

Thurcaston with Cropston and Anstey

Heart & Soul

of our community



All Saints' Church
Thurcaston

September 2026

St Mary's Church
Anstey

IN MEMORY OF KATE RILEY WHO DIED

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WHO DIED AUGUST 22 1969 AGED 67

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Church notes

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

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If we can help in this, or any other way, please contact the Rector or Church Wardens (contact details on left). Alternatively, visit our websites for further information about events, activities, services:

All Saints' Thurcaston with Cropston

St Mary's Anstey

stmarysandallsaints.co.uk



Please send contributions, listings, images, suggestions or ideas for the October issue of the magazine to:
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Jubilee Hall, Staddon Road, Anstey LE7 7AY.

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

Thurcaston Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston LE7 7JA.

Betting shops, vape stores and faith in the free market...

Would you like more vape and betting shops in our communities? I think I can confidently predict your answer.

Coming from Wigston with a mushrooming of both and seeing the outrage caused by the BBC expose of the Blaby store, I think Andy Burnham's proposal to give more powers to elected local councillors to restrict apparently anti-social retail presence may only be good news for community spirit and make it less easy for people to access destructive addictions.

Our local MP appears to differ with such a perspective being considered moralist and puritanical, and instead advocates a faith in trusting the free market.

It seems a little bit 1980s to have a religious-like reverence for the free market.

I'm not sure there's ever been much evidence of a free market genuinely at play in this country whilst subsidies and welfarism contend with market forces.

When banks or water companies fail, the state bails them out. When families and individuals struggle, the state thankfully provides a safety net.

The free market does not have helpful answers to the need to protect the countryside from development, or village life and

families from harmful but legal pursuits.

As church, ought we who profess a faith in God and

Jesus who has a heart for the least and the vulnerable offer a robust alternative to free market idolatry?

Community, families and spirituality matter more than the material supply and demand of financial forces.

Surely not everything can be reduced to crude monetary worth and transactions? Morality has its uses as a protective shield.

Jesus warned "what does it profit a person if he owns the world but loses his soul", and literally turned the tables when the religious community lost their way and put financial gain ahead of the worship of God.

We risk being considered naive, judgemental puritans - but it has always been so. Well, there is more at stake than keeping the betting industry happy - so why not?

There is also more at stake in terms of protecting the treasure of Christ rather than increasing the monetary riches of this world.



Rev Matthew

From the registers

Weddings

Saturday 1 August

Mikila Walters and Colin Bodycot of Stocking Farm at St Mary's Anstey.

Baptisms

Sunday 23 August

Nicholas and Alexander Clarke of Cropston at All Saints' Thurcaston.



Funerals

Thursday 13 August

Valerie Needham of Anstey at All Saints' Thurcaston, followed by burial at Cropston Cemetery.

Friday 14 August

Hilary Gumley of Thurmaston at St Mary's Anstey.

Thursday 20 August

Josie Wilson of Anstey at Gilroes.

Thursday 27 August

Ian Roberts of Thurcaston at All Saints followed by burial at Cropston Cemetery.

September Readings: Green ordinary time

Sunday 6 September

Trinity 14

Romans 13, 8-end

Matthew 18, 15-20

Sunday 13 September

Trinity 15

Romans 14, 1-12

Matthew 18, 21-35

Sunday 20 September

Trinity 16

Philippians 1, 21-end

Matthew 20, 1-16

Sunday 27 September

Trinity 17

Philippians 2, 1-13

Matthew 21, 23-32

All Saints' Church Annual Gift Day

This year's annual community gift day for All Saints' Church will be held on **Saturday 19 September**.

You can find us at the following locations:

9.30-10am - Bradgate Arms, Cropston (opposite Cropston Chapel).

10.05-10.35am - Junction of Leicester Road and Rectory Lane, Thurcaston (near the pillar box).

10.40-11.30am - Outside the Church, Thurcaston.

Donations will be used solely for the maintenance of the Church building. If you prefer to give by cheque, please make it payable to Thurcaston with Cropston PCC.

If you can Gift Aid your donation please do so (you just need to complete and sign a form which we can supply). Alternatively, you may wish to donate online: tinyurl.com/allsaintstwc or by using the QR code above, with reference 'Gift Day'.



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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 you are able to spare an hour or so on the day and can help out at All Saints' Church, please contact Eleanor Lloyd Jones, email eleonorlj@aol.com or call 0116 236 2503.



If you are interested in taking part in the Ride+Stride event, visit the website to find out more: lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride

Last year **Karen & Lorraine Turner** from Cropston visited nine churches and raised over £90, they are planning to do the same again this year and would appreciate any support.

Karen also sold home-made cards to raise funds for All Saints' at the summer fair this year.

Frank Marston will be riding his road bike between churches raising funds for St Mary's.

Former Anstey Nomads player and firefighter at 84 fit Frank is ambitious and hoping to visit the churches between Anstey and the Nottinghamshire border.

Brownies update

Several Brownies had reached leaving age and our numbers were dwindling. So every daily walk with Marley the dog, Barn Owl and Snowy Owl pinned up recruitment posters at various locations. Soon we had eight new Brownies turn up and a few more the following weeks.

For the first half of the term we undertook the Craft Badge and celebrated World Art Day by folding a paper square into a 'fortune teller'.

We also celebrated St George's Day by two dramatic re enactments; the real story of St George and his martyrdom, and the Dragon version. Barn Owl has many props and costumes in her loft but not a dragon, so Thurcaston Brownies performed St George and the Crocodile!

We combined tasks for the Craft badge with items required for the Horticultural shows that will take place in the summer months; a symmetrical pattern for Glenfield and a mosaic for Thurcaston.

The final Craft Badge task involved Food. Brown Owl set the challenge of a seaside theme of an edible picture with fruit and marshmallows.

Just before half term we celebrated Rescue Dog Day with a game led by Brown Owl where the girls pretended to be dogs responding to the commands (sit, walkies, etc).



We started the Wayfinder Badge by learning about how a compass works, a NSEW game, and drawing a map of our bedrooms. We ended the term making smores on BBQs (melted marshmallows squashed between chocolate biscuits!).

3rd June was Best Friend Day so making friendship bracelets became the task. A wish is made when the bracelet is received and only when the wish comes true should the friend remove the bracelet. Barn Owl and Pat had fun selecting the best materials.

There's so much more to tell, but alas not enough space here today. Thanks to Pat for her work with crafts, and to leader-in-training Viji and D of E volunteer Evie for their help, fitted in between other commitments such as exams.

We meet on Wednesday evenings in term time at All Saint's Church, 6-7.15pm. Girls start at age 7 and stay until 10 or 11. Contact Brown Owl for details 07711 422 350 (not work hours please).



Lucy's Quiz Night

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DATE

Friday 18th September

STARTS

7 pm

VENUE

All Saints' Church,
Thurcaston

TICKETS

£6 per person

FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ME AT
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Thurcaston & Cropston Gardening Club

Thurcaston & Cropston Gardening Club visited Arley Hall and Gardens in Northwich, Cheshire last month.

Arley is the home of Viscount and Viscountess Ashbrook and has been lived in by their ancestors for over 550 years.

The estate is currently about 2,000 acres, but now with a fabulous garden, which has seen many changes over time.

An optional guided tour of the gardens was made available with the head gardener.

The garden has many different areas such as; the herbaceous border, walled garden, kitchen garden, the grove, and woodland walk and covers 24 acres.

The herbaceous border isn't a 'planned' border (there isn't a planting plan written down that the gardeners need to follow). Instead, gardeners use their skills to use plants that work together in a pleasing way.

All plants are cut down in the autumn, changes to the planting are decided in the summer, a thick mulch is applied in the spring, and plants are added and divided.

The gardening team (four full-time and 30 volunteers) are always planning six weeks in advance.

The other areas of the garden are



distinctly different from each other – not least because plants grown in some areas are 'not allowed' in the herbaceous border.

Most members on the outing were happy to wonder round at their leisure. The café and Chapel were open to us, and the plant nursery proved to be irresistible to some!!

The Gardening Club meets in the Thurcaston and Cropston Memorial Hall. New members are made most welcome. The membership fee is only £15 for the year (pro rota) or £3 per meeting. For more information about the Club, please contact

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**The next Club event is on
Saturday 5 September:
Annual Craft & Produce Show
at The Richard Hill Primary
School (open to all)**

Local History (Thurcaston)

You could be forgiven for driving through Whitwick without giving a thought to its history but there is more to the village than meets the eye!

For our August outing, members of Whitwick Historical Group made us very welcome at their home in the old station building before taking us on a walking tour around the historic heart of the village. Whitwick was once an important medieval manor – one of four surrounding Charnwood Forest – and the mound of its motte-and-bailey castle partly survives.

In the late 1200s the manor came into the Comyn family, who were rival claimants to Robert Bruce for the throne of Scotland. John Comyn obtained a charter for Whitwick to hold a weekly market but it does not seem to have thrived.

The large church dates from this period and is built on top of a spring – still flowing despite months of drought – so this was probably a pre-existing sacred site.

The oldest private dwelling, on Silver Street, was once the vicarage. Built of a mixture of stone and brick, with a high thatched roof and gothic windows, it now makes a striking old people's home. William Wordsworth's son John once lived there as curate.

About ten years ago, another old house on the marketplace was demolished to make way for a new Co-op and it was found to contain an original cruck frame.

Wonderfully, the design of the supermarket was changed to accommodate the two pairs of crucks in a lofty glass foyer and you can now pick up your shopping baskets underneath them! The village's fortunes were transformed in 1848, when Whitwick Colliery became the first deep coal mine in Leicestershire.

It extended for miles underground and produced vast quantities of coal for more than a century but is mostly remembered today for a disaster in which 35 men and boys died. (We hope to include a talk about the disaster in our programme next year.)

The mine and a quarry brought large numbers of workers and their families to Whitwick. Among them, an influx of Irish people escaping the potato famine gave rise to a significant Catholic community, which continues in the village today.

New housing for the arrivals included the enigmatically named City of Three Waters and City of Dan. A cinema provided entertainment with films and variety acts such as a Wild West rodeo and a performing elephant called Rosie, who was a challenge to accommodate in the stables at the Three Cranes Hotel!

We return to Thurcaston Memorial Hall on Tuesday 15 September, when Eddie Smallwood will tell us about the role of the barber-surgeon in the Wars of the Roses. Visitors will be very welcome: the charge is £4 including refreshments.

thurcastoncropstonhistory.org.uk

Anstey Local History Society

Our next meeting will be held on:

Wednesday September 16th 2026 at 7.30.p.m.

at

The Jubilee Hall, Staddon Road

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Dates for your Diary 1

Tuesday 1

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

12noon Leics MS Group (Jubilee Hall)

1pm Anstey Art Club (Methodist Church)

Wednesday 2

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

2pm Wednesday Hub (Harrison Room)

2pm Wednesday Film Show (Anstey Library)

Thursday 3

7pm Anstey Chess Club (Methodist Church)

Friday 4

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

11.30am RVS Lunch Club (Jubilee Hall)

Saturday 5

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

2.30pm Annual Craft and Produce Show (Richard Hill Primary School, Thurcaston)

Sunday 6

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 7

11am Bible Study (CEFC)

1.15pm RVS Dementia Cafe (Jubilee Hall)

2.15pm Monday Club (CEFC)

Tuesday 8

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 9

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

2pm Wednesday Film Show (Anstey Library)

2pm Wednesday Hub (All Saints' Harrison Room))

Dates for your Diary 2

Thursday 10

7pm Anstey Chess Club
(Methodist Church)

Friday 11

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

11.30am RVS Lunch Club (Jubilee Hall)

Saturday 12

Park & Stride (St Mary's and All Saints' Churches, see page 8 for details)

Sunday 13

9.30am Holy Communion (All Saints' Church)

11am Sunday Worship (CEFC)

10.30am Gala Service outdoors
(Jubilee Hall)

8pm Compline Night Prayer (All Saints' Church)

Monday 14

11am Prayer Meeting (CEFC)

Tuesday 15

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

12noon Leics MS Group (Jubilee Hall)

1pm Anstey Art Club (Methodist Church)

7.30pm Thurcaston & Cropston Local History Society (Memorial Hall)

Wednesday 16

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

2pm Wednesday Film Show
(Anstey Library)

2pm Wednesday Hub (All Saints' Harrison Room)

7.30pm Anstey Local History Society (Jubilee Hall)

Thursday 17

7pm Anstey Chess Club
(Methodist Church)

Friday 18

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

11.30am RVS Lunch Club (Jubilee Hall)

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

Saturday 19

All Saints Church Annual Gift Day (Cropston and Thurcaston - see page 6 for times and locations)

Dates for your Diary 3

Sunday 20

9.30am BCP Holy Communion

(All Saints' Church)

11am Sunday Worship (CEFC)

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

11am Holy Communion (St Mary's Church)

8pm Compline Night Prayer (All Saints' Church)

Monday 21

1.15pm RVS Dementia Cafe

(Jubilee Hall)

Tuesday 22

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 23

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

2pm Wednesday Film Show (Anstey Library)

2pm Wednesday Hub (All Saints' Harrison Room)

Thursday 24

7pm Anstey Chess Club

(Methodist Church)

Friday 25

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

11.30am RVS Lunch Club (Jubilee Hall)

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

Sunday 27

19.30am Holy Communion (All Saints' Church)

11am Fresh Morning Praise (St Mary's Church)

11am Sunday Worship (CEFC)

Monday 28

11am Prayer Meeting (CEFC)

Tuesday 29

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

12noon Leics MS Group (Jubilee Hall)

Wednesday 30

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

2pm Wednesday Hub (All Saints' Harrison Room)

September Services - All Saints' Thurcaston

Sunday 6th

9am Breakfast
9.30am Morning Praise

Sunday 13th

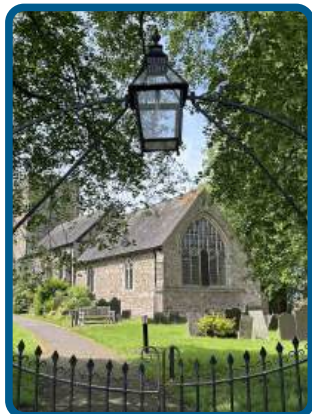
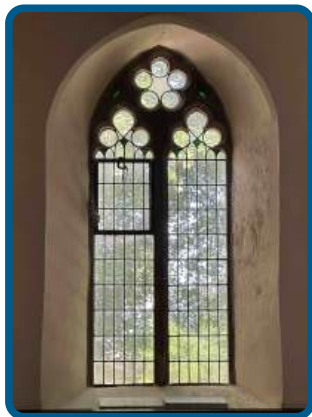
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9.30am BCP Holy Communion
8pm Compline Night Prayer

Sunday 27th

9.30am Holy Communion



September Services - St Mary's Anstey

Sunday 6th

10.30am Gather for refreshments

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th

10.30am Gala Service outdoors at Jubilee Hall

Sunday 20th

10.30am Gather for refreshments

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

10.30am Gather for refreshments

11am Fresh Morning Praise

Every Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Book Holy Communion



Skittles Evening

This year's Skittles Evening took place at the Wheatsheaf Inn on a very hot Wednesday evening in July. The event seems to grow in popularity from year to year and this time we were very pleased to be joined by new teams from the Anstey Bellringers and the Thurstaston Brownies Leaders.

But after a nail biting finish at the end of the evening this year's winners were the St Mary's Golden Oldies team pictured below with their prizes. Many thanks to all for making it a very enjoyable evening.



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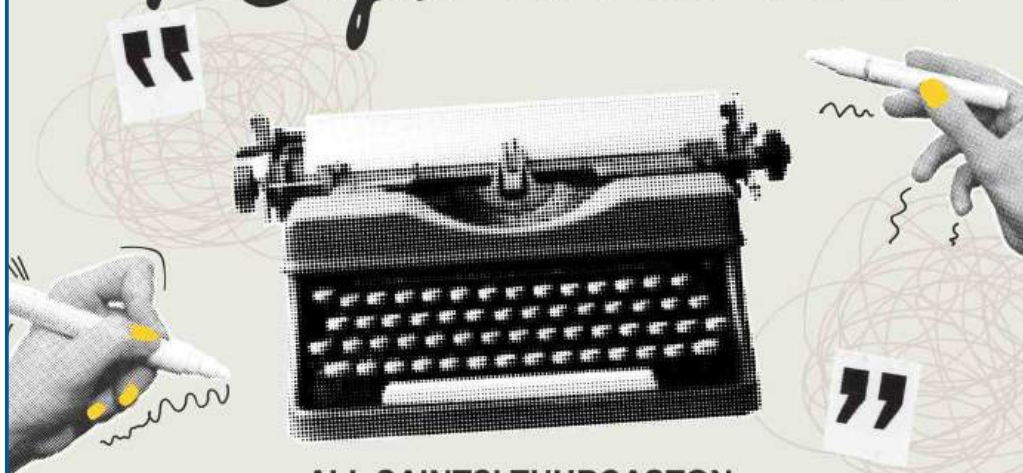


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Anstey Youth - Social Climbing

On Saturday, 15th August, our Benefice Youth took on the heights of Social Climbing in Leicester. Social Climbing attracts many young people for the dynamic indoor climbing space.

The walls are differentiated depending on ability, ranging up to nine levels, with green being beginner and black being advanced.

The different variations of walls and the friendly atmosphere make social climbing a place for all who are interested in developing strength and problem-solving skills.

After a good hour of climbing, we headed off to Phoenix for a drink and a few games. It was a lovely evening, thank you all for coming. **Connie**



Newtown Linford Ladies' Lunch Club

We want to invite you to join us for lunch. Perhaps you are new to the area, or have recently lost your husband, or partner, or close friend. Or maybe you have been unwell, housebound, or lost confidence following an accident or a fall. Or perhaps, you are just looking for something new to give you a new interest.

Our Lunch Club members meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm, at Lingdale Golf Club on Joe Moores Lane, near Woodhouse Eaves. We come from many of the surrounding villages.

The meal is always excellent; our members are welcoming and friendly; there's free parking outside and there's a bar! In addition to all these attractions, after lunch, we invite interesting people to speak on various topics to entertain us.

You can visit us three times as a guest, before deciding to become a permanent member. Please give us a try. Ring Sylvia on 0116 2352873 or Pauline on 07480 628 418 for more information. Why not brighten up your month and make new friends? We would love to welcome you to our special place.

Sylvia Cole (Chair)

Cedars update

August has been another wonderfully busy month, packed with smiles, laughter, creativity and plenty of opportunities to try something old — or something completely new.

We've welcomed lots of visitors through our doors, including some very special visits from Lilliput Nursery Group and Sidney Shakers, bringing even more energy and excitement to Cedar House.

Our monthly church service was filled with song, prayer and fabulous conversation, giving everyone the chance to come together and enjoy a peaceful and uplifting time.

There has been plenty of movement and merriment too! Our residents enjoyed chair exercises with Boogie Beatz, as well as Laughtercise, Dancing Memories and Sally, our Activities Manager. Who says exercise has to be hard work? We certainly had fun along the way.

We also got our creative hats on and made beautiful lavender bags for all the bedrooms — filling Cedar House with a lovely, calming scent.

We've had plenty of fun and games too, trying our hand at a variety of games, including charades. There were plenty of laughs, some very imaginative acting and, occasionally, a little confusion over what exactly was being acted out!

And then, for one very special morning, we were whisked away

to Las Vegas! Our residents enjoyed a colourful and entertaining one-person show, bringing a little taste of the bright lights, glamour and excitement of Vegas right here to Cedar House.

Bingo was another big hit, with plenty of friendly competition, lots of laughs and, of course, some fabulous prizes.

We've also been treated to some fantastic entertainment from our guest performers, including Steve O, Glenn and Julie, Colin Jackson and Lee Richards. There was plenty of toe-tapping, singing and smiling.

And then things got a little wild... Our fabulous pet therapy session with Lion Learners gave residents the chance to meet animals ranging from the familiar to the wonderfully exotic. It was certainly an experience to remember.

Needles to say, we're making the most of every bit of summer - trying new things, enjoying old favourites and, most importantly, having fun together!



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Local cinema

Anstey

Enjoy a friendly, relaxing hour or two with good company in Anstey Community Library every Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. 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 for further information.

Thurcaston

Friday 11 September: 'Song Sung Blue' (running time 132 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?

Friday 9 October: 'Hamnet' (running time 125 minutes)

Winner of an award for Outstanding British Film and two Golden Globe Awards, the film tells the personal life of William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes Hathaway, about whom little has previously been known. Jacobi Jupe plays their young son Hamnet. The film explores how grief and family dynamics influenced the tragedy Hamlet.

Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council will be showing these two films in Thurcaston Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £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).

Thurcaston Handbells

This is a busy time of year. Thurcaston Handbells performed at Cedar House in June and Lonsdale Mews, Quorn in July.

We also, with the Tower bell ringers, entered teams in the Annual Skittles match at The Wheatsheaf and, whilst not winning, did not receive a wooden spoon. The handbells will be performing in Swithland Church on Saturday 12 September at 3pm.



The Tower have three new recruits. Charlotte Robinson, who had her first handling lesson in March, is seen in the photo receiving her Level 1 certificate and has written an article about her experience to date (See below.)

Laura Moseley is being taught by Tim and is not very far behind. Alison Cox has had a few lessons and is in the process of putting together the hand and backstrokes to enable her to ring a bell, without assistance. It is all most encouraging for the Tower.

"I spotted an advert for bell ringing and thought, "Why not?" I've always loved the sound of church bells. The group at All Saints' welcomed me the moment I arrived; I had my first go and was hooked. Peter Hunt coached me week-by-week teaching me how to handle the rope and control the bell correctly.

"I've now passed Level 1 and started ringing in rounds (striking a set of bells in a continuous musical scale). Soon I'll be ringing for a Sunday



service, and I can't wait to hear the bells and know I'm part of something special. Bell ringing isn't just about bells, it's also about teamwork, tradition and finding your place in the sound."

Charlotte

Puzzle Corner (Wordsearch)

The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So, when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

This month's words:

Kingdom

Heaven

Good

Seed

Field

Sleeping

Grain

Weeds

Enemy

Servants

Master

Sow

Gather

Reap

Root

Let

Grow

Together

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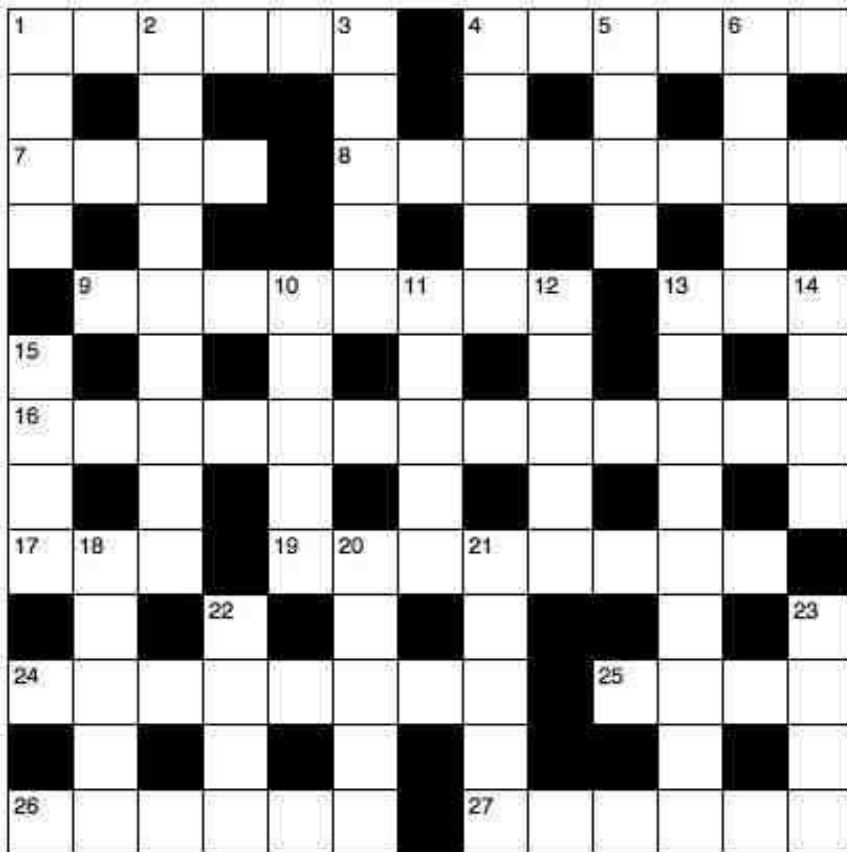


Puzzle Corner (Sudoku)

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Puzzle Corner (Crossword)



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 [Luke 14:29] (8)
- 24** Disgrace [Psalm 44:13] (8)
- 25** First month of the Hebrew calendar [Exodus 13:4] (4)
- 26** Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)
- 27** Mean [Numbers 35:23] (6)
- 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 [1 Kings 7:36] (9)
- 14** 'Each one should — his own actions' [Galatians 6:4] (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)

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)
- 21** One of the four sons of Asher [Genesis 46:17] (5)
- 22** Be distressed [Proverbs 24:19] (4)
- 23** He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech [Judges 9:28] (4)

Puzzle Corner (Solutions)

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The Wednesday Hub is back

- After a break over the summer holidays the Wednesday Hub will be back for tea, coffee, cake & chat from **Wednesday 2 September**
- We're in the Harrison Room every Wednesday afternoon from 2-4pm, it is free to attend and all are welcome!



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