

Thurcaston with Cropston and Anstey

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of our community



All Saints' Church
Thurcaston

August 2026

St Mary's Church
Anstey

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Church notes

There comes a time for many of us when we want to give to our church community to support its work and help it meet its obligations to paying [Diocese Parish Gift](#), as well as honouring the sense of God's call of generosity in our hearts.

For many, this may mean regular giving which is easy through the collection plate, card reader or envelope scheme available at both churches.

However, some people prefer to organise by Direct Debit or BACS (you can pick up a leaflet from either church).

St Mary's operates the Parish Giving Scheme which All Saints' will also look at soon.

You can set up an account in a few minutes online parishgiving.org.uk.

Parish Giving has the benefit of adding Gift Aid immediately to the church donation, saving the administration for the PCC and making funds more readily available.

Both churches also take online donations - further information can be found by visiting stmarysandallsaints.co.uk and following the links under each church for 'Regular Giving' or 'Donations'.

Thank you for your ongoing faith and trust in our mission.

If you prefer to make a donation as a one off at All Saints' Church, our annual gift day each September will be Saturday 19th with a chance to meet up in different parts of the parish to receive your gift and talk.



All Saints' and St Mary's exist for the benefit of the whole community - not just people who go to church on Sundays!

We're delighted to arrange baptisms and weddings, or to bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend church.

If we can help in this, or any other way, please contact the Rector or Church Wardens (contact details on left).

Visit our websites for further information about events, activities, services, etc:

stmarysandallsaints.co.uk

[All Saints' Thurstaston with Cropston](#)
[St Mary's Anstey](#)



Please send contributions, listings, suggestions or ideas for the September issue of the magazine to:
heartandsoulnews@gmail.com
(deadline Thursday 20 August)

USEFUL ADDRESSES

All Saints' Church / Harrison Room
Anstey Lane, Thurstaston LE7 7JA

Anstey Library
Paper Mill Close, Anstey LE7 AU

Cropston Evangelical Free Church (CEFC), Cropston Road, LE7 7GE

Jubilee Hall
Stadon Road, Anstey LE7 7AY

Methodist Church
Cropston Road, Anstey LE4 7BP

St Mary's Church / Church Rooms
Church Lane, Anstey LE7 7AF

Thurstaston Memorial Hall
Anstey Lane, Thurstaston LE7 7JA

Just a thought...

Trust, risking the first steps in the Kingdom

Keeping a church open and unsupervised carries risk. There's risk of vandalism, theft and breakage.

All these things were feared when St Mary's first started being opened to the public two years ago.

Reasonable mitigation was taken. However despite the fears, the blessing was far greater than expected.

Not only have none of those fears materialised, volunteers have appeared periodically to clean the church, and giving to the church has increased with visitors making donations.

A surprising thing is that insurance companies tend to prefer churches to be open to the public in daylight hours as most claims are made not from theft but damage from break-ins to church.

Having an open church means the community becomes the best mitigation, with the public visiting randomly and other people moderating against malevolent behaviour which also has the benefit of cultivating collective good will.

Community good will is a wonderful expression of grace. It is precious. It cannot be controlled or guaranteed.

Having the trust brings out the best in all. It feels like a feature of Kingdom life at work and should be celebrated with gratitude.



Whenever Jesus talks in parables about the Kingdom to give his listeners he tends to characterise it as unexpected,

small, uncontrolled and overlooked but precious with misunderstood great potential value.

The oyster pearl, the mustard seed, the hidden treasure in a field, yeast...

What may be the small ways in your life, your home, your village, parish, church, your relationships, non-obvious ways that God may be doing something in your life?

It is a question worth asking often. How are we surprised by goodness? How may we have it got it the wrong way round about a person, place or situation?

Keeping curious and open to the possibility of wonder is precious.

Jesus tells us to seek this mystery out first before more material concerns (Matthew 6:33).

Like our material quest for security, control and comfort both pursuits are never ending. Two different journeys, which path appeals most?

Rev Matthew



Park & Stride for Churches

This year's Leicestershire Ride+Stride for Churches is taking place on Saturday 12 September. It's an annual event organised by Historic Churches Leicestershire to raise funds for repairs and improvements to historic churches, chapels and meeting houses throughout Leicester and Leicestershire. The 2025 Ride+Stride event raised £40,461.

Both St Mary's and All Saints' will be opening up to welcome riders and striders as they travel around the county on foot, bike or horseback. If anyone is able to spare an hour or so on the day and can help out at All Saints' Church, please contact Eleanor Lloyd Jones via email eleanorlj@aol.com or call 0116 236 2503.

And if you are interested in taking part in the Ride+Stride event, you can find out more at: lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride



The poster features a stylized illustration of a church with a steeple, a pond, and people participating in the event. A man and a woman are walking a dog, while two others are riding bicycles. A young girl is standing near the pond. The background is a mix of green hills and a blue sky with clouds.

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Ulverscroft Priory Open Air Service

Ulverscroft Priory Ruins

Priory Lane, Ulverscroft, LE67 9PA

Sunday 16 August at 3pm

Service led by the Revd Andrew Smith & Revd Matthew Gough

Organist: Mr David Seal

Opening Prayer: Dave Robinson (Locally Authorised Minister, TBS)

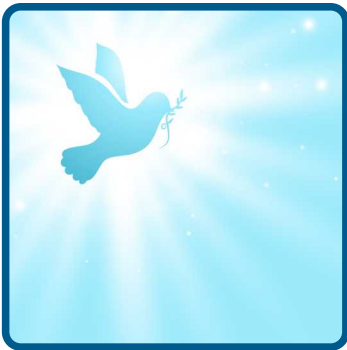
Collect: Mary Pepper (Copt Oak PCC)

Readings by Terry Layton (Locally Authorised Minister) and Sue Gammon (PCC, Copt Oak)



ALL WELCOME

From the registers



Saturday 4 July

St Mary's Church

Wedding of Ryvn Vega and Fiona Osmani from Anstey

Saturday 25 July

St Mary's Church

Wedding of Corrinne Stafford and Dane Pearson from Leicester

August Readings:

Sunday 2 August

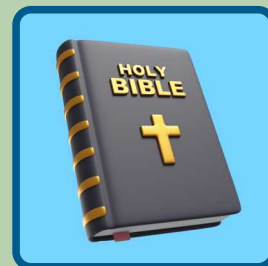
Romans 9, 1-5

Matthew 14.13-21

Sunday 9 August

Romans 10.5-15

Matthew 14.22-33



Sunday 16 August

Romans 11, 1-2, 29-32

Matthew 15, 21-28

Sunday 23 August

Romans 12, 1-8

Matthew 16, 13-20

Sunday 30 August

Romans 12.9-end

Matthew 16.21-end

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Local cinema

Anstey Film Club - Anstey Community Library

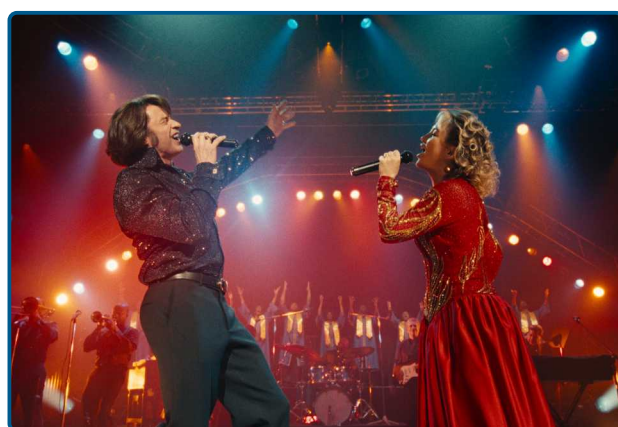
Wednesdays 2pm

Enjoy a friendly, relaxing hour or two with good company in the library every Wednesday afternoon. Films are shown on a new large screen TV with surround sound. Entrance price is just £3, which includes cake and a drink. Films are chosen on a weekly basis, so we're unable to provide details in advance - visit the website ansteylibrary.com or pop into the library to discover what's on each week.

Thurcaston Film Club

Thurcaston Film Club is taking a Summer break in August. Their next screening will be on Friday 11 September, when '**Song Sung Blue**' will be showing (running time 2 hours, 12 minutes).

Starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson, *Song Sung Blue* is a musical drama and true love story about two very successful musicians playing beautiful music in a Neil Diamond tribute band called 'Lightening and Thunder'.



Then we see them face great misfortune in an almost unbelievable set of circumstances. After overwhelming odds, will this loving musical couple triumph over such adversity?

Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council will be showing this film in Thurcaston Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £6, which includes a lucky prize draw and wine or fruit juice during the interval. You can pay for your tickets at the door, if there are any left, or buy in advance from Diana (0116 2362 619), Sylvia (0116 2352 873) or the Parish Office (0116 2367 626).

All Saints' 200 Club



July 2026 Draw Winners

1st - Doreen Walkerdine

2nd - Amy Page

3rd - Michael Rouse

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Dates for your diary: August

See page 3 for venue locations

Saturday 1

11am Charity Coffee Morning (Cropston Evangelical Free Church: CEFC)

Sunday 2

9am Breakfast in the Church (All Saints' Church)

9.30am Morning Praise (All Saints' Church)

11am Sunday Worship (CEFC)

10.30am Gather for refreshments (St Mary's Church)

11am Holy Communion (St Mary's Church)

Monday 3

11am Bible Study (CEFC)

Tuesday 4

10am Food Bank (St Mary's Church Rooms)

12noon Leics MS Group (Jubilee Hall)

1pm Anstey Art Club (Methodist Church)

Tuesday 11

10am Food Bank (St Mary's Church Rooms)

10.30am Anstey Musical Memory Box (Jubilee Hall)

12noon Leics MS Group (Jubilee Hall)

1pm Anstey Art Club (Methodist Church)

Wednesday 12

9.30am Prayer Book Communion (St Mary's Church)

2pm Wednesday Film Show (Anstey Library)

Thursday 13

7pm Anstey Chess Club (Methodist Church)

Friday 14

9.15am Coffee Morning (St Mary's Church Room)

11.30am RVS Lunch Club (Jubilee Hall)

Thursday 20

7pm Anstey Chess Club (Methodist Church)

Friday 21

9.15am Coffee Morning (St Mary's Church Room)

11.30am RVS Lunch Club (Jubilee Hall)

2pm Tea & Crafts (St Mary's Church)

Sunday 23

9.30am Holy Communion (All Saints' Church)

11am Sunday Worship (CEFC)

10.30am Gather for refreshments (St Mary's Church)

11am Fresh Worship (St Mary's Church)

6.30pm Choral Evensong (All Saints' Church)

Tuesday 25

10am Food Bank (St Mary's Church Rooms)

10.30am Anstey Musical Memory Box (Jubilee Hall)

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August services - All Saints' Thurcaston

Sunday 2nd

9am Breakfast

9.30am Morning Praise

Sunday 9th

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th

9.30am Prayer Book

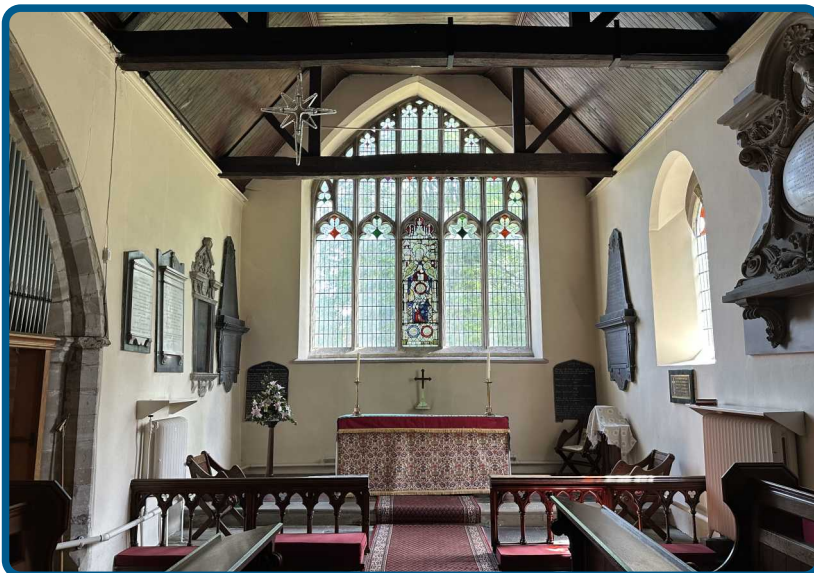
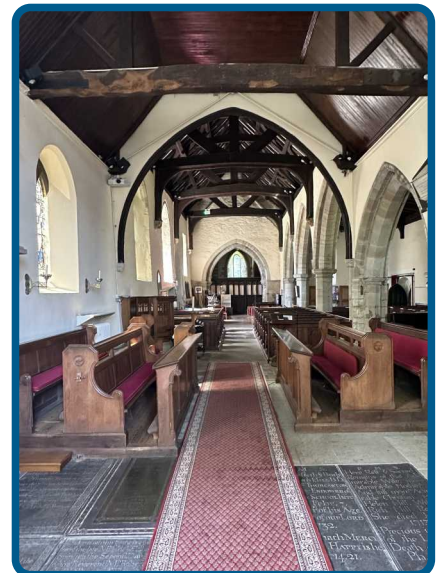
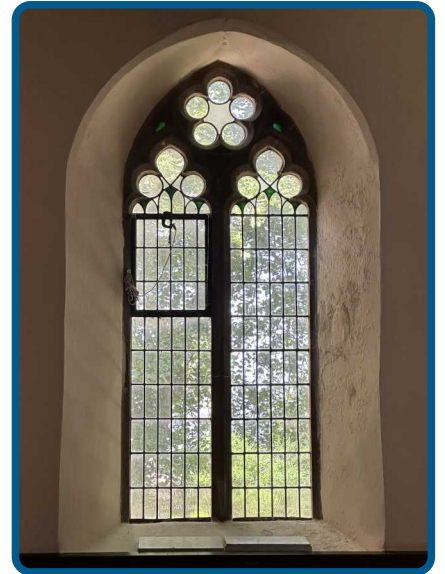
8pm Compline Night Prayer

Sunday 23th

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th

10am Bradgate Group at All Saints' Church,
Newtown Linford (no service at Thurcaston)



August services: St Mary's Anstey

Sunday 2nd

10.30am Gather for refreshments

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th

10.30am Gather for refreshments

11am All Age Worship

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Sunday 23th

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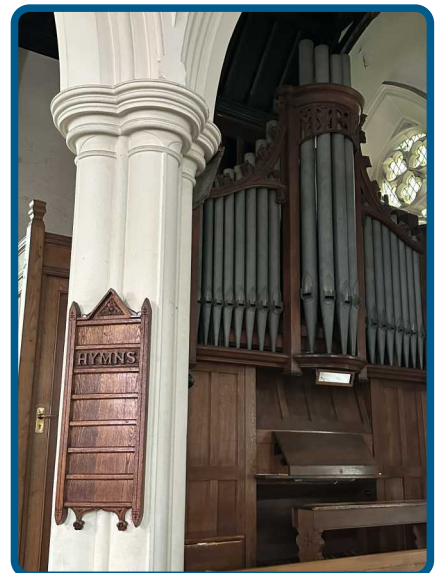
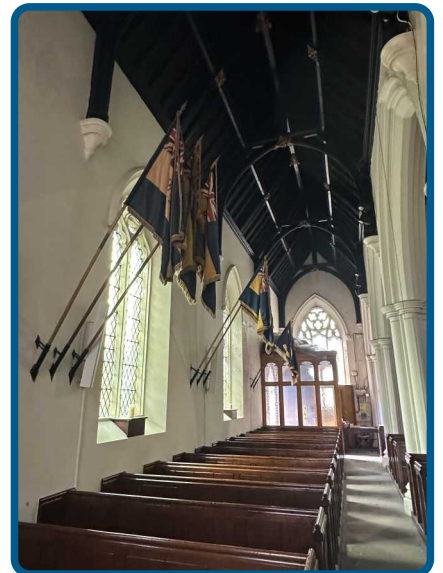
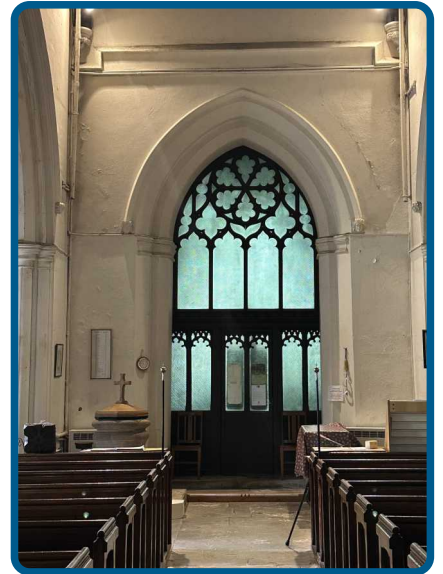
11am Fresh Worship

Sunday 30th

10am Bradgate Group at All Saints' Church, Newtown Linford (no service at Anstey)

Every Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Book Communion



Thurcaston & Cropston Gardening Club

Thurcaston and Cropston Gardening Club were treated to a fabulously lively and fascinating talk from 5' 1" tall, flower farmer Melanie Arnold. This fact is relevant.

Melanie explained to us, as she showed us pictures of the Flower Farm as it was created; "If I can't reach the centre of the flower bed, to pick the flowers, it's no use to me". Consequently, her flower beds are long and very thin.

But she still manages to pack 30 plants per metre into the space.

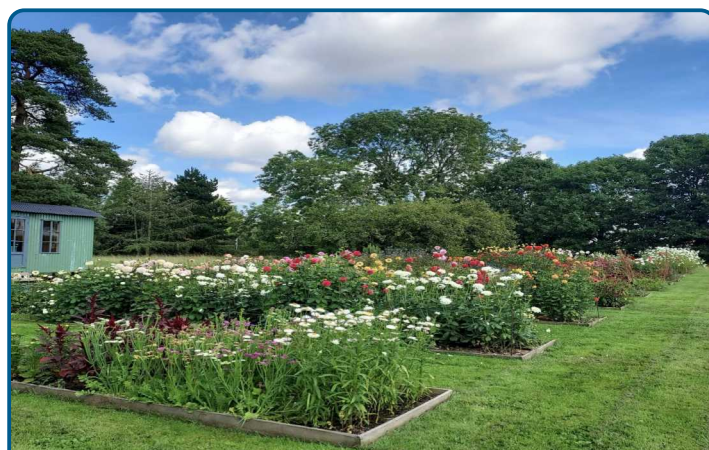
Corner Field Flowers is the name of the two-acre space that Melanie works in Leicestershire.

For the last seven years she has grown high quality British blooms supplying florists and the occasional DIY bride with high quality, British, cut flowers.

Her advice to any DIY brides out there - Don't!! As a bride you've got enough to do; leave the flowers for someone else to deal with.



New plants, packed into Melanie's long, thin beds with 20cm spacing



Flowers in beds, ready for picking and conditioning to make them last longer in the vase

Her flower varieties are the flowers you would grow in your garden:

- Annuals such as larkspur, cosmos, antirrhinums, foxgloves, sunflowers and zinnias.
- Biennials and perennials such as sweet william, achillea, delphinium linaria astrantia, dahlias and crocosmia.

Bouquets and arrangements made from these traditionally grown flowers will have more movement, more scent and have a seasonal flair.

They will be individual and recreate that informal beauty that our gardens represent.

Producing in this way also removes the 'air miles'; and ensures that no chemicals are used, unlike many supermarket offerings.

Melanie also shared all her tips and hints for growing successful sweet peas. There was much note-taking from the audience.

Too late for this year.... but just wait for next year. There should be some fantastic blooms around as members put her valuable advice into practice.

Melanie talked about the British cut flower market. It has really taken off in the last ten years, now 15% of flowers sold are grown in this way.

This is due to an organisation called Flowers from the Farm, a membership organisation, started by a Yorkshire Farmers wife, Gill Hodgson, who wanted to connect with other similar flower growers.

The organisation is now 900+ strong with growers from all over the British Isles supporting growers however large or small their businesses.

For the Coronation, King Charles III asked for only British grown flowers to be used in decorating Westminster Cathedral.

Flowers from the Farm undertook this huge undertaking and two lorries travelled the length and breadth of the country, Scotland to Cornwall, collecting suitable blooms and foliage for the event, including stems from Corner Field Flowers.

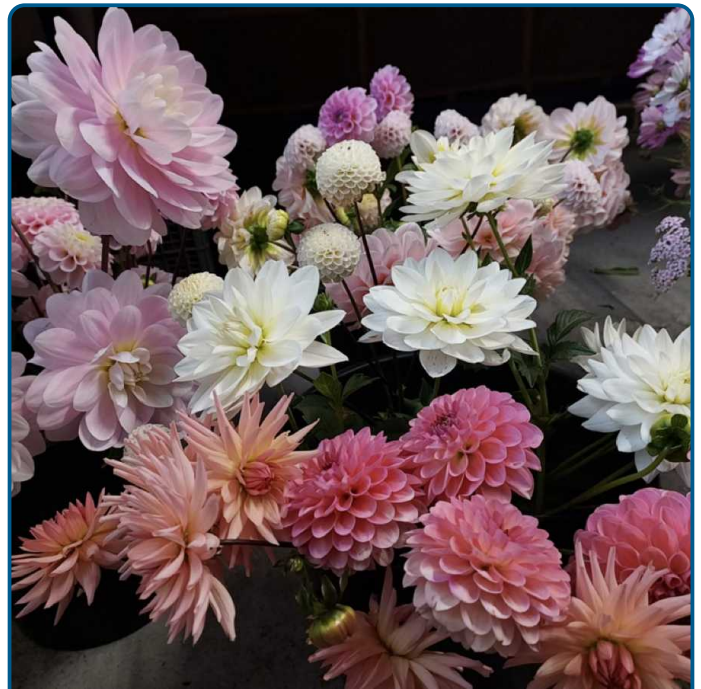
Should you be visiting an RHS show in the future, keep an eye open in the floral marquee; there is often a Flowers from the Farm exhibit (often with a gold medal).

Melanie gave us so much information to help and encourage us to grow our own. This included Top 10 lists of flowers to grow – dahlias, annuals, biennials, and sweet peas.

She was very generous with hints and tips to help us all grow successful cut flowers in our own gardens.

This really was an excellent illustrated talk. Melanie was so knowledgeable, enthusiastic, passionate, and inspiring.

She answered loads of questions and many members were very keen to talk to her after her talk - despite the fact that on the following morning she would be in her plot at 5am, cutting 200+ stems an hour. That's the life of a flower farmer!



Dahlias – one of Melanie's 'Top Ten' suggestions of flowers to grow for cutting.

Forthcoming Club events:

Wednesday 12 August: Outing to Arley Hall and Gardens

Saturday 5 September: Annual Craft & Produce Show (open to all)

The Gardening Club meets in the Thurstaston and Cropston Memorial Hall. New members are most welcome.

Membership fee is £15 for the year (pro rata) or £3 per meeting. For more information about the Club, contact:

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david.haddon22@gmail.com

Richard Elks 0116 236 8313
cropston161@hotmail.co.uk



Monday Club

Afternoon Tea at Lingdale Golf Club

July's Monday Club: A group of members again enjoyed a special afternoon tea at Lingdale, where we had a sumptuous spread served on attractive decorative china.

There were dainty sandwiches with a selection of fillings, several different kinds of cakes, which all looked and tasted delicious, and fresh strawberries and ice cream. Staff were pleasant and helpful, and made us feel very welcome.

The portions were generous, and took account of special dietary requirements (advised beforehand).

We spent a couple of hours there, and enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with our friends.

On Monday 10 August we shall learn about playing cards, and on Monday 14 September there will be an illustrated talk about UK Treks for LOROS, including the West Highland Way and the South Downs.

Monday Club meetings start at 2.15pm, on the second Monday of each month.

Annual membership is £15, plus an entrance fee of £2 (£4 for visitors) - includes tea and biscuits. New members and visitors are always welcome. Call 07709 201 881.

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DATE

Friday 18th September

STARTS

7 pm

VENUE

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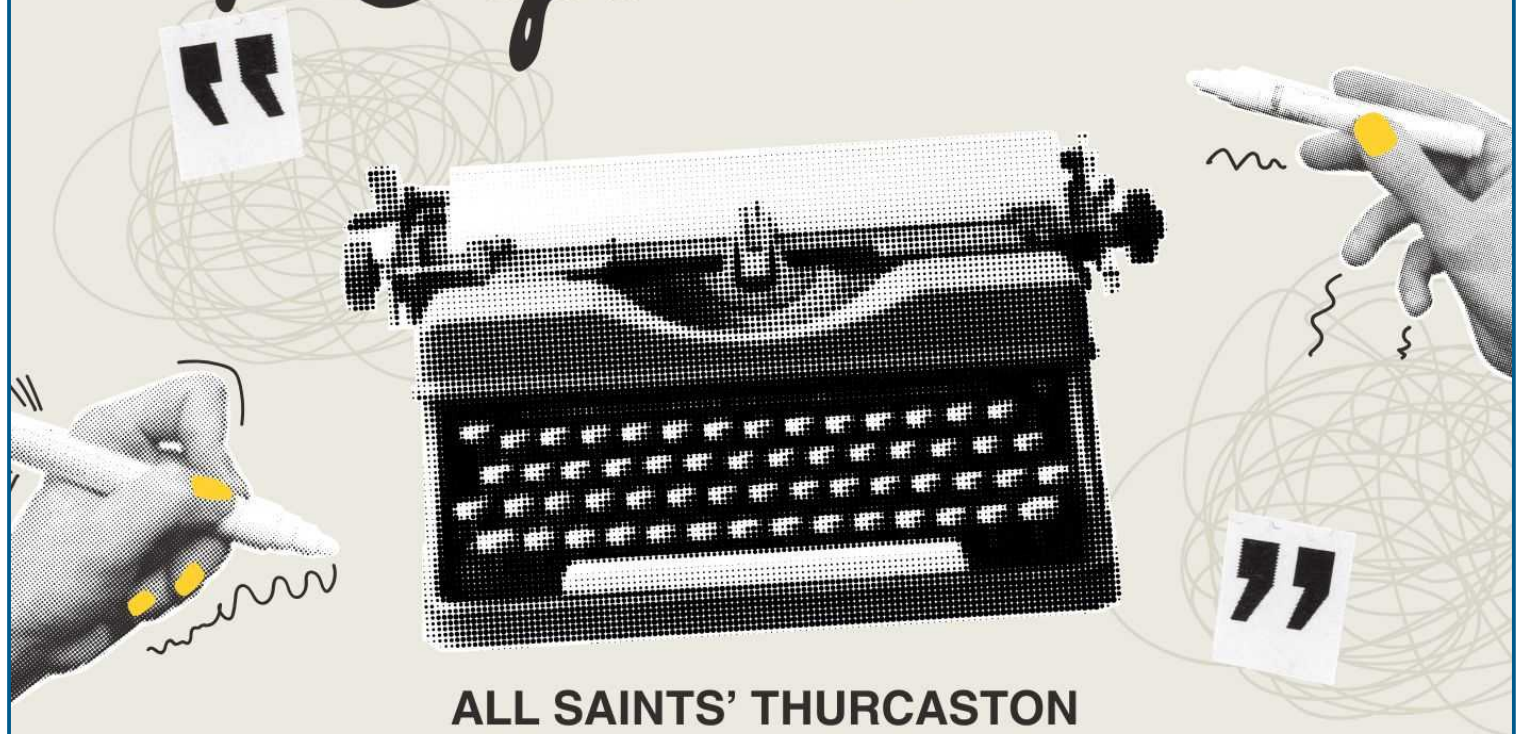
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Cedar House update

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

We received lots of visitors and had special visits from Lilliput Nursery Group and Sidney Shakers.

We had our monthly church service with lots of song, pray and fabulous conversation.

We also enjoyed being entertained by Chris Hyde. Plus, Charlotte on the saxophone. There was lots of music, singing and dancing.

On Thursday 9th July Amy gave a talk on Reiki and its benefits and gave some individual demonstrations.

This month the residents also enjoyed playing crazy golf.

On Monday 13th July the residents enjoyed playing darts in the lounge with Simon from Waley's Dart Days. Eddie and Pat were the winners of the different tournaments.

Some of the residents also enjoyed making animal masks with the nursery and discussing the sounds that they make. Can you guess the different animals from the photos? We had a roar some time.

On Tuesday 14th July we celebrated the life of our beloved Joan Rock, who

sadly passed away recently. It was a very emotional day. Joan was a wonderful lady. Sending all our love to her family and friends xxxx

After a quiz with Sally, all on Leicestershire, Clarissa brought in some of her pets to show the residents.

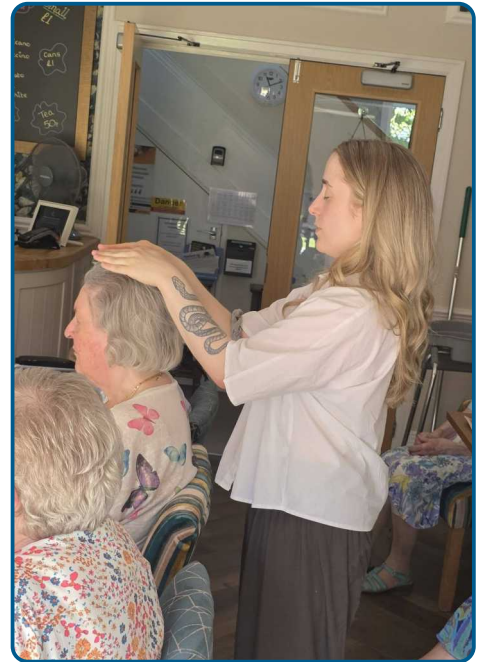
A couple of days later some of the residents enjoyed watching and listening to Alexander playing the violin in the lounge. Well done, Alexander.

On Saturday 18th July the residents enjoyed planting up their painted pots.

We also had a Cedar House family BBQ with all the trimmings (e.g. food, drink, stalls and entertainment). Plus, a beach party with paddling pools, sandcastles and giant bubbles.

Watch out August here we come for more adventures!

Sally



Thucaston & Cropston Local History Society

On one of the many fine evenings in July, we paid a visit to a rare surviving watermill at Shepshed, which Neil McHugh and his family have lovingly restored to working order.

There has been a mill here on the Black Brook since the time of the Domesday Book.

It formed part of the Garendon Estate and probably last ground corn in 1911 but continued to be used to drive farm machinery until 1936.

Neil's father-in-law bought the property in 1996 and, finding how much intact mill equipment remained, he took on the project of restoring it.

The mill wheel is a 'breast-shot' type, in which the incoming water fills buckets high on the near side and the wheel turns 'backwards'. At some time, it has been lowered to gain more power, which involved digging a new culvert.

The mill machinery is designed to drive four pairs of millstones. The spacing between the rotating upper stone and the fixed lower stone can be finely adjusted with a lever to change the grade of flour produced.

Two of the upper stones are single pieces of Derbyshire millstone grit but the other two are constructed from segments of harder French burrstone.

The mill wheel also drives a hoist, which lifts sacks of grain to the hoppers on the top floor; a 'damsel', which jiggles the chute to keep the grain flowing freely; and a sieving machine.

It has clearly been a labour of love for Neil and Haidee to bring the mill back to working order and it won them an award from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. They hope to return to holding public open days in future.

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Puzzle Corner (Wordsearch)

This month, on the 29th, we remember John the Baptist. By all accounts, he had a rough life. He grew up in obscurity, lived in the desert on a diet of bugs. He wore itchy camel hair. He worked in the heat of the sun, constantly challenging people, and wading in and out of muddy Jordan waters to baptise many.

Then he was arrested and kept in a reeking, infested dungeon until one day they cut his head off. Not much comfort in that life. Yet the Bible tells us that of all the people in history, no one has even been born who was as great as him.

Why? Because of the unique calling God gave him, which was to prepare the way for the coming ministry of his Son, Jesus. Jesus did not have an easy life, either.

This month's words to find...

John
Baptist
Rough
Obscurity
Desert
Bugs
Camel
Heat
Sun
Challenge
Muddy
Jordan
Arrested
Dungeon
Head
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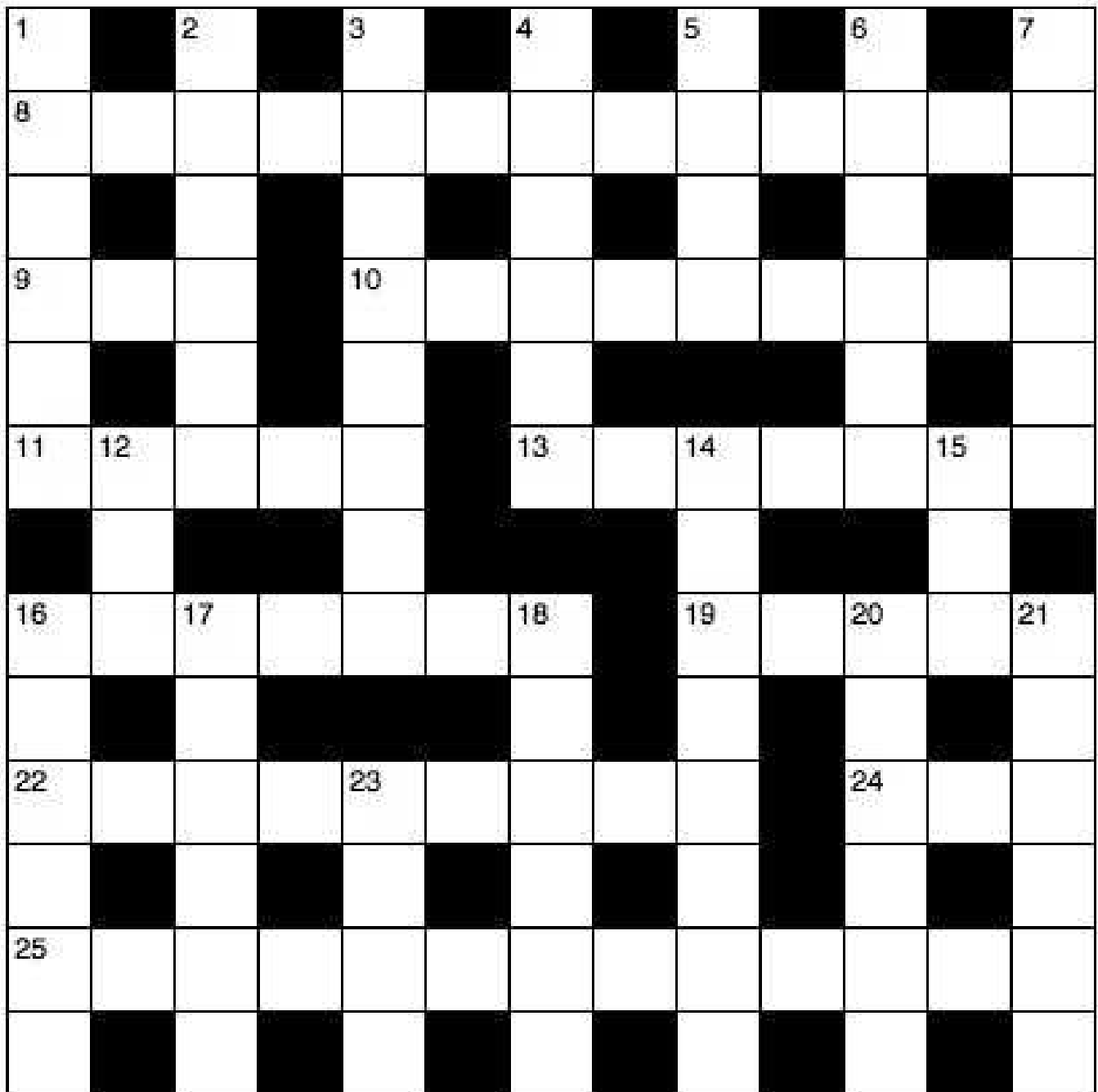
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Puzzle Corner (Sudoku)

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Puzzle Corner (Crossword)



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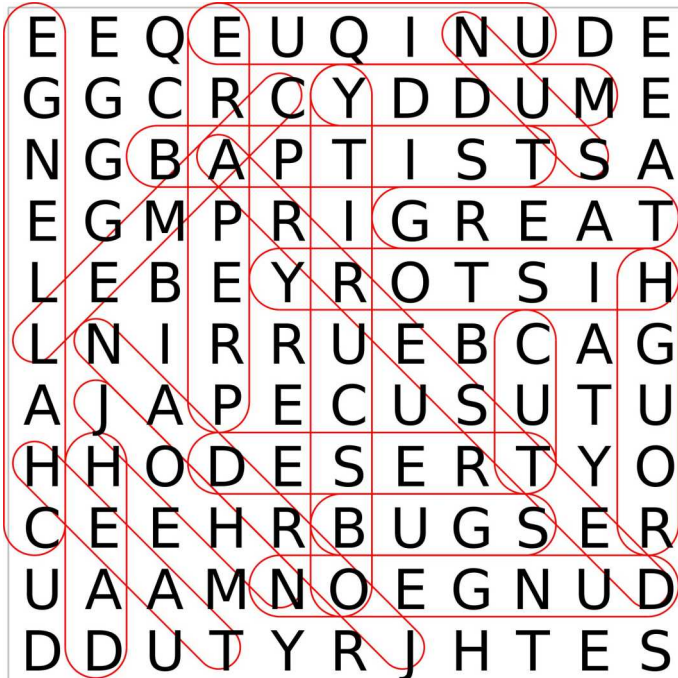
- 8** One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction [Isaiah 9:6] (6,2,5)
9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)
10 Single [1 Corinthians 7:27] (9)
11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)
13 Treachery [2 Kings 11:14] (7)
16 Of India [anag] (2,3,2)
19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' [1 Corinthians 4:9] (5)
22 Follower of a theological system characterised by a strong belief in predestination (9)
24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' [Jeremiah 38:12] (3)
25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt [Exodus 4:29] (5,3,5)

Down

- 1** The season when kings 'go off to war' [2 Samuel 11:1] (6)
2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' [Luke 5:8] (6)
3 Beaten with whips [1 Kings 12:11] (8)
4 'You shall not — adultery' [Exodus 20:14] (6)
5 Encourage [Hebrews 10:24] (4)
6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)
7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)
12 Run [anag] (3)
14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)
15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we —our lips' [Psalm 12:4] (3)
16 Earnings [1 Corinthians 16:2] (6)
17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that—— you have renewed your concern for me' [Philippians 4:10] (2,4)
18 How Paul described Philemon [Philemon 1] (6)
20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state [Daniel 11:4] (6)
21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' [Ezra 10:10] (6)
23 This month [abbrev] (4)

Puzzle Corner (Solutions)

Wordsearch



Sudoku

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Crossword

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Ruffle the rail dog

We continue our series of short stories about Ruffle, a mischievous Airedale Terrier, and his adventures on a steam railway...

Ruffle goes fruit picking

By Rachel Greaves

A large green train at the station did stand
Driver Ben leaned out, a bag in his hand

“Eric! Look what I’ve got for our tea.

“Apples! To put in a pie for you and me!”

I know what else we can add, Eric thought

“I’ve got some juicy blackberries, the ripest we’ll sort”

Ripe blackberries - mmm! thought Ben with a sign
Would make a delicious fruit pie

So over they went to the blackberry patch
Taking care that the brambles didn’t scratch

Then stopped, and looked on in disbelief
Who’d taken the berries, who was the thief?

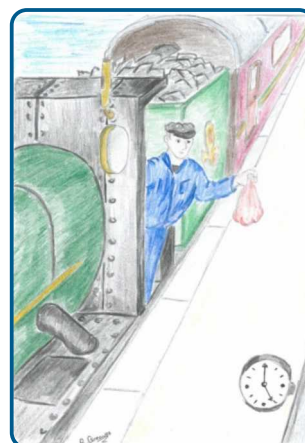
Where berries should hang a metre from the ground
Chewed empty stalks were instead to be found

Eric and Ben’s faces both turned to a frown
On the rows of missing fruit they looked up and down

From out of the bushes Ruffle suddenly appeared
No, surely not him - Ben and Eric then feared

For there was the thief of the blackberry bush
Stuck to Ruffle’s beard was a deep purple mush!

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