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Parish Magazine



March 2025

Holy Trinity Rothwell

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Our Vision

We are a Church which exists to know Christ in our midst, and to make Christ known beyond our walls

We aim to be an inclusive Church, offering a variety of worship styles ... a place for everyone!

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- Prayerful and Spirit led
- A loving and caring Christian community

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mccoggins@googlemail.com

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Please send all magazine articles for the April magazine to:
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Please note the Editor may edit articles, without consultation, and in all such cases her decision is final.

Receiving weekly Pew News by email

Pew News is given out at church for each service. If you would like to receive Pew News or the Magazine by email please inform our Benefice Administrator - Dawn Cooper on treshambeneficeassistant@yahoo.co.uk

Pew News

Church Floodlighting

Thank you to all that continue to support us with funding the floodlighting for church. If you would like to sponsor a day in celebration of something or remembrance of someone then please contact Bea (Loddington) on 01536 711326 or Brenda (Rothwell) on 01536 710258.

Services in the Tresham Benefice

March 2025

Sunday 2 nd		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Service	Rushton
10.45 am	Parish Communion with Baptism	Rothwell
Wednesday 5 th Ash Wednesday		
11.30 am	Loddington School Communion Service	Loddington
6.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Rothwell
Thursday 6 th		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Friday 7 th		
6.15 pm	World Day of Prayer	Loddington
Sunday 9 th		
9.15 am	Time for God	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Communion	Rushton
10.00 am	Tea and Toast	Thorpe Malsor
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Thursday 13 th		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 16 th		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45 am	All Together Café Service	Rothwell
11.00 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
Thursday 20 th		
10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Rothwell
Sunday 23 rd		
10.00 am	Benefice Service	Thorpe Malsor
Thursday 27 th		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell

Sunday 30 th	Mothering Sunday	
9.15 am	Morning Prayer	Loddington
9.15 am	Mothering Sunday	Rushton
10.00 am	Tea & Toast Service	Thorpe Malsor
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell

Forthcoming Events 2025

Fri 7 th March 6.15pm	World Day of Prayer	Loddington
Tuesday 11 th March at 12noon	Lent Course – Five-week course (includes soup lunch)	Methodist Church
Wednesday 12 th March at 7pm	Lent Course – five week course	Holy Trinity
Wednesdays 12 th , 26 th & 2 nd April 9:30-12	Church cleaning	Holy Trinity
Tuesday 25 th March at 2.30pm	MU Lady Day	Holy Trinity
Thursday 27 th and Sunday 30 th March	Fairtrade stall	Holy Trinity
Saturday 12 th April	Camarata Concert	Holy Trinity Church
Sat 14 – Mon 16 June	Flower Festival	Holy Trinity Church
Fri 24 - Sun 26 Oct	Weekend retreat	Walsingham Shrine

Readings

Sunday 2nd March
 Sunday 9th March
 Sunday 16th March
 Sunday 23rd March
 Sunday 30th March

1st Reading

Exodus 34.29-35
 Deuteronomy 26.1-11
 Genesis 15.1-12,17-18
 Isaiah 55.1-9
 1 Samuel 1.20-28

Gospel

Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]
 Luke 4.1-13
 Luke 13.31-35
 Luke 13.1-9
 Luke 2.33-35

A message from Andy

Lent

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, “Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. Exodus 9:1



So the season of Lent is upon us, or it will be very soon. Some of us look at lent very positively, you have planned what you’re going to give up, whether that be chocolate or alcohol or maybe do the latest diet. 40 days is maybe going to do our health or body some good. Or maybe you have even decided to take up something, a new hobby or exercise, I’ve noticed social media is promoting riding 200 miles on a bicycle and getting sponsored to do so.

But why do we bother? What is the motivation behind a lent discipline? To lose weight, to get more sleep, or is it to draw closer to God? 40 is a very biblical number, 40 days and nights of the Great Flood, 40 days Moses spent on Mount Sinai, 40 days of temptation in the desert or even 40 years of Israel wandering in the desert.

The Israelites were set free from Egypt so that they could worship God, that’s why Moses was sent, that’s why all those plagues were sent upon the Egyptians, so that’s why God’s people could worship him.

They spent 40 years wandering because they lacked the ability to trust God, despite the many miracles they experienced they struggled with their faith and obedience. 40 years learning to worship God.

Lent can so often be a ‘me’ focused discipline, I’m doing this because I want the place that flows with milk and honey, or how can I make

myself better. But how can we make it a God focused discipline? A discipline that will develop a Christlike character.

Jesus' time in the wilderness was a place of fasting and prayer, he didn't 'chubb' up for the desert, he didn't eat as much as he could over the holiday season knowing that 40 days in the desert would make a good crash diet so that he would be ready for chocolate! The wilderness represented a place of solitude, testing, and spiritual growth for Jesus.

How can lent this year provide a spiritual "wilderness" experience for you to draw closer to God and deepen your faith? One way maybe to join others on the lent course as we explore the subject of prayer through lent. For *'prayer is a response to a loving God who always sees you and is always reaching out to you with His love and grace'*. (24-7)

No reading needs to be done, just come along, watch a video, chat with others and take time out to grow closer to your heavenly father in prayer.

Revd Andy Giles

Five Week Lent course:

24/7 prayer course: Starting Tuesday 11th March at 12noon in Rothwell Methodist Church (includes soup lunch) or Wednesday 12th at 7pm in Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell.

Please speak to Andy for more details.



Sing with us!

Rothwell Holy Trinity Church Choir is currently recruiting new members to join our friendly mixed choir.

We rehearse Tuesday evenings and perform 3 Sunday morning services every month. You don't need any previous musical training or experience, just a love of music and community – so whether such an engaging new venture fulfils your New Year's resolution or has planted a seed of curiosity, please contact either

Norman: 01536 710258 / norbre@btinternet.com

or

David: 01536 764378 / david_pt@btinternet.com

to find out more.

Choose your favourite hymn

2nd March marks the start of our new regime whereby the third hymn is to be chosen by members of the congregation. The sign-up sheet is now at the back of Holy Trinity.

Thursday Club

Thursday Club meets every other Thursday afternoon in the **Methodist Church at 2pm.**



Chrys Vere (07868 732414)

Marigolds Friendship Group

We are an independent friendship group who meet at Holy Trinity Church. Come and join us, for friendship, support, tea, chat relaxed activities, speakers, music etc. on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. The group is aimed at people who find themselves alone; whilst it is mainly attended by ladies, gentlemen are welcome. Some of our events are open to anyone, not just those on their own. For more details please contact:

Christine Richardson: 07763407868

Jackie Hands: 07484790862

Christine Richardson

Church cleaning in Lent

We propose to hold cleaning sessions at Holy Trinity on the following dates: Wednesday 12th, 26th March & 2nd April between 9:30am to 12noon. If you have a spare hour or so any help will be greatly appreciated.

Penny Knight



Please support the **BIG ROTHWELL CLEAN EVENT** on Saturday 15th March, 10am outside The Red Lion. Everyone in the town is invited to join this Spring litter pick. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our next Fairtrade stall will be held after the services on:
Thursday 27th March and Sunday 30th March (Mothering Sunday)

This month we are submitting our entry for the *Churchyard Conservation Award* run by the *Wildlife Trust* as we look forward to seeing Spring flowers appear.

Blister packs can now be recycled. There is a collection box at the back of the church.

Pam Shaw on behalf of the Eco team (Tel: 07717280584)

The Big Rothwell

SPRING CLEAN!

Saturday 15th March 2025

Meet 10am outside The Red Lion

All welcome to join!



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Spring Clean
details

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Coffee Morning



The coffee morning and Swap Shop in church this month, will be on Saturday 8th March and we will be collecting for *Samaritans*. Thank you.

Charity of the Month - Samaritans

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The quotation above, taken from Samaritans' website shows how important this month's charity is, functioning as it does as a service for emergencies.

Every 90 minutes, someone in the UK or Ireland takes their own life. In the next hour Samaritans will respond to almost 400 calls for help. 6,944 people died by suicide across the UK and Ireland in 2018. 1 million hours is spent by Samaritans volunteers every year responding to calls for help and it costs around £5 for Samaritans to be able to answer a call from someone in need. And every ten seconds a Samaritan responds to a call for help.

Samaritans has more than 200 branches and locations across the UK and Ireland and around 22,000 Samaritans volunteers help deliver this life-saving service.

In 2021, Samaritans volunteers held over 1,500 outreach events and raised awareness at events with over half a million attendees. For every £1 raised for Samaritans and its branches, 80p goes on services and just 20p is invested raising the next £1.

Did you know?

Samaritans is the only organisation collating suicide data for all UK nations?

Samaritans offers support to people who self-harm.

Samaritans report into how deprivation, debt and inequality can increase suicide risk.

Samaritans research and make recommendations for online safety.

Samaritans report on how middle-aged men are more likely to die by suicide than any other age group. They research and explore what can be done to better support men who are struggling.

Samaritans research the link between alcohol and suicide exploring this relationship with people who have experienced it themselves.

Samaritans work in prisons, since prisoners are more likely to die by suicide than people in the general population.

Our March coffee morning at Holy Trinity will be in aid of *Samaritans*, you can donate through the charity box at the back of church after services or you can give through the website www.samaritans.org

Mothers' Union



Ian Scales was the speaker at our February meeting, when he told us of how he was prompted to set up the WARMTH programme in Holy Trinity on Tuesday mornings during the winter months. How an idea was fostered and boosted by support and grants, and then the encouragement of members of the congregation. After a slow start there is now a regular group who meet together for tea/coffee/soup as well as chat, lego, reading papers and magazines, recycling unwanted items and of course, most important, social contact.

In March we will be supporting the World Day of Prayer at 2pm on Friday 7th in Toller Church in Kettering, then on Tuesday 25th (Lady Day) at 2.30 pm we will be hosting a Communion Service for Kettering Deanery in Holy Trinity led by Revd Margaret Mossman, followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Our Branch meeting is on 19th March at 2 pm in Holy Trinity Church.

Our Tea Party for St George's Day is on Wednesday 23rd April at 2.30pm - please put this date in your diaries now as this event is to raise funds for Mothers' Union projects world-wide.

For more details our contact is Brenda Austin, telephone 710258.

Doreen Lambert

WARMTH for Winter

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9.30am - Midday

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WARM SPACES SCHEME

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Debbie accompanied by Area Dean Revd Nikki Hobbs visited the Warm Space as part of her visit to our deanery. Bishop Debbie chatted with some of our visitors and volunteers before taking a brief look at the bone crypt. She was very appreciative of what we are providing and was impressed with our church building.

Margaret Mossman

Flower Festival 2025

Reminder that we welcome displays of real flowers or those created by knitting, crochet, from paper etc. for our Flower Festival. We will also be looking for volunteers. Please contact Christine Richardson or Jo Freeman for an entry form. Entries close May 16th.

Holy Trinity Church Rothwell Flower Festival 2025



'Celebrating Books'

Saturday 14th – Monday 16th June 2025

In conjunction with The Rowell Fair

A Year with the London City Mission

Part 4

The Coming Storm



There was a strong Protestant work ethic that pervaded the London City Mission in the 1980s. Whilst this had its positives, I often pitied the permanent missionaries who had to work very hard for little pay. I recall being told that these full time missionaries had recently been granted just one week's holiday a year - and even this was prescribed for retraining.

However, the work-till-you-drop attitude was often perpetuated by the missionaries themselves. I remember being berated by Geoff, our missionary, for taking half hour lunch breaks. Fortunately, when I explained that as a diabetic I needed space to check my blood sugar, I was actually allowed daily breaks.

As volunteers, our hours were long and returning to our base at London Bridge at night was rarely a respite. We often had extra duties which meant we occasionally worked beyond curfew into the early morning. However, Oliver, Chris and I turned tasks such as cleaning the lounge into a game - searching the dilapidated sofas to find the highest amount of coins that had fallen from visitors' pockets!

Our base leader, Rob, continued to demonstrate a volatile temper. I remember his wife shaking from head to toe, sobbing, whilst the more senior girls comforted her. Rob took a particular dislike to myself and my colleagues. One of the girls, Sam, became a close ally; later dating Oliver. She was being groomed to become one of Rob's 'minions'. Sam was alienated from her family, which made her an ideal candidate.

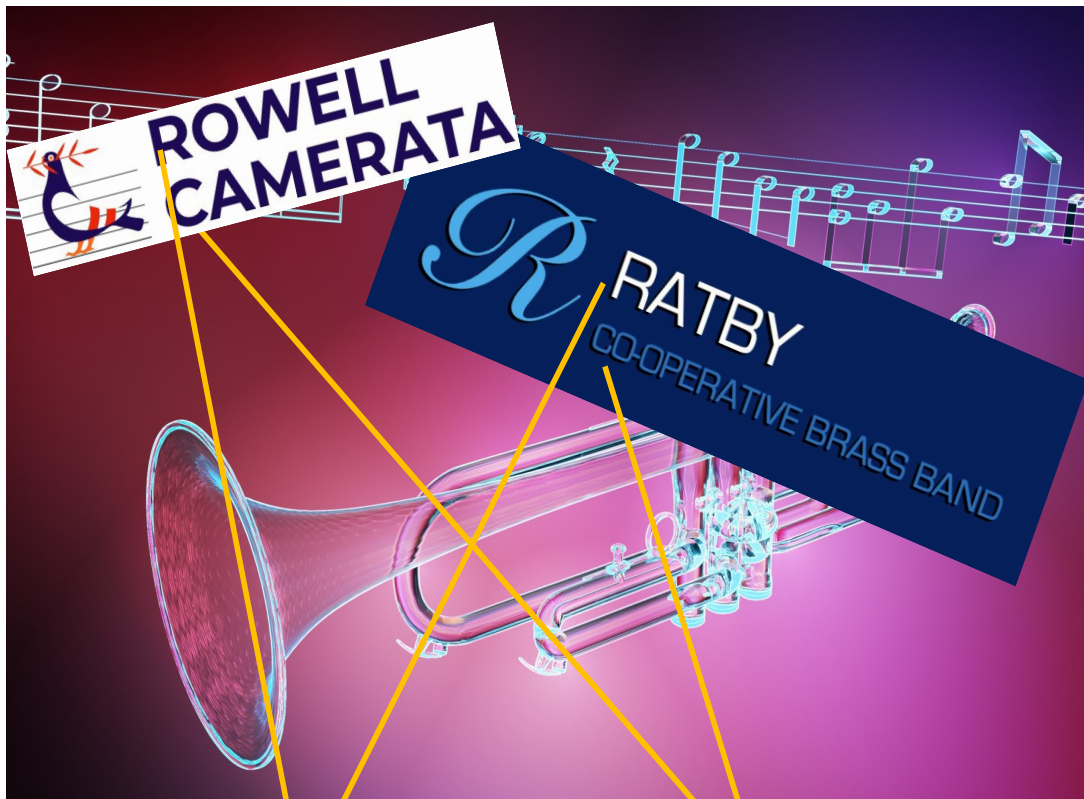
However, Sam acted as a kind of double agent for us. Once, she revealed that Rob was composing a nasty surprise, so when we arrived home at 9.45pm we weren't shocked when one of his minions presented us with brushes and tins to paint the entire stairs. At that time, we were fairly subservient and did it with good humour. However, when we reached the bottom of the building in the early hours, we realised we had painted ourselves literally into a corner! I recall that there were quite a few scuffs on the step edges afterwards.

This will perhaps give an illustration of just how tired and focused I became on the work. In October 1987, I had to get up early to prepare the Covent Garden Centre alone. I was suddenly woken by the sound of the skylight in the hall crashing up and down. It must be a strong wind, I thought and fell back into a deep sleep. Everyone was still asleep when I left. The streets were quiet, even for a very early Friday morning. I noticed almost absently that two large trees were lying across the pavement and road. I casually stepped over one. I waited for a bus but none arrived. In the end I resigned myself to the long walk to the tube station, avoiding the rubble that had strangely collected by buildings. I did notice that the underground platform was incredibly quiet. When a train eventually arrived, the carriage was empty. I finally arrived at the base, but found everything locked. Suddenly Julie, an evangelist, turned up. She had wanted to check if I had travelled in despite the emergency. "What do you mean?" I asked. "The hurricane," she replied - "Didn't you notice all the trees?" I admitted I had, but like others at the base, I simply hadn't registered the Great Storm that hit the southern counties in 1987.

It wasn't to be the only catastrophe that occurred within our vicinity.

To be continued

Ian Scales



Brass and Voices

Joint concert featuring Rowell Camerata and Ratby Co-operative Brass Band.

Choir Conductor: David Beavan

Accompanist: Andrew King

Band Conductor: Chris Jeans

Saturday 12th April 2025, 7.00pm

Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell

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March...in like a lion and out like a lamb – so they say!

I am not sure how much truth is in that saying but I have always been fascinated about the connections between this and the way we talk about God.



‘Lion’ and ‘Lamb’ are both images we use for Jesus.

The Bible speaks of ‘the Lion of Judah’ which we see reflected in hymns and modern worship songs. CS Lewis gives us the story of Narnia where Aslan, the Lion, is killed on the stone table and then seen again. Death and Resurrection.

The ‘Lamb of God’ is used by John the Baptist about Jesus directly, the idea of sacrifice, the lamb given on behalf of others.

There is a gentleness about this image, hence with March it stands as the opposite to the roaring lion. This Lamb of God, this Jesus, is however not a helpless creature taken against his will, this is God who willingly gives himself as an offering for all.

The final Sunday this month takes us to Mothering Sunday, a good time to celebrate all who ‘mother’ others. A time also to celebrate the church family who ‘mother’ others and both of those a reflection of God’s Love. God who is Lion and Lamb. God who willingly made the sacrifice necessary to ‘mother’ us, as Jesus shows us, God who longs to gather us to safety as a mother hen gathers her chicks, if only we are willing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ASW' followed by a stylized flourish.

The Venerable Alison Booker
Archdeacon of Oakham

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Point to Ponder

The sight of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbour was for many years a beacon of hope for those emigrating to the United States. They were escaping poverty, persecution, and oppression from their homelands. On the plinth which supports the Statue are found these words written by the American poet Emma Lazarus (1849-87) “*Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to break free...*”

This monument remains an important symbol and is part of the American identity. It was something I learned when I was a student there in 1963/4. I shared also with my fellow students this very practical application of the Christian approach to life’s problems. To show hope, mercy, and compassion to those who are poor and needy, is found in the teachings of Jesus (Matthew 5:1-12). What we call “*The Beatitudes*” contain challenges to every member of humanity irrespective of nationality.

All people of goodwill can identify with the invitation in the Statue of Liberty. For me, it was entirely proper for Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington DC to remind the incoming President of America of the spiritual traditions of their nation in her sermon during the prayer service held to inaugurate his term of office. Her call for Donald Trump to show mercy to those in need was not made to cause offence but, like every sermon, to encourage a change of heart.

Governments like individuals need to repent because we do not think, live, and act to our true potential as children of God. As citizens of the world, we have expectations of what our governments should do but as citizens of the Kingdom of God, we should remember that God has expectations of us and how we should be in “*loving our neighbours as ourselves.*” (see Luke 10:25-37). We often fail, as do the authorities,

because others have failed us, or we have acquired an unoriginal warped version of human success.

The temptations we often face is to reject people who do not fit in or make us feel uncomfortable and use that action as a sign of strength. It is the challenge whoever we may be to accept that we are all loved equally by God and for us all to be less judgemental. As William Blake (1757-1827) puts it in his poem Songs of Innocence, The Divine Image, “*For Mercy has a human heart, Pity a human face, and Love, the human form divine, and Peace the human dress*”.

Our world surely needs the practical blessings of mercy today as a new beacon of liberty to give hope and dignity to an incalculable number of suffering people who are the victims of those who have lost their sense of humanity in their politics. There is no peace for anyone when it is not desired for all just as there is no unity in a nation or in the human heart when division is the order of the day.

Canon George Burgon

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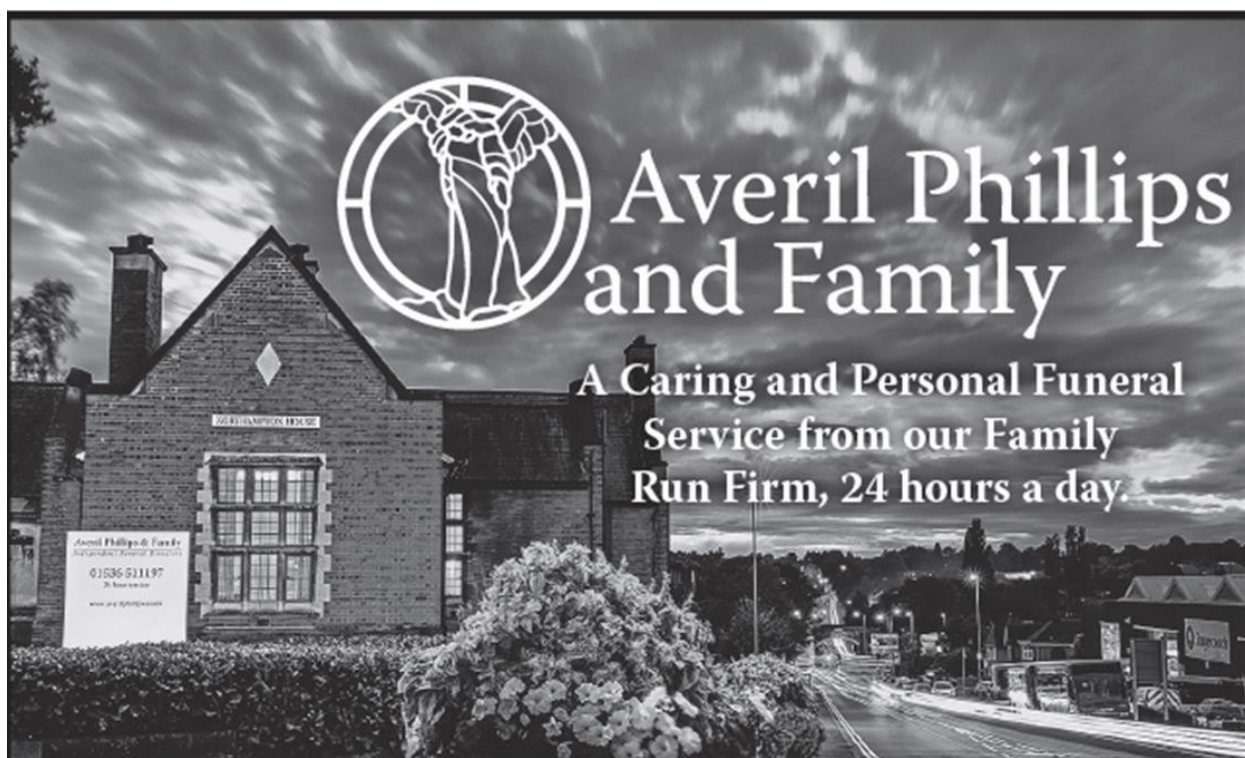
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