

# **Holy Trinity**

# **Rothwell**

## **Parish Magazine**



# **January 2025**



# **Holy Trinity Rothwell**

***A place for everyone!***

## **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!

We aim to be:

- Christ centred, making God known beyond our walls
- Inclusive and welcoming to all
- Prayerful and Spirit led
- A loving and caring Christian community

***We look forward to welcoming you!***

## The Bone Crypt

The Bone crypt opening times:  
October to March every second Sunday each month  
April to September every Sunday  
**2.30 to 4.30 pm. Admission £3.**



**Please pre-book** tours with Mick Coggins via  
[mccoggins@googlemail.com](mailto:mccoggins@googlemail.com)

## Magazine Articles

Please send all magazine articles for the February 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

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**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

## January 2025

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Service	Rushton
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Rothwell
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Baptism of Christ		
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 16 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45 am	All Together Service	Rothwell
11.00 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>		
9.15 am	Family Communion	Loddington
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Pipewell
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Thorpe Malsor
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell

## Forthcoming Events

January 2025		
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> 2-4pm	Messy Church	Holy Trinity

### **Readings**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah 43:1-7

Isaiah 62:1-5

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

### **Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

John 2:1-11

Luke 4:14-21

## Magazines

### **Annual Subscription**

The annual magazine subscription of £5 is now due. If you are unable to give it to the person who delivers your magazine please :-

- a) Bring it to church in an envelope with your details on the front or
- b) Contact Sue or Ann (Magazine Distribution)

### **Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to distribute a small number of magazines once a month. Please let us know if you could help us.

*Ann Chessum and Sue Royds*

## A message from Andy

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul,  
firm and secure*

*Hebrews 19:6*



Throughout December its been hard to miss the weather storms that have battered the UK. My mind often thinks of the boats that might get caught up in a storm and where they might find shelter. I love a sailing analogy and here in Hebrews this idea of an anchor that holds us secure, of being tied to something that isn't going anywhere. Modern anchors can drag particularly in a storm and really we want to be chained to a rock that can't move.

As we hit 2025 I wonder if our lives will be plain sailing, whether we will experience those things which have been on the horizon, will our dreams come true or will storms come our way?

And what will we be anchored to? We often anchor ourselves to the things we love, our family, friends, possessions, or even what we think we know. Yet sadly when the storm comes unless we are anchored to something like a rock, something that doesn't change and is dependable we might find ourselves drifting.

Sometimes in life, 'smooth sailing' seems like vain hope, doesn't it? Seasonal challenges, everyday problems, mistakes, temptations and sin we give in to, all keep us from our goal of walking close to Jesus.

Earlier, the writer of Hebrews describes how a contract was made at that time: to seal a deal, someone would swear by something greater than themselves. He explains that when God promised Abraham that all

nations would be blessed through him, he swore on himself, because there was nothing and no one greater than God. God gave his word.

Today, God has again made a contract but this time, with all of us. God has given us his word so that we will know that we have unfailing hope. However, this time his word is the incarnate Word of God, Jesus. God has literally given us his Word.

We have the offer and the opportunity to put our hope in Jesus this New Year. He is the anchor in the storm - the rock that holds us to the seabed. Whenever you feel blindsided by a wave or caught off guard by a crisis, don't forget to allow Jesus to be your anchor. He won't leave you and he'll never fail you.

*Revd Andy Giles*

## Food Bank Christmas Donations



Christmas Donations taken to the Kettering Food Bank were as follows:

Tins 13 ,1 passata, 1 box porridge oats, 3 tilda rice, 7 chocolate selection pack, 1 bag lollipops, 1 Christmas pudding, 2 Christmas mallow trees, 1 pack Chocolate fingers, 4 sweet yoyos, 1 box teabags, 1 box honey flakes, 1 chocolate orange, 1 bag Quality Street, 1 bag fruit muesli, 1 large biscuit assortment, 1 tin Quality Street, 3 individual packs coco pops, 1 tub instant mash, 1 pack jelly snakes, 1 pack messy monsters, Toiletries: 1 large shampoo. **Total Donations 48.**

On behalf of the Kettering Food Bank we thank you for your continuing support.

*Ann and Tom Chessum*



## 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. Our next meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> January

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*Christine Richardson*

## Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival 2024 was again a very successful event with just over £3000 raised. We had a wonderful time of friendship and fun, at the same time raising money for our Christian Home, Holy Trinity. The organisers are very grateful to all those



who have contributed to this with sponsorship, donations of raffle prizes and their time. Special thanks to *AJ Mills Master Masons, Cooperative Society, Davis Optometrists and Comfrey & Clove Holistic Therapies*. My personal thanks to my new assistant, Jo and her hubby Neil who worked tirelessly over the weekend to support me, this was very much appreciated.

In case you haven't heard, the winning Adult Tree was '*Rothwell Bellringers - Mooey Christmas*' and the winning Youth Group Tree was '*2nd Rothwell Beavers - A Touch of Frost*' - Congratulations!!

Thank you once again, wishing you all a very happy, healthy New Year.

*Brenda Austin*

I just wanted to add a few words to Brenda's to thank everyone who came to see us during the Christmas Tree Festival. With the storm swirling around us, it was amazing to see so many people braving the weather to visit us, we really appreciate it. Also, many thanks to all those who entered trees, the stall holders, stewards, potting up squad, catering team and students from *Loddington Primary School* and *Montsaye Academy* who joined us on Monday morning.

In addition, huge thanks to Ian Scales and his team who created the magnificent LEGO Holy Trinity Church. The number of pieces making up the building was 2368. Well done to everyone who guessed the ball park figure of a few thousand. Remarkably, the winning guess was only 9 away at 2377.

It's been a pleasure helping Brenda organise the event this year and I'm really looking forward to the 2025 event already.

*Jo Freeman*

# Carol Singing

The singing of Carols around the Market Square was held on December 17<sup>th</sup>, supported by *Churches Together*. It was a cold night, but we enjoyed singing and telling the Christmas Story together. A collection was taken for *Cransley Hospice* and £110 was raised.

Thank you to all those who came along and thanks to the Methodist Church for warm drinks afterwards.

*Brenda Austin*

# Eco News



Here are the 7 Rs, seven tips for protecting God's Creation suggested by the Green Christian Group. Please consider these when making your resolutions for 2025.

- **Rejoice** in all that God has given us
- **Refuse** to believe the adverts
- **Reduce** buy less, travel less, worry less
- **Reuse** avoid single-use items
- **Repair** don't bin it, fix it
- **Rent**, borrow and share ownership is over-rated
- **Recycle** as a last resort

Happy New Year from the Eco team

*Pam Shaw (Tel: 07717280584)*

## Coffee Morning



The coffee morning and Swap Shop in church this month, will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January and we will be collecting for *Epilepsy*. Thank you.

## Charity of the Month



**EPILEPSY RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE UK**



1 in 103 people live with Epilepsy

In 65% of people there is no known cause

633,000 people in the UK live with epilepsy

Every week a further 600 people are diagnosed with epilepsy while 21 further people die of epilepsy-related causes.

January's charity is *Epilepsy Research Institute UK*. You can donate via the monthly coffee morning, or via the charity box at the back of church after services.

Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions in the world.

It affects the brain and nervous system causing recurring, unprovoked seizures. These seizures are the result of excessive electrical activity

within the networks in the brain, which leads to temporary disruptions in normal brain function.

There are over 40 different types of seizure.

From babies to the elderly, epilepsy affects people at every life stage, but is most commonly diagnosed in childhood and in people over 60.

Most people with epilepsy will take anti-seizure medication to prevent further seizures, but up to a third of people have drug resistant epilepsy, which means other treatments may be more suitable. While some epilepsies can be caused by genetic factors, brain injuries and tumours, in the majority of cases the cause can't be identified.

There is not a cure at the moment, but *Epilepsy Research* are working on it. There is ground-breaking work happening in labs across the UK, while clinicians are pushing the boundaries of what's possible to deliver at the bedside. As the central hub for epilepsy research, the charity is focused on driving forward this work.

## **New Year, New Services, New Opportunities**

As some of you may already know, I am currently undertaking a year's course to become a licenced lay worship leader. Part of my course is about looking at what opportunities for worship we currently offer in the benefice and what we could offer in the future.

I hope to be able to offer services such as Morning Prayer, Compline, Healing Services, Choral Evensong and many more, if there is a want for it.

These new opportunities for worship will hopefully broaden what we can offer our communities as well as current congregations.

A questionnaire will be coming out, in the next month, to each of the churches, to ask for your opinions on new forms/types of worship/ services you would like to see offered.

I hope to have your support in this venture.

Many thanks

*Laurabeth Creasey*

## **Mothers' Union**

On 5<sup>th</sup> December, Anne Sloan was enrolled into the Mothers' Union at a service led by Revd Margaret Mossman at Holy Trinity Church. We welcome her to our branch.



This is our entry for the Christmas Tree Festival.

*Penny Knight*

# Stamps

Some information from the RNIB website:

*Every kilogramme of stamps raises £20 for RNIB, so why let yours go to waste? Collect the stamps from your cards, letters and parcels and we'll turn them into funds to help blind and partially sighted people this festive season.*

*Stamps are sold by weight, so whatever you can send will add up to much-needed funds for our services. We accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums.*

*Simply cut around the stamp, leaving a centimetre of paper around it. It's as easy as that!*

*If you need someone who understands sight loss, call our Helpline on 0303 123 9999, say "Alexa, call RNIB Helpline" to an Alexa-enabled device, or email [helpline@rnib.org.uk](mailto:helpline@rnib.org.uk). Our opening hours are weekdays from 8am-8pm and Saturdays from 9am-1pm. We also have useful information available online including sight loss advice, reading services, expert advice on using accessible technology, and products to help you live the life you want to lead in our Online Shop.*

Thanks for all your stamps!

*Janet Clements*

## WARMTH 2024 - 2025

Since November 5<sup>th</sup>, Holy Trinity has been opening its doors on a Tuesday morning, 9.30 until 12, ostensibly *Welcoming All Residents Missing The Heat* (WARMTH!). Throughout the last two months we've met over a hundred people who've visited the warm space for various reasons - for the complimentary cafe, recycling, a quiet space for reading newspapers, looking around the building or simply to chat on even join in activities such as building the church in LEGO!

As the winter months have drawn in we've begun opening doors the earlier at 9 for parents with toddlers to have some refreshments and a play area after dropping off older children at school.

With the assistance of our local councillor, James Hakewill, we've managed to secure some funding from the North Northamptonshire Council Warm Spaces Scheme.

I'd just like to thank all those who have volunteered to help out with these events. The warmth they have shown to everyone has been lovely.

We intend to continue this every Tuesday throughout the cold months up to, and including, March. As well as some upcoming advertising in the *Rural Trader*, and reminders on *Facebook*, I invite you to let people know about the WARMTH Tuesday mornings at the church as there are facilities for all local residents.

[iscales11@icloud.com](mailto:iscales11@icloud.com) Ian Scales



# **WARMTH for Winter**

**Welcoming All Residents Missing The Heat!**

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**At Rothwell Holy Trinity Church  
on winter Tuesday mornings**

**9.30am - Midday**

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Come to a complimentary cafe serving hot & cold refreshments amongst historic architecture, spaces with newspapers & magazines, a second hand book stall, jigsaws, and projects for adult fans of LEGO

Plus, explore the traditional surroundings, or take home some no-longer-needed items

**All welcome!**

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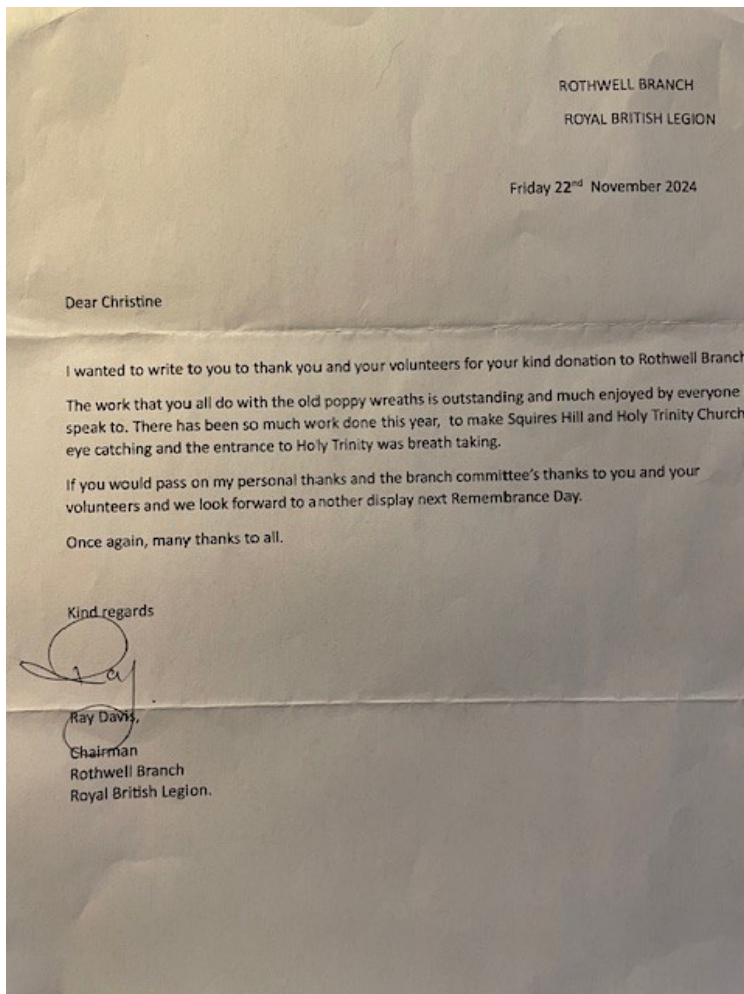
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**WARM SPACES SCHEME**



# Poppies

I have received this lovely letter from The British Legion so a big thank you to everyone who donated and helped raise the £120.



*Christine Richardson*

# A Year with the London City Mission

## Part 2



When I commenced my year as a voluntary evangelist at London City Mission, I found myself spending the first few days with other volunteers clearing a garden! It seemed that the Mission was left copious properties and money in wills. For those first nights, however, we slept on bare boards! This gave me the opportunity to meet my fellow workers. One, named Oliver, resembled a pop star. Oliver seemed everything I wasn't - calm, trendy and popular. I kept my head down and carried on pulling up the weeds!

We were assigned a personal mentor - a seasoned Voluntary Evangelist. I later realised these mentors were people who had become alienated from their families. This wasn't necessarily an issue, but became noteworthy when I realised how the place was run. The person in charge, who I'll call Rob, was a huge presence in more ways than one. I have never met anyone else who could instil such fear. His wife, 'Sarah', seemed terrified of him.

As V.E.s we had to keep a diary. This was then handed in for Rob to read. I realised later that things I wrote, and comments I had said in private to my mentor, were being used by Rob to undermine my character. I learnt quickly to make all comments blandly positive about the regime. Rob told me that it was his mission to break us. Rob would demonstrate an explosive temper by storming into worship sessions, throwing books around and berating us. You could never quite relax in that environment.

As a V.E. we earned £6 a week. We had our food, board and travel cards provided. We were put into groups and allocated a Missionary centre

during the day. To be honest, so long as I wasn't placed with Oliver I was happy to go anywhere. I was placed at the Covent Garden centre along with a young man named Chris - and Oliver! I don't think we could have initially been a more dispirited and disparate group!

Unexpectedly, our team got on famously. We were able to support each other both on the streets and back home at the base - adversity makes companions of us all perhaps. Oliver and I shared a love of Victoria Wood, whose sketches I read out in the dorm after curfew. Yes, we had to be back in the base before 10, no matter what, with all lights off. I remember Oliver and I going to see Les Miserables at a theatre. As the cast came out singing some rousing song about revolution, I sympathised. All dreams of an uprising ended early as we scurried off back to the base for curfew. I've never seen the end of Les Miserables to this day!

Our Mission Hall in Covent Garden was run by a missionary named Geoff. We mainly looked after homeless men, providing food from soup kitchens. We also had another missionary, a very angry Glaswegian rather suitably named Hogg - a reformed alcoholic who resembled an Old Testament prophet. I think he looked at us three young whippersnappers with a mixture of contempt, horror and bewilderment. Having said that, despite his strict manner, there was a close bond between him and the homeless men.

Hogg advised us to use strong cheese and raw onions in the men's sandwiches. He explained that most were alcoholics who had destroyed their tastebuds. The men loved our onion flavoured sandwiches best!

One of the conditions of the men getting the food, along with strongly sugared tea, was that they had to listen to Hogg's archaic sermons. He

once spent 30 minutes reading the entire genealogy of Jesus to the feasting men. I was filled with a mixture of shock - and awe!

*To be continued .....*

*Ian Scales*

Happy  
new  
Year

# God rested – and so should we

I love the episode in the gospels when, after a long day, Jesus finds a quiet place to escape on his own. The disciples discover him and like rather fussy business managers badger him saying:

“Lord, everyone is looking for you”. He replies; “Let’s go somewhere else”! (Mark 1.35-38)



Even our Lord Jesus Christ, needed breaks to recover from the busyness of ministry, to refresh himself, to sleep and to pray. It was a vital part of his rhythm of life.

God set a model for this when, after six full days creating the universe, the seventh day was deliberately set aside for rest. (Genesis 2.2)

Keeping a healthy pattern of work and rest (and play) is vital for all of us. This means being careful to protect Days Off and Holidays from the encroachment of work and helping each other to balance work and recreation. Clergy and laity can support good practice in looking after ourselves appropriately. In addition, clergy are encouraged to take study leave (“sabbatical”) every seven years for personal and professional development.

I am really grateful that the Church has granted me three months sabbatical leave from January to March next year. For half this time, I will serve as a Chaplain with the Missions to Seafarers and for the remainder will focus on catching up with my theological reading.

My colleague in the Bishops’ Office, Suzanne Carter, will continue to look after the diary in preparation for my return in April. I look forward to Church and School visits and Mission Weekends later in the year.

With my prayers and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'H' with a cross at the end.

The Rt Revd John Holbrook  
Bishop of Brixworth

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## Point to Ponder

What is in store for us as we enter another new year? Will it be the same dreadful wars and conflicts or will there be peace on earth? Will the advent of assisted dying enhance our human dignity or change our perceptions about how we should care for the living? Will the return of Donald Trump to the White House make for a better and safer world? Will the cost of living be more bearable? Will we feel more comfortable in safeguarding the welfare of our children, the elderly and the vulnerable in our society? Will we be less anxious about the future or more at ease with our daily living?

We cannot avoid asking questions about what things will be like in this life! One thing is certain “*there is nothing new under the sun*” (Ecclesiastes 1:9). We have never lived in the “*big rock candy mountain*” (as sung by Burl Ives) nor do we inhabit a world entirely devoid of love and goodness. It is natural for us to despair at the situation we encounter in whatever year of our existence but that is but a sign that we have love in our hearts and lives.

We should let that be the encouragement we can share with one another to overcome life’s difficulties and not feel crushed by them. We live in a world where things can be cruelly wrong but also where things can go beautifully right. We need to take stock of ourselves and in the process discover that there are more blessings in our lives than we often take for granted. Most of these will be found in the love of family and friends and they are more enduring than the sporadic calamities that hit the headlines. We often forget that God has more faith in us than we realise. (see John 3:16)

As St. Paul wrote to his friends in Corinth “*we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair.*”(2 Corinthians 4:8)

There is an inner spark in all of us which gives us that awareness of the all-encompassing love of life which cannot ever be taken away from us. God made us to reflect his grace and despite what may happen we cannot lose that truth however hard it may be to find it.

We cannot set the world to right on our own, but we can look after our own part of it and tend it with love, care, and concern. We will then find that there is more laughter than tears as well as more resources to help those in need. It would be good to hear more voices in the new year from pulpits or podiums about the potential for good in human beings. In this way we could all help one another to build a better world. As George Eliot puts “*it is never too late to be what we might have been.*”

*Canon George Burgon*



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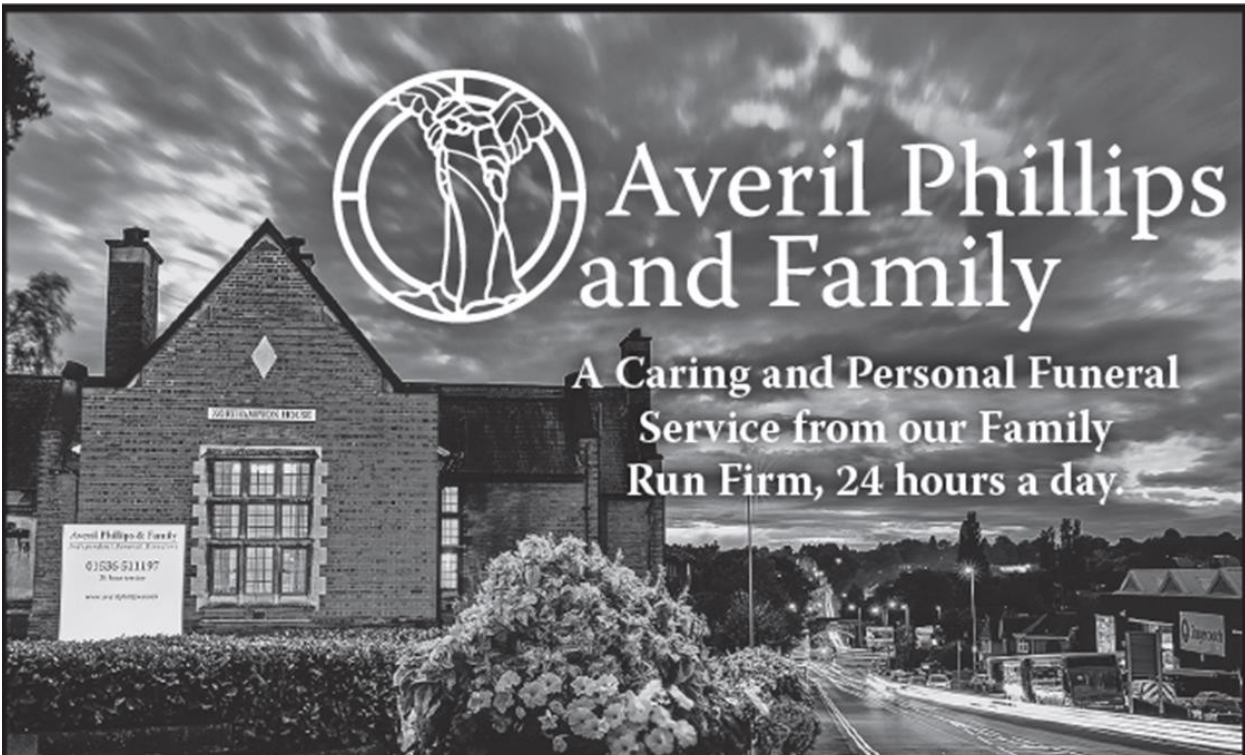
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