

**Holy Trinity**  
**Rothwell**  
**Parish Magazine**



**May 2026**



# **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!***

## **Safeguarding**

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## The Bone Crypt

The Bone crypt opening times:

October to March every second Sunday each month

April to September every Sunday

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**Please pre-book** tours with Mick Coggins via

[mccoggins@googlemail.com](mailto:mccoggins@googlemail.com)



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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 please contact Bea (Loddington) on 01536 711326 or Brenda (Rothwell) on 01536 710258

## A message from Andy

### Rowell Fair is coming!

Whether that stirs up in you excitement or dread, there is something quietly powerful about a community gathering. It doesn't need to be grand to matter; it simply needs people willing to show up, share space, and recognise one another as neighbours. Rowell Fair is one of those moments when this quiet power becomes visible. Stalls, laughter, familiar faces, and even the unpredictable British weather come together to create something more than an event - it becomes a living expression of community.



Remarkably, Rowell Fair has been part of local life since 1204, a tradition stretching back over eight centuries. Generations have gathered in the same spirit of celebration, and while much has changed, the heart of the fair remains the same. There is something special in knowing that we walk the same streets and share in festivities shaped by those who came before us.

Of course, no mention of Rowell Fair would be complete without its unique customs. The sharing of rum and milk and the spirited scuffles that accompany it are part of the fair's character - quirky, memorable, and rooted in history. Alongside these traditions are the delights of today: fairground rides, lively street entertainment, and live bands that fill the air with music and energy. It is a celebration that honours both heritage and the present moment.

For generations, the fair has offered a space where stories are exchanged as easily as smiles. Children delight in simple pleasures, while older generations glimpse echoes of years gone by. It reminds us that

community is not built overnight; it is woven slowly through shared experience. As Hebrews encourages us, “*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... encouraging one another*” (Hebrews 10:24–25).

Yet as we celebrate, we are also invited to reflect more deeply. What truly binds us together? What makes a community more than a crowd?

Here Christ’s challenge meets us. Jesus calls us beyond comfort, urging us to love not only those who are easy to love, but everyone we encounter. “*Love your neighbour as yourself*” (Mark 12:31) is not just a saying; it is a way of life.

At Rowell Fair, this becomes wonderfully practical. It may be seen in taking time to speak with someone new, helping a stallholder, or offering a simple act of kindness. These small moments echo Jesus’ words: “*Let your light shine before others*” (Matthew 5:16).

Christ’s example also reminds us that true community is rooted in service. “*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve*” (Mark 10:45). We too are called not just to attend community life, but to shape it through compassion and generosity. As Paul writes, “*Carry each other’s burdens*” (Galatians 6:2).

Events like Rowell Fair are more than traditions to preserve; they are opportunities to live out our faith. They remind us that community is both a gift and a responsibility - one that calls us to love more deeply and serve more willingly.

May this year’s fair bring joy and connection, and inspire us to meet Christ’s challenge with open hearts, strengthening the bonds that make our community a place of belonging for all.

*Revd Andy Giles*

## Services in Tresham Benefice May 2026

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Service	Rushton
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell
8.00 pm	Evening Compline	Online / Zoom
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>		
9.15 am	Time for God	Loddington
9.15 am	Family Communion	Rushton
10.00 am	Tea & Toast Service	Thorpe Malsor
10.45 am	Holy Communion with Discoverers	Rothwell
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	Rothwell
8.00 pm	Evening Compline	Online / Zoom
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45 am	All Together Cafe Service	Rothwell
11.00 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
8.00 pm	Evening Compline	Online / Zoom
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>		
9.15 am	Family Communion	Loddington
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Pipewell
10.45 am	Family Communion with baptism	Rothwell
10.45 am	Family Communion	Thorpe Malsor
8.00 pm	Evening Compline	Online / Zoom

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Trinity Sunday		
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
10.00 am	Benefice Service	Loddington
2.00 pm	Civic Service	Rothwell

## Forthcoming Events

16 <sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm	Kettering Symphony Orchestra Concert	Holy Trinity Church
30 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Flower Festival <i>Celebrating Musicals</i>	Holy Trinity
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Walsingham visit	Walsingham

<b>Readings</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Acts 7:55-end	John 14:1-14
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Acts 17:22-31	John 14:15-21
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Acts 1: 6-14	John 17:1-11
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Acts 2:1-21	John 7:37-39
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Isaiah 40:12-17,27-end	Matthew 28:16-end

## Thursday Club

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



14 <sup>th</sup> May	My Time at Windsor Castle	Admiral Sir James Preowne
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Visit to Kitty's Closet and Coffee Shop, Earls Barton Transport to be arranged £2 per passenger to car driver	
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Northamptonshire on the Big and Little Screen	Jon-Paul Carr
25 <sup>th</sup> June	The UK Sepsis Trust	Dave Carson
9 <sup>th</sup> July	3D Printing	Denise Charlesworth
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Garden Party – 130 Glendon Road, Rothwell If wet, inside Methodist Church	

*Barbara Farmer (07759 167994)*

## 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 Mondays of the month from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. At our next meeting, on May 11<sup>th</sup> Annie is going to give a talk about Kelmarsh Gardens. Please note we do not meet in August.

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:

*Julie Hindle 01536 392311*



## Trinity Discoverers

We would like to welcome our young people back to church in 2026 and invite new families who would like to join us. Trinity Discoverers is a group primarily for children aged between 3 and 13 which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at the back of church (in the carpeted area) during the service, starting at 10.45am. We read bible stories, play games, enjoy crafts and learn together. We'd love for you to join us.

*Zoe, Claire & Jo*

**Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Northants**

## **Flower Festival 2026**

# **'Celebrating Musicals'**



**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: 10am - 5pm**

**Sunday 31st May: 3pm - 5pm**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: 10am - 5pm**

**Admission: £2 Adults; Accompanied Children Free**

# Flower Festival

The Holy Trinity Flower Festival will be taking place in conjunction with Rowell Fair from Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and this year we will be '*Celebrating Musicals*'.

We are welcoming displays of real flowers or those created by knitting, crochet, from paper etc. and hope to fill the church with decorations. Please contact Christine Richardson or Jo Freeman at [joannefreeman77@gmail.com](mailto:joannefreeman77@gmail.com) for more details. Entries are free, but forms need to be in by Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> to make sure we have space, and enough time to create the programme.

**Don't forget to send your entries for displays to [joannefreeman77@gmail.com](mailto:joannefreeman77@gmail.com) as soon as you can.**

As well as the displays, we will have refreshments and a raffle. We are also excited to have a Craft and Gift Fair running all day on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, with the entry price £2 for adults and accompanied children free.

The Bone Crypt will also be open for '*book on the day*' short tours at an additional £2 for adults, and we will have musical performances from local students on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 10.30 - 11.30am.

Do join us and help raise much-needed funds for church.

*Jo Freeman*

## **Kim's survey on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Blue Tits

Grey squirrel

Woodpigeons

Red-tailed bumble bee

Jackdaws

Blackbird

Starling

I also saw a number of blue butterflies which I believe are Holly Blues due to the time of year and their flight patterns. There were a few other insects including a Ladybird and some flies. Flying overhead I saw red kites and a sparrowhawk.

## **Swifts**

As you probably know we are lucky to have swifts nesting in the church tower, and yet Swift numbers across the UK continue to decline. We hope, by coming together as a town, to install nest boxes around our historic Market Square. In this way we can play a part in extending the existing colony, giving Swifts a better chance at life. To learn more about this call Kim on 07729 048392. By the time you read this article the Swifts will probably have arrived. Take time to watch them as they fly around our tower.

## **Spring Walk**

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April four of us went on a Spring Walk to Shotwell Woods after the Altogether service. It was a beautiful morning and we recorded 18 different bird species, all in good voice. If anyone is interested in joining another short walk over the summer, please let one of the team know.

For more details ring Pam on 07717280584

*Pam Shaw on behalf of the Eco team*

## **Church Warden at Holy Trinity**

After many years of loyal service, Mary Willars has decided not to stand again this year as churchwarden. If you are interested in finding out more about what this role entails, please speak to Mary, Penny or Andy. We would like to thank Mary for all her hard work and support over the years, but Mary is still going to be very much a part of Holy Trinity in the future.

## Charity of the Month

For those who would like to donate to the Charity of the month, there is a collection box in church and any donations for refreshments after the Sunday morning service will also go to the charity of the month. This month's charity is *Christian Aid*.

## Rothwell Holy Trinity Choir – 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.

We are also planning to sing **Evensong on 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm**. Do come along to support us even if you don't want to join the choir.

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 / [nordre@btinternet.com](mailto:nordre@btinternet.com) or David: 01536 764378 / [david\\_pt@btinternet.com](mailto:david_pt@btinternet.com), to find out more.

*Norman Austin*

## Praying for our Benefice - Compline

Each Sunday, we are going to focus on praying for our 5 churches in the Benefice. We will do this by meeting on a **Sunday evening at 8pm** online via Zoom for **Evening Compline**. The link will be sent out with Pew News. Each week will be led by a member of the ministry team. Please do ask one of the team if you would be interested in joining us but are not sure of the technology!



## Tresham Benefice Fellowship

Bede House Lyddington was the venue for members on their recent outing. The Bede House owned by English Heritage was originally the Bishop's Palace back in the 1500s. After the reformation during Henry VIII reign it became accommodation for ten Bedesmen, two Bedeswomen and a warden. The Bedes were people who had fallen on hard times and were given their own room, a small income and meals.

The full history of the building was explained by our English Heritage guide Rob who opened the house exclusively for us. Following this very informative and interesting tour we enjoyed an excellent cream tea at The Barns tea room in Rockingham.

The Three Cranes, Cransley is the next venue for a Ploughman's lunch on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Members are asked to confirm the other outings planned by email. If you are interested in joining us please let me know by email:

[Laurelspickett@gmail.com](mailto:Laurelspickett@gmail.com)

*Laurel Spickett*

## A Space for all Seasons

The Winter Cafe Warm Space comes to a natural break at the end of March. However, we have decided to continue to provide similar services under a new name - *The Community Social Hub* every Tuesday, 9 - midday.

The warm space has been generally well attended over the past 5 months, reaching a peak of over 50 visitors in a recent session. People come for many reasons, including warmth. But as the weather hopefully becomes milder, we have taken time to reflect on how the space can be used during the warmer months.

There will continue to be complimentary refreshments to provide a social space or place for people to quietly peruse newspapers. The children's area has been increasingly used for parents, caregivers and toddlers. A table will be put out for second hand books, as the book hub appears to be popular. Visits to view the church as an historical site for individuals or groups will be encouraged. The LEGO club will continue, focusing on creating a diorama based upon musicals for the upcoming Flower Festival.

The church space can be used by other community clubs and groups on the Tuesday morning as part of the hub. If you are interested in using the space for a group, please contact me first on the email below to discuss the possibility.

The Community Social Hub will welcome all visitors to the church. Feel free to drop in, visit for refreshments and/or to look around the church. If you want a space to relax or even join in with the LEGO or other activities, come along.

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

Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell

## COMMUNITY SOCIAL HUB

A space for complimentary refreshments, visits to historical site, parents & toddlers, toy bricks club, newspapers, book stall, respite, etc. All welcome.



## Coffee Morning

On 21<sup>st</sup> March, I organised a coffee morning at my house, 48 Moorfield Road, Rothwell. I should like to thank all church members who attended and supported the event. My immediate family, my mum and dad , and my sister helped me with the raffle. They also helped me with serving the drinks including coffee and teas.



Thanks to those people who brought a cake, there were plenty of variety of cakes to choose from. I ate the yummy carrot cake whereas my mum and sister ate the chocolate cake and the coffee and walnut cake. The weather was perfect too. Glorious sunshine and clear blue sky - ideal for sitting outside in my garden.

The coffee morning was a huge success but without the wonderful support from family and friends I would not have raised a total of £700!

The charity money raised will be split between the two charities of my choice – Prostate Cancer UK and Cancer Research UK (breast).

Finally, thanks for the loan of the cups from Rothwell Parish Church - gratefully appreciated. The cups were essential as over fifty people came to the coffee morning to support and enjoy raising funds for cancer.

Thank you also to those of you who donated prizes for the raffle.

*Sarah Austin*

# Sometimes it can be nice to be old

Sometimes it can be nice to be old  
Even though we feel the cold.  
More time to watch the birds in Spring  
The flowers blooming as birds sing  
Their joy of flying in the wind.

Clocks are changed to give more light  
Nature can fill us with delight.  
Trees in blossom smell so sweet.  
Every year we get this treat.

We may have to put up with a few showers  
but we know they bring forth lovely flowers.  
At work we had no time to stare,  
Nature's beauty all to share.

From my window I can see  
little blue tits in my apple tree.  
Jackdaws selecting chimney pots  
to make a nest, with strips of bark  
stolen from my apple tree.  
Among my flower pots, a busy bee.

Every morning something new  
as little plants come into view.  
My pond has frogs and soon some spawn,  
aconites grow in the lawn.  
Golden when the sun comes out,  
Little insects scurry about.

All these things for us to see,  
and forever may it be.  
Costs us nothing, all for free.

*Ann Jones*

This is the first pencil case that Doreen Lambert has knitted for the new Diocesan project. These pencil cases can also be used for women's sanitary needs in Africa. We have arranged transportation.

For further information please see the M.U Peterborough Website, where the pattern is available.



<https://www.mothersunionpeterborough.org/>

### Lady Day Service

Our Deanery Lady Day service was held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 am at St Andrews Church Kettering. Three members attended from Rothwell and Rushton branch. It was a service of Holy Communion and The Rev Tom Houston, an M.U. member, presided. Assisted by curate The Rev George Brett.

We sang the following Hymns: *Tell out my Soul, Brother Sister let me serve you, and Love Divine, All Loves excelling.*

The reading was read by Tresham Benefice, *Luke Chapter 1 v 26 to 38*

Prayers were led by St Peter and St Paul, Kettering.

Following the service and coffee we were served a Ploughman's Lunch with fellowship from all the Mothers' Union in the Kettering Deanery.

Thanks to Hillary and Pam from St Andrews who organized the event.

We also celebrated Raymond Goodman's birthday (our Deanery treasurer) with a lovely birthday cake.

Janet Ray and I collected the 2 bags of food for Rothwell Primary schools, which had been donated by the Frances Lunch Project and blessed during the service. We then delivered the bags to our Primary schools in Rothwell for families who have children requiring free school meals in the Easter holiday.

We also have a Deanery meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2 pm in The parish Church in Kettering.

Our next branch meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2 pm at Rothwell when we will welcome our Diocesan President Helen Lynette in our 150 Anniversary year.

*Penny Knight*

# Thy Kingdom Come 2026

14<sup>th</sup> May - 24<sup>th</sup> May

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.

*Penny Knight*

# What's in a name?

It will soon be Pentecost... or should that be Whitsunday?

Does it matter? No, it doesn't matter, it's the same, but the name helps us to think a little deeper.



Pentecost, from the Greek word for 50, is 50 days after Easter and a Jewish festival (much in common with our Harvest Festival). In Acts, the disciples (women and men) were preparing to celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended like 'tongues of fire', there was the sound of a great wind, Peter preached and thousands became Christians that day.

The small number of women and men, hiding away and afraid, became a large number of women and men, speaking about Jesus' death and resurrection.

So why did it used to be Whitsunday?

Maybe from the Old English 'White Sunday', people were often baptised then wearing white robes. Or maybe Whitsunday comes from 'Wisdom Sunday' – I love this explanation because it draws us back to the heart of the biblical account. Wisdom Sunday because the Holy Spirit is viewed as the wisdom of God who gives wisdom to Christians.

Whatever we call it, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. We focus on God who gives wisdom and enables the church to serve their community.

My prayer this Pentecost is that we also continue that tradition of care for those who need it most and focus on becoming ever more a place of welcome for all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Booker'.

The Venerable Alison Booker  
Archdeacon of Oakham

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## Point to Ponder

Once again, we find ourselves living in a fragmented world with war and conflict between the nations and at home discontent and distrust. As someone once put it *“life is like a zoo in a jungle.”*

One of the ways out of the entanglement is to heed the moral challenge found in Aesop’s fable, *“The Four Oxen and the Lion.”* (He was a sixth century BC Greek writer).

*“A lion used to prowl about a field in which four oxen dwelt. Many a time he tried to attack them; but whenever he came near, they turned their tails to warn one another, so that whichever way he approached them he was met by the horns of one of them. At last, however, they fell a-quarrelling among themselves, and each went off to pasture alone in separate corners of the field. Then the Lion attacked them one by one and soon made an end of all four.”*

The moral of the tale is *“united we stand, divided we fall.”* This familiar axiom is also found in other stories and songs down through the ages. Yet its common sense is frequently disregarded. How many times in a dispute have we heard in the argument the words *“I can do without you!”* (Eliza Doolittle’s retort to Professor Higgins in *My Fair Lady* can easily become the order of the day!)

Yet it is cooperation not individualism which brings about reconciliation, growth, and wellbeing into a good life, a prosperous business, or a fair-minded nation. J.K.Rowling mentions this point of view in her novel *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire* when she makes Albus Dumbledore say *“we are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided.”*

Over sixty years ago, Barbra Streisand, the American singer won over our hearts and strengthened our common humanity with her song

*“people, people who need people are the luckiest people in the world. We are children, needing other children and yet letting our grown-up pride hide all the need inside acting more like children than children.”*

Political petulance at the highest level diminishes a nation’s soul and stunts a country’s pride. Many of the treaties between the nations were achieved by costly sacrifices. War is not a sign of strength in the world but weakness. Nations need one another to end the more important battles against famine, disease, and deprivation.

We need one another in our communities whatever our backgrounds to enjoy and enrich one another and our livelihoods. It would be more constructive to heed the words of St Peter, *“be vigilant. Because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour : whom resist, steadfast in the faith”* (1Peter 5:8,9)

The lions are not just found in forests, jungles, and zoos but in the desert of the human heart. We need to help one another to live with this reality and meet its challenges.

*Canon George Burgon*

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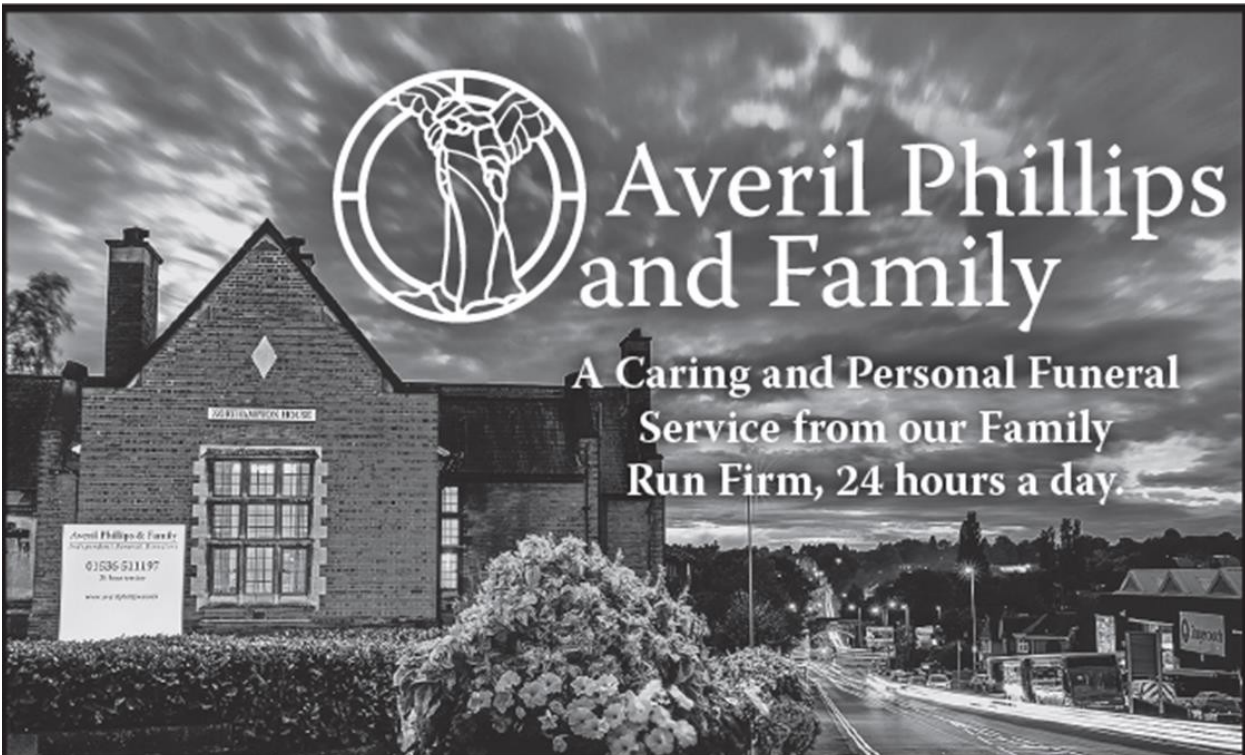
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