruffle's brush and comb, Samantha then explained how to care for a dog, showing the children how Ruffle needed to be groomed and his ears, eyes and teeth regularly checked to ensure all was well. Next Samantha explained how Ruffle had been trained using a clicker - a small device that made a sharp 'click' when pressed down. The 'click' sound told Ruffle that he had done something good and would get a reward.

The children watched as Samantha showed them a few of the 'tricks' that Ruffle had been taught to do. When Samantha instructed him, Ruffle jumped through a large plastic hoop that she held a little way off the floor, he went over and touched a disc on the floor with his paws when commanded to 'touch' and when Samantha



commanded 'away', he went to a rug on the other side of the hall and lay down. To finish, Samantha showed how Ruffle would trot in and out through Samantha's legs as she walked slowly along. Each time Ruffle did one of his tricks Samantha made the click sound and praised him, followed by a tasty reward. The children were very impressed with Ruffle and clapped enthusiastically each time, making Ruffle wag his tail furiously.

Afterwards they all sat down for a welcome drink and biscuits. One of the children brought over a bowl of water for Ruffle and some dog biscuits as a special treat. Ruffle sat with Samantha and watched as the children played a game then they all sat in a

Junior Corner...

circle at the end to sing a song. The children decided that Ruffle should become an

honorary member of the group - and should definitely visit again!

Bible Bite

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

A short story from the Bible

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story - 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night..'



The Firework Code

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has provided the following tips to help families stay safe while they are having Bonfire Night fun...

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch if necessary.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a

taper, and stand well back.

5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

All Saints' Church, Thurcaston

Winter Fair

Sat. 29th Nov.

10am - 1pm



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A charming, spectacular musical and dance movie

The **Greatest Showman** is on 14th November and lasts 105 minutes.

Our November original musical is a big and bold rags to riches film, starring Hugh Jackman. He plays P. T. Barnum, a politician, a world-wide businessman and showman, who created the Barnum and Bailey Circus. His imagination and innovative ideas made him a visionary who rose from nothing, to create the "Greatest Show on Earth". The sweet songs of Jenny Lind are enchanting. This film is touching at times and a pleasure to watch.

Nativity 2 - Danger in the Manger is on 12th December and lasts 105 minutes.

Starring David Tennant and Mark Wootton, our December film introduces Donald, an anxious primary school teacher and his classroom assistant, Mr Poppy, who embark on a hilarious, yet heartwarming adventure, with a class of pupils. In the wilds of Wales, they face rivers, mountainous terrain and even baby nappies! The aim of the trek is to perform in a Christmas singing competition. This fabulous festive treat will take us



perfectly into the mood for Christmas.

Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council will be showing this film in **Thurcaston Memorial Hall**, starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets will cost the usual £5, which includes a lucky prize draw and refreshments during the interval. You can park free in Richard Hill School. You can pay for your tickets at the door, if there are any left, or buy in advance from Diana 0116 2362 619 or Sylvia 0116 2352 873 or the Parish Office 0116 2367 626.

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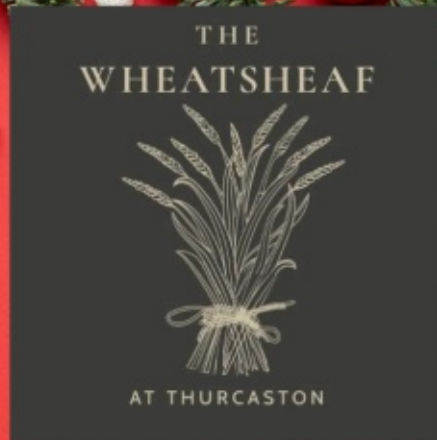
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Dates for your diary

Four pages of Events and Activities this month

Date	Time	Event
Sat Nov 1	10.30am	Charity Coffee Morning Cropston Evangelical Free Church The charity for 2025 is "Operatiion Smile"
Sun Nov 2	9.15am	Breakfast in the Church -Thurcaston All Saints'
	10.30am	Sunday Worship (Cropston Evangelical Free Church)
	6.30pm	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong -Thurcaston All Saints'
Mon Nov 3	11.00am	Bible Study ((Cropston Evangelical Free Church)
Tue Nov 4	10.00am	Food Bank. Anstey St Mary's Church Rooms
	NOON	Leics MS Tuesday Group - Anstey Jubilee Hall coffee/tea, biscuits & chat
Wed Nov 5	2.00pm	Wednesday Hub - All Saints' Church - coffee/tea, cake & chat
	6.00pm	Family Fireworks Fun at Richard Hill School See ad for details on p28
Fri Nov 7	9.15 am	Coffee Morning - St Mary's Church Rooms
Sat Nov 8	10.30 am	Poppy display thank you Coffee Morning Harrison Room
	12 - 2pm	All Saints Church open for Poppy Display
	6.30pm	Learn about Life in the Falklands by Sylvia Cole Harrison Room see editorial on p5



Sun Nov 9	10.00am	Remembrance Sunday service in All Saints.
	10.40am	Anstey Remembrance Parade Martin High School Car Park to War Memorial for 10.50am
Mon Nov 10	2.15pm	Monday Club - Schoolroom, (Cropston Evangelical Free Church) A Magical History Tour from Bishop Fox
Tue Nov 11	10.00am	Food Bank. Anstey St Mary's Church Rooms
	10.30am.	All Saints Mark the 11am silence and view the poppies
	NOON	Leics MS Tuesday Group - Anstey Jubilee Hall coffee/tea, biscuits & chat
Wed Nov 12	2.00pm	Wednesday Hub- All Saints' Church - coffee/tea, cake & chat
	7.45pm	T & C Garden Club Memorial Hall Christmas Crackers



All Saints' November Services

Sunday 2nd

8.30am Prayer Book Communion

10am Morning Praise (9.15 Breakfast)

6.30pm Patronal Festival Choral

Evensong

Sunday 9th

10.00am Remembrance Service

Sunday 16th

8.30am Prayer Book Communion

8pm Compline Night Prayer (8pm)

Sunday 23rd

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th

10am Joint Benefice Service



St Mary's November Services

Sunday 2nd

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th

9.30am Roll Call

10.40am Parade from Martin High School
to War Memorial

Sunday 16th

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd

10am Fresh Morning Praise

Sunday 30th

(10am At Thurcaston All Saints Joint
Benefice Service)

Every Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Book Communion

Dates for your diary

Events and Activities this month continued

Date	Time	Event
Fri Nov 14	9.15 am	Coffee Morning - St Mary's Church Rooms
	7.30pm	Friday Night Film Memorial Hall Thurstaston <i>The Greatest Showman</i>
Sun Nov 16	10.30am	Sunday Worship (Cropston Evangelical Free Church)
Mon Nov 17	11.00am	Prayer meeting (Cropston Evangelical Free Church)
Tue Nov 18	10.00am	Food Bank. Anstey St Mary's Church Rooms
	NOON	Leics MS Tuesday Group - Anstey Jubilee Hall coffee/tea, biscuits & chat
	7.30pm	T & C Local History Society -Short AGM & A Brief History of Pantomime Memorial Hall
Wed Nov 19	2.00pm	Wednesday Hub- All Saints' Church - coffee/tea, cake & chat
Fri Nov 21	9.15 am	Coffee Morning - St Mary's Church Rooms
Sun Nov 23	10.30am	Sunday Worship (Cropston Evangelical Free Church)
Tue Nov 25	10.00am	Food Bank. Anstey St Mary's Church Rooms
	NOON	Leics MS Tuesday Group - Anstey Jubilee Hall coffee/tea, biscuits & chat
	2:00pm	Just for Ladies - (CEFC) Bring a craft, play board games or just have a chat. There will be a short Christian thought for the day.
Wed Nov 26	2.00pm	Wednesday Hub- All Saints' Church - coffee/tea, cake & chat
Thu Nov 27	7.30pm	Latimer Players present <i>The Ice Queen</i> Panto Memorial Hall
Fri Nov 28	9.15 am	Coffee Morning - St Mary's Church Rooms
	3.30pm	Tea & Crafts - St Mary's Church Rooms
	7.30pm	Latimer Players present <i>The Ice Queen</i> Panto
	5-7pm	Drop off items for Saturday to All Saints church - see p7
Sat Nov 29	10 - 1pm	Winter Fair All Saints Church & Salvation Army table top sale Harrison Room see p7 for details
	2pm & 7pm	Latimer Players present <i>The Ice Queen</i> Panto
Sun Nov 30	10.30am	Sunday Worship (Cropston Evangelical Free Church)
Thu Dec 4	6.30pm	Christmas Evening - The Wheatsheaf, Thurstaston.

To place your event in our Diary next month, email Barbara at
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The times for services at St Mary's and All Saints' can be found on the centre pages.



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Christmas 'Crafternoons' at All Saints, Thurcaston

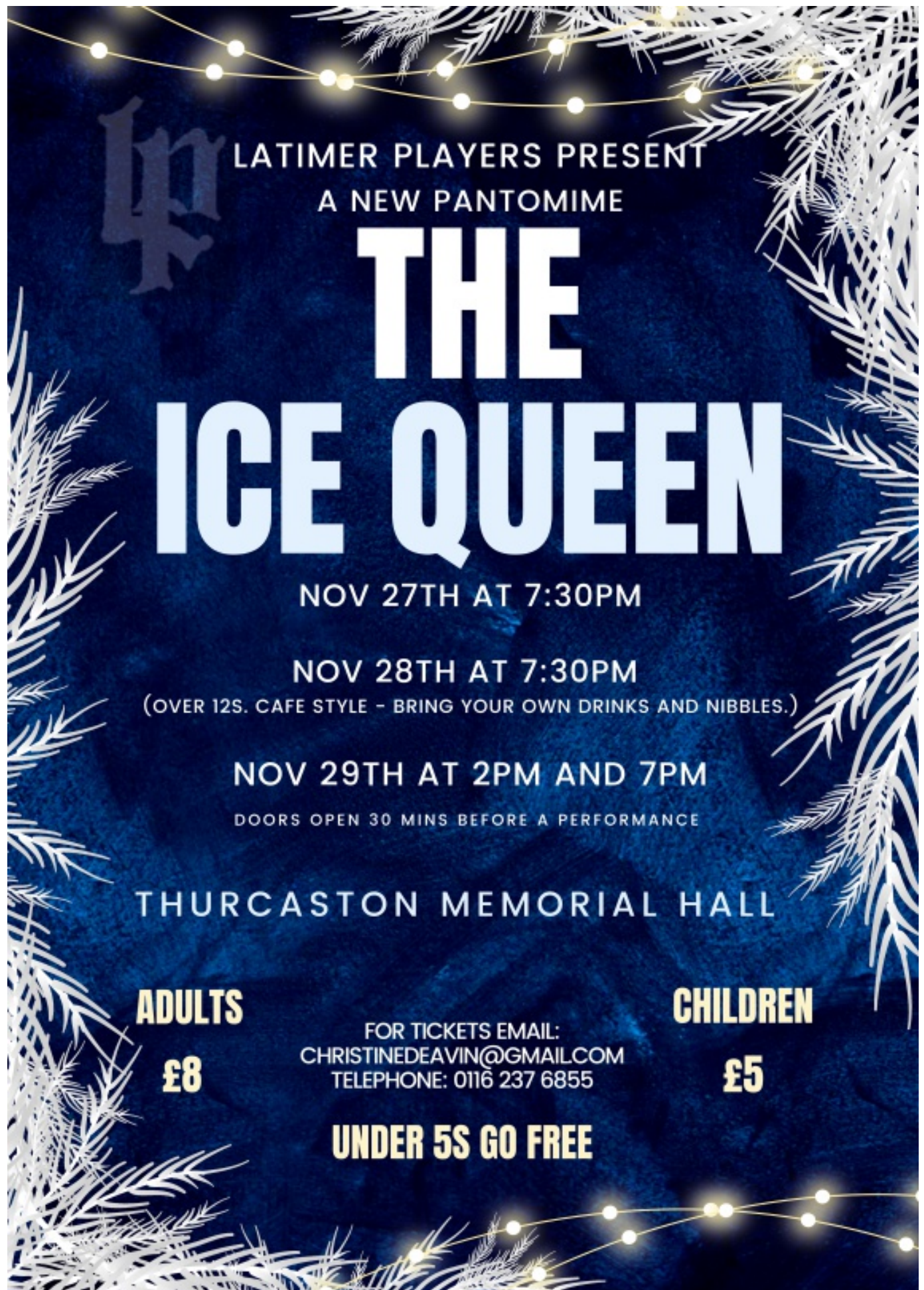
This year we are running a series of Christmas craft activities:

- **Lino printing gift tags** with Jane Lacey – **Saturday 1 November**, 2 to 4:30pm. Design & make your own lino cut print that can be used again at home. £20 per person, over 16s only. **EXTRA DATE ADDED – Saturday 15 Nov**
- **Winter Watercolour** class with Liz Black Dowding – **Sunday 23 November**, 2 to 4:30pm. Produce a winter painting, £25 per person. Under 16s if accompanied.
- **Needle felting** with Meg Grant – **Saturday 13 December**, 2 to 5pm. Make a Christmas Robin. £20 per person, under 16s if accompanied.
- Prices include all materials and refreshments at the workshop. Places will be limited - so book now!

Book your place by contacting Eleanor on eleanorlj@aol.com or 07834 483850

These workshops are being run to support local Mental Health Charities and All Saints Church





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Family Fireworks Night

Organised - Family Friendly - Fireworks Display

Wednesday 5th November

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Adults £6

Children £4

Under 3s Free

No Sparklers Allowed

Refreshments and souvenirs available to
buy on the night

Children's Disco

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on the gate - cash only.

Anstey Christmas Day Alone - CLOSURE

After nearly two decades of heartwarming and community-filled years, we wish to let everyone know that the Anstey Christmas Day Lunch, originally founded by Dave Ford has now come to an end.

The lunch began with a simple, compassionate vision: 'no one should spend Christmas alone.' What started as a small community gathering quickly grew into a cherished annual event catering for around 80 people on what can be one of the loneliest days of the year.

When Dave sadly passed away in 2012 we decided to continue, and with a dedicated team of volunteers and supporters were determined to keep his vision alive. We and they did this with love, care and a sense of purpose that would have made him proud.

Now, after much reflection and change in circumstances the decision has been made to bring the Christmas Day Lunch to a close. While it is the end of an era, we feel it's the right time to finish this chapter with gratitude in our hearts.

To all who made this possible over the years

- thank you.

- To our incredible volunteers, who gave up their own Christmases to make sure someone else's was brighter—you were the heart and soul of the event.

- To the many local businesses, churches and generous individuals who donated food, gifts, decorations, transport, time, and funds - thank you for standing beside us with such consistent support and generosity.

- To St Marys Church for providing the venue and latterly to Rev Matthew for his support for the event and coming to share prayers on the day.

- To our guests, many of whom returned year after year—you are the reason this lunch existed. Your presence made it special.

Though the Christmas Day Lunch will no longer continue, we hope its spirit will live on through the small acts of kindness, reaching out and sharing with others within our community.

Kerry Sharpe and Julie Ford

HISTORY OF MARKFIELD QUARRIES

Granite has been quarried locally at least as far back as Roman times and has shaped the landscape. Commercial quarrying started at Hill Hole in the 1850s and at Cliffe Hill in the 1870s, employing many people. Some innovations made the national and international news.

MARKFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Tuesday 18th November 2025 7.30pm

At Markfield Methodist Church, Main Street, Markfield LE67 9UU

Adults £3 for visitors (Children free) OR become a member which is half the annual price (which would be Jan-Jan) so for the September and November talks so it will be £4 individual or £7 for a couple for both talks and membership.

www.markfieldhistory.org – FB Bygone Markfield

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One thousand and counting!

The volunteers of Thurcaston and Cropston Good Neighbours Scheme have just completed their 1,000th documented task.

Like so many it was fairly simple – delivering prescriptions medicines to someone who was housebound. And, as with those that went before, the resident was very grateful for the help the scheme gave her.

Not all the tasks undertaken since the spring of 2016 have been recorded. For instance, volunteers spent many hundreds of hours befriending elderly residents isolated in their own homes. That work goes on.

The records show that volunteers clocked up nearly 600 hours and more than 500 miles. Most of those journeys were local, taking villagers to medical and other appointments, including for flu and Covid vaccinations. Some of the Good Neighbours volunteers also spent time at Covid vaccination centres under the auspices of the Royal Voluntary Service. During the pandemic, a lot of journeys were to shops for people who could not leave their homes.

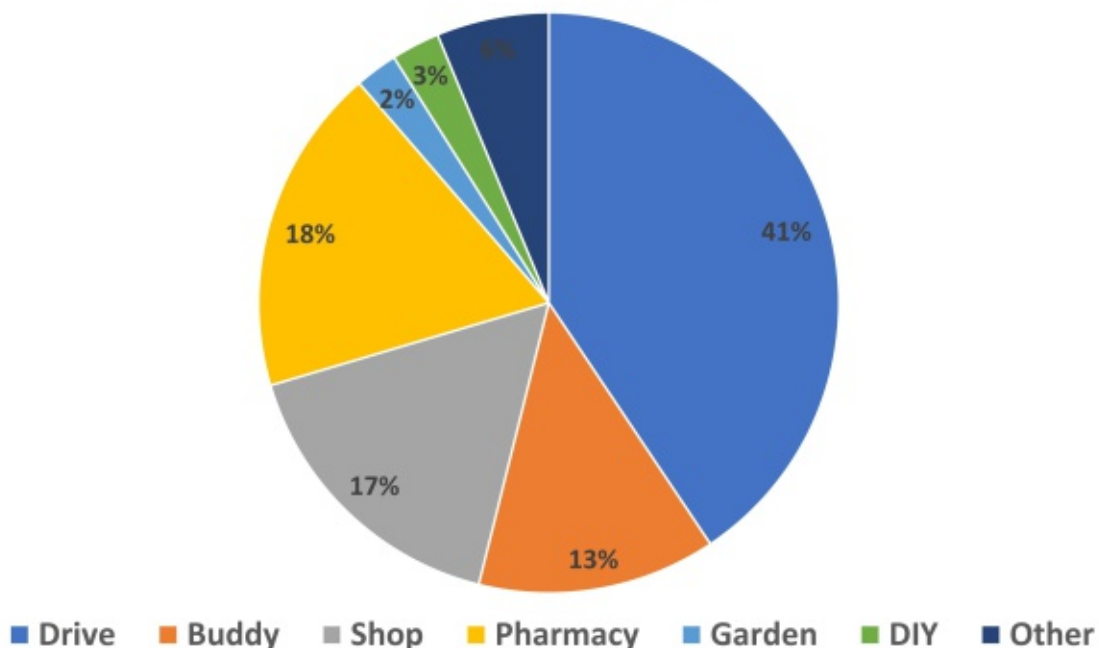
We are blessed to have volunteers with



skills which have resulted in re-glazing, laying concrete paths and clearing overgrown gardens. But most of the tasks require no special skills.

Every Wednesday afternoon some members

GNS tasks by type



of the Good Neighbours Scheme help with transport, serving hot drinks and biscuits/cakes at the Wednesday Hub, run by All Saints' Church.

As the Good Neighbours Scheme has grown, it has become clear that it needs more lightweight wheelchairs. If you have – or know someone who has a wheelchair that is no longer needed, please consider donating it to the scheme so that it can help others.

Jim Matthews, Acting Secretary of Thurstaston and Cropston Good Neighbours Scheme said: “Chairman Keith Pyne and the other founder-members of the scheme created something that is needed even more than when they had the foresight to set it up. We know from the comments of clients how much they appreciate what is done for them. “It is clear to our volunteers who help out at

The Wednesday Hub that attendance there has a real therapeutic value... a weekly tonic, you might say!”



To use any of the services offered by the Good Neighbours Scheme, or to offer to help — more drivers are urgently needed — please call 0743 526 5397.



Hand-axes and tusks: clues to life in prehistoric Leicestershire & Rutland



In October we welcomed back the archaeologist Mathew Morris, whose subject was “From Hunters to Farmers: The Story of Stone Age Leicestershire and Rutland”. Major commercial developments must now be preceded by an archaeological survey, which has led to large areas of the counties being explored for the first time and has resulted in nationally significant discoveries about the prehistoric period.

The first evidence of human activity in our area consists of simple hand-axes found alongside the bones and tusks of elephants, deep in the 500,000-year-old gravel deposits at Brooksby Quarry. At that time, before the local landscape was remodelled in the Ice Age, the Bytham River flowed east through the area and our ancestor *Homo heidelbergensis* perhaps followed the animals along its course. Soon afterwards, the advancing ice made all of Britain

uninhabitable for many millennia. A flint spearhead from Glaston dates from one of the warmer spells and was probably left by a Neanderthal but no permanent occupation was possible until about 12,500 BC. By then, the seasonal growth of the tundra provided rich resources for large herds of animals and the *Homo sapiens* who hunted them. These people are mostly known from finds in caves but Bradgate Park has a rare open-air site, where nearly 5000 flint artefacts – spear tips, points and scrapers – have been excavated from a natural platform overlooking the end of the “Little Matlock” gorge. The English Channel did not yet exist and the people might have followed the animals’ migration as far east as Moscow every year.

As the climate continued to warm, the landscape became woodland, which was still rich in resources such as deer and pigs

but had to be exploited in a different way. In this Middle Stone Age (“Mesolithic”) period, people lived in smaller family groups and travelled less far. Because they regularly returned to the same sites, it became worthwhile to build huts and to create clearings, where they might have encouraged the growth of local food plants like hazel and bramble. Though we now find the first flint woodworking tools, spear tips were made less carefully than before – perhaps because it was so easy to lose them in the undergrowth!

Farming began in the Middle East and spread to Britain – now an island – by about 4,000 BC. This marked the start of the New Stone Age (“Neolithic”) period. The cultivation of grain required permanent settlements and the clearance of land around them. It also allowed the development of

pottery, the domestication of animals and the emergence of local cultural differences. The counties’ earliest artwork is a stylized face etched into a sandstone “plaque” found at Rothley Lodge. In fact, the area surrounding the confluence of the Rivers Soar, Wreake and the Rothley Brook is full of pits, post-holes and circular ditches, which mark the sites of domestic dwellings and burials. There will be much more to learn when all the recent excavations in the area have been analysed.

Our final meeting of 2025 will be a complete contrast! On Tuesday 18th November, a short AGM will be followed by Ann Featherstone giving us a Brief History of Pantomime.

We hope you can join us – oh yes we do!

The fee for visitors is £4.

www.thurcastoncropstonhistory.org.uk

GRANTS TO ASSIST WITH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES



Richard Hill's Church of England School Charity

The Trustees of the Charity invite those under the age of 25 years who are attending, or have attended the Richard Hill School to apply for a grant to assist with educational activities (including social & physical training) not otherwise provided by the Local Authority.

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Roses – All you need to know



Kerry's favourite rose – 'Absolutely Fabulous' bred by Weeks and available from C & K Jones

The August meeting of the Thurcaston and Cropston Gardening Club was an excellent talk by Kerry French.

Kerry has top class 'credentials' to deliver this talk!! She did her horticultural training at Brooksby Melton College and then on to Nottingham Trent University. She joined the formal team at RHS Wisley for five years with the responsibility of The Bowes Lyon Rose Garden, then moved to be the head gardener at the Royal National Rose Society's Garden in St Albans. She now runs the International rose trials at Rochford's Gardens Ltd.

During the talk, Kerry covered a wealth of information on rose care.

There are hundreds of varieties of roses and new varieties are being developed all the time by rose growers. New varieties are developed to be more disease resistant and to perform better. Roses come in many different forms such as hybrid tea, shrub, climbers and ramblers. The work that Kerry does, trials roses over a three-year period, and she works with rose breeders in the UK and Europe.

Roses can be bought as bare rooted or in

pots. This is a good time of year to plant bare rooted roses up until March. And there are advantages – they are often cheaper and usually become established quicker. Kerry recommended that when planting roses in a flower bed, that we plant multiples of the same variety together for greater flowering impact.

In this talk, Kerry gave a lot of practical advice including pruning, feeding, and diseases. She talked about the best time of year to prune different varieties of rose and the best way to grow them. She talked about the three Ds of pruning – dead, dying and diseased. Kerry had available a number of excellent handouts on different aspects of rose care which members were able to request. Roses can suffer from a number of pests diseases such as black spot and aphids – which Kerry talked about. Kerry recommended controlling pests and diseases using environmentally friendly methods.

Kerry had a very relaxed style when delivering her talk and was very knowledgeable and confident about roses. She was very well received by our members who appreciated all the very practical

advice.

The Gardening Club meets in the Thurstaston and Cropston Memorial Hall. Whether an experienced gardener or an enthusiastic beginner we are sure you will find something of interest in this year's programme. New members are made most welcome. What's more, it's excellent value!! The membership fee is only £15 for the year (pro rata) or £3.00 per meeting. So, if you are interested in gardening - come and give the Club a try.

For more information about the Club,

please contact

Dave Haddon (0116) 235 9758:

david.haddon22@gmail.com

Or Richard Elks (0116) 236 8313:

cropston161@hotmail.co.uk

The next Club events are:

Wed 12 November 2025

‘Christmas Crackers’ – by Janette Merilion

Wed 10 December 2025

Festive Evening – for members

The 2026 Programme of Events will be available at the Festive Evening

Exam

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student admitted that he had prayed for the assistance of God.

The professor carefully studied the answer page and then replied, “You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you.”

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October was another busy month for us at Cedar House... We continue to try old and new things!

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On Friday 3rd October 2025 some of the residents enjoyed a creepy crawly pet therapy session with Lion Learners. There was lots of strokes, cuddles and snuggles to be had by all.

A stitch here a stitch there... The knitting club has been busy making squares. Gay has sewn some of these squares together to make a communal blanket. Thank you for all your hard work, everyone! It looks amazing! It will be a great addition to our winter cupboard at the home.

Nigel Spouge's family kindly donated Nigel's funeral flowers to the home for the residents to enjoy and remember him. Gay kindly sorted the flowers into vases.

We had our monthly residents meeting on Friday 10th October 2025.

On Friday 10th October 2025 some of the residents enjoyed being entertained by acoustic duo Lex and Lou.

Sidney, the mascot from Sidney Shakers, had a holiday with us for a couple of weeks.



We took photos of his stay with us for the children so they could see what he got up to. For example, he had a go at chair exercises, housekeeping, walks, making beds, serving drinks on the tea trolley, gardening, pamper sessions, office work and a bit of maintenance work. Like the residents Sidney also had a health check with Nat in the office. He passed with flying colours.

The residents also enjoyed listening to new singer Mat and his Elvis tribute. There was lots of singing and dancing.

We also said a fond farewell to chef Sam. After all his hard work he flew back home to be with his family and run his bakery. We wish you all the best! Come back and see us all soon! Your family are also welcome!

Enid also enjoyed watching her granddaughter playing in the GB wheelchair basketball matches.

For Halloween we had our own Harry Potter party with all the well-known characters present. Regarding food and drink the residents made some chocolate frogs, Bertie Botts every flavour beans and butterscotch beer for everyone to enjoy.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE!

There is never a dull moment at Cedar House!

On the ferocity of the church's Bridge drive.

The Rectory
St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

Your suggestion that we should hold a sponsored hymn-singing bicycle ride through the village as a way of raising money was well-meant, but I am not wholly convinced it would suit our clientele here at St James the Least of All.

You may have musical bike rides, but we have Bridge drives. Our Bridge games are generally as amiable and peaceful as bear baiting. Half of those attending will see the afternoon as an opportunity to catch up on local gossip and to exchange knitting patterns, the game of cards being a minor hindrance to these other activities. The other half arrive primed for a battle to the death, reluctantly conceding that eye-gouging is not allowed. They will demand total silence – which is wholly ignored by those at the tables discovering what Mrs Trumpington confided to Lady Driver halfway through ‘Onward Christian Soldiers’ at last Sunday’s Mattins. The congregation is eternally grateful to Mrs Mitchell, who as a former mill worker is able to lip read.

Usually half our players regard lunchtime as an opportunity to put jam on the cards, spill tea on the score cards and make sure that the other tables get the egg and cress sandwiches while they corner the boiled ham; the others usually see it as an unwelcome interruption to the serious business of slaughtering their opponents.

As for drawing the raffle, it is the adult equivalent of ringing the school bell at going-home time. Half the players will immediately dash off to relay newly mined seams of gossip throughout the village, leaving the others holding reproachful post-mortems with their partners over their bidding mistakes.

Reproaches are never too violent, however, since the chances are that they will all be meeting again the following afternoon round a card table at another location, for yet another re-enactment of the slaughter at Agincourt. The only difference will be that the French and English were not entertained with tea and sandwiches at half time.

Your loving uncle,
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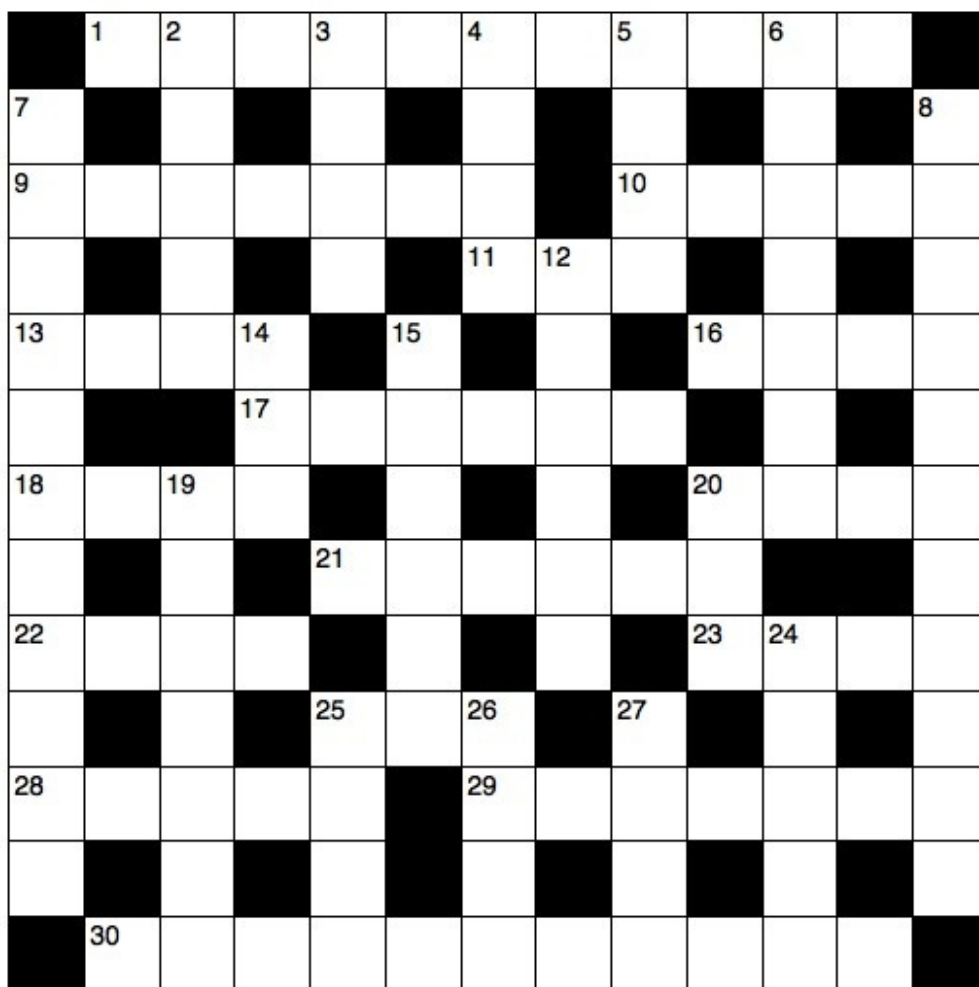
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Crossword



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)
- 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)

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Sudoku Solution

2	6	5	1	9	7	8	4	3
4	8	7	6	5	3	9	1	2
9	1	3	8	4	2	5	6	7
8	5	2	4	3	6	7	9	1
3	9	6	7	1	5	2	8	4
7	4	1	2	8	9	3	5	6
5	2	8	3	6	1	4	7	9
6	3	9	5	7	4	1	2	8
1	7	4	9	2	8	6	3	5

Crossword Solution

	B	A	R	T	H	O	L	O	M	E	W	
J		L		O		V		N		M		M
E	V	I	L	O	N	E		A	D	O	R	E
H		V		K		R	A	N		T		L
O	R	E	B		S		L		Z	I	N	C
S			E	N	T	A	I	L		V		H
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A		O		J	O	S	H	U	A			Z
P	I	T	Y		N		T		W	I	D	E
H		H		A	G	E		F		R		D
A	L	A	R	M		P	A	R	T	A	K	E
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	S	E	N	N	A	C	H	E	R	I	B	

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