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Stotfold & Fairfield Parish Church
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***The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it***

Psalm 24:1

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**Parish
Buying**



The first time I left the United States and flew into England in the summer of 1983, the thing that struck me as I looked down from the airplane window was, seeing green grass that had not turned brown. It was truly a “green and pleasant land.”



Every summer of my childhood in the Great Plains the grass always turned brown. There weren't hosepipe bans, but due to the lack of rain and the relentless heat of the summer, most people didn't bother watering their lawns. It would be like standing on the beach and trying to turn back the tide.

As I write 43 years later, the Vicarage Garden is brown, half of England is officially in drought and wildfires are raging in France, Spain and other parts of Europe. We have had four record-breaking heatwaves since May. It is clear that in my lifetime the climate has changed and the general scientific consensus is that humans are responsible for this.

Christians are called to love and care for not only our neighbours, but also the created world. Genesis, the first book of the Bible, explains why God created the world and commanded humans to be good stewards of the world he created.

Last month, the General Synod of the Church of England approved a new religious festival called The Festival of Creation in Christ, to be held on the first Sunday in September. The purpose is to praise God in worship as Creator and ponder on the great mystery that everything was created through Christ and to reflect on our responsibility to care for the world.

It will be part of the Christian calendar which includes Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. The Church calendar of festivals is one of the ways in which we tell the story of the Christian faith and forms us into followers of Christ. Many other Church denominations in England and around the world already observe the festival. It's the CofE's first new festival since Christ the King was added in 1983.

In this new service we repent of the ways in which we have caused harm to God's beautiful world. The intent is not to worship mother nature and it isn't a Harvest Festival. Instead, we will give thanks to God for the divine act of creation and to view the world as a gift that we should promise to care for responsibly.

As a Vicar, I don't make up the words that are said during Holy Communion, although I can choose between 10 main versions. In this new service we praise the Father as the maker of heaven and earth, Jesus Christ the eternal Word through whom all things were made and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life.

John Usher, the Bishop of Norwich and the CofE's lead bishop for the environment, said this about the new service.

"The festival does more than look back to the beginning of the world, it places the first creation within the whole sweep of God's purposes. The one through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ, is also through whom all things were reconciled and renewed. In the resurrection of Jesus the new creation has already begun, Christ's risen body is the first fruits of the future that God promises. God is not abandoning the material world or replacing it with something else. God is renewing creation from within."

Why not come along to our Sunday service at 10am on 6 September to experience this new festival.

Bill

Earth Designer

(Fragments of your Ancient Name)

As vibrating particles of exploding stars
Gathered to form this exquisite planet
Your love stretched through each part
And urged it into astonishing beauty
We approach with respect and gratitude
All the intricate parts of our dear Earth,
We enter into and partake of its life
With a careful touch of saved reverence,
Help us to look with wondrous eyes
As we behold the grandeur of your creation.

Edward Hays

'Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you.'

Job 12.7

Organ Donation Week: 22 - 27 September

**More than 8,000 people in the UK
are hoping for a life-saving organ transplant.**

The primary organs that can be donated for transplant include the kidneys, liver, heart, lungs, pancreas, and small bowel (intestines).

This month's annual Organ Donation Week will once again raise awareness of the need for transplants, and buildings and landmarks across the UK will light up pink in support. The hope is to inspire people to sign-up on the NHS Organ Donor Register, and to encourage families to talk about their donation choices.

The NHS says that "Everyone has a choice as to whether or not they want to become an organ donor after they die. And if you choose to donate, you can choose to donate either some or all of your organs.

"By registering to become an organ donor you have the option to donate organs such as your heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small bowel. All of these forms of donation can greatly enhance or even save the life of someone in need." **The NHS stresses that** families are always consulted, making clear wishes vital despite opt-out laws.

Each year in the UK nearly 4,000 organ transplants are performed, using organs from around 2,300 actual organ donors (including both deceased and living donors.)

For more info, or to register your own decision, visit the NHS Organ Donation website at: <https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk>



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The Churchyard Horse Chestnut tree



At the end of September last year, the beautiful horse chestnut tree at the entrance to the Churchyard was cut down for safety reasons. It was heart-breaking to see its demise, but I was able to obtain several pieces of the tree with the idea of making something out of it.

Since I retired, I have become interested in woodturning and I plan to make several items out of the horse chestnut wood.

When a tree is cut down the wood is very wet with about 40% water content. This is much too high to work with, so the wood must be dried out to about 10% water content.

The drying process must be slow so that the wood does not crack. For a recreational woodworker this drying process is rather hit and miss as all I have available is a shelf in the garage. If it dries too quickly it will crack. I expected the wood to take six to nine months to reach the 10% level, and I am pleased to say that this figure is now in sight.



I was able to cut some large pieces, which I hoped might make a platter or large bowl for use in the Church, but unfortunately these large pieces all cracked and are of little use.

There are nineteen remaining pieces which do not show signs of cracking at present and should make some interesting pieces.

As you can see from the photograph, I have rough turned some of the larger pieces to help with the drying.



Over the next few months I plan to start turning these pieces to a finish. When I have a few complete, I will place them in Church to offer the congregation a chance to acquire a small remembrance of our beautiful horse chestnut tree.

Nick Peace



**We now have Wi-Fi
enabled in our Church**



The password is on display on our noticeboard by the North Door which is the door nearest to our Car Park.

Smile Line - The Wedding Guest

A little boy at Sunday School learned about the time Jesus went to a wedding and changed the water into wine. "And what did you learn from that story?" asked his father afterward.

The boy thought for a moment and answered, "If you're having a wedding, make sure Jesus is there."



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Smile Line - Creation

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So, they picked one scientist to go and tell Him so.

The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things by ourselves."

God listened very patiently and then replied: "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest. We're going to do this just like I did, back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go get your own dirt!"

Community Coffee Morning

1st Wednesday of each month in our Church
10.30-12 noon - why not invite a friend?

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GENESIS: 2. 22-24

Eve's arrival

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings.

Little Charles seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, "Charles, what is the matter?"

Little Charles responded solemnly, "There's a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



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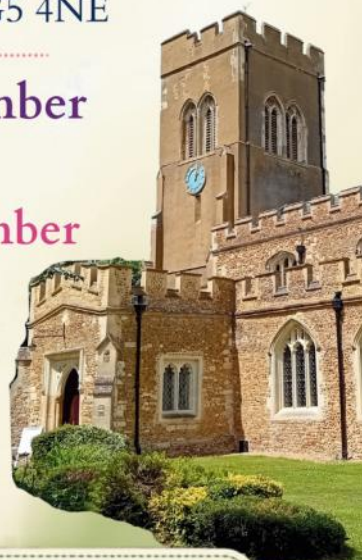
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St. Mary's
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**At our services on Sunday 4 October
we are celebrating Harvest**

As in previous years, we are supporting The Need Project and welcome non-perishable donations. They are always in need of items such as tinned meat, tinned fruit, tins and packets of custard, long-life fruit juice or squash, cleaning materials plus toiletries and feminine hygiene products.



This year there will also be a retiring collection for The Need Project and please Gift Aid if you are able.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

Matthew 25:40

The Whole Earth Shall Cry Glory

Almighty God, Creator:
The morning is yours, rising into fullness.
The summer is yours, dipping into autumn.
Eternity is yours, dipping into time.

The vibrant grasses, the scent of flowers,
the lichen on the rocks, the tang of sea-weed,
All are yours.
Gladly we live in this garden of your creating.

By George MacLeod (1895 – 1991; founder of the Iona Community)

Friends of St Mary's: We are the oldest church in this area and the present building dates from 1150 or even earlier. Friends of St. Mary's are a group of people who wish to preserve this building because it is ancient, fascinating and part of Stotfold's heritage.

Membership Forms are available at the rear of the church or contact Ann Scarr on 01462 834844.



"Make Me Smile"

SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday,
26 Sept 2026
7.30pm – 10pm

ST MARYS CHURCH,

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Featuring musical performances by:

The Garden City Samba Drummers



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Drinks in the Church Hall at the Interval.

'Make Me Smile' Concert, September 26 at St Mary's Church

I am sure you are thinking what an eclectic collection of singers, ringers, strummers & drummers will be sending their melodies and rhythms to the night sky on September 26 at our Church from 7.30 to 10pm. All for a good cause which is for church funds.

Can you imagine 'Pomp and Circumstance' and 'Short'nin Bread' being played by The Bygrave Handbell Ringers, tinkling two lightweight hand bells each, to create the harmony, tempo and resonance of each tune; a ukelele quartet 'Ohana' playing hits from the 60s and 70s like 'Rocking All Over The World', '24 hours from Tulsa' and 'There's a guy who works down the fish shop', witty ditties that will delight and entertain, and a four man Acapella group 'Fourmation' crooning 'Under the boardwalk (The Drifters) I'm a believer (The Monkees) Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen) and many more hits of the 60s. So, what's this all about, why are they all performing for just the love of playing and how did this unique collective come together, you may well wonder?

The inspiration for this event came to the organiser David Bennett when he sat bolt upright one evening on hearing 'Mas Que Nada' pulsing through the air waves during a moment on Soweto Quinches 'Around Midnight' on Radio 3. He had just dedicated the song to the memory of Sergio Mendes who died late in 2024. There was a time in the 60s and 70s when the Bossa Nova and Tijuana Brass ruled the air waves. So tonight, let's remember a genius and those memories of hot summer evenings, that made you smile.

Sergio Mendes: His career took off with worldwide hits with his band Brazil '66. He released 35 albums in his lifetime, and was known for playing bossa nova, often mixed with funk. He was nominated for an Oscar for Best Original Song in 2012 as a co-writer of "Real in Rio" from the animated film Rio.

Mendes collaborated with many artists, including Black Eyed Peas, with whom he re-recorded in 2006 a remake of his 1966 version of the song "Mas Que Nada", which means 'Yeah Right' which was a breakthrough hit for him. Mendes burst into mainstream prominence when he performed the Oscar-nominated "The Look of Love" at the Academy Awards telecast in April 1968. Brazil '66's version of the song quickly shot into the top 10, peaking at No. 4, and eclipsing Dusty Springfield's version. Mendes spent the rest of 1968 enjoying consecutive top 10 and top 20 hits with his follow-up singles "The Fool on the Hill" and "Scarborough Fair".

The 2006 album Timeless featured a wide array of neo-soul and alternative hip hop guest artists, including the Black Eyed Peas, Erykah Badu, Black Thought, Jill Scott, Chali 2na of Jurassic 5, John Legend, Justin Timberlake, and Stevie Wonder. What a man and what a musician!

Garden City Samba Drummers will lead the tribute to Sergio Mendes in the second half finale, with much drumming rhythms, cymbal ringing, tambourines, singing and expressive clapping.

Their music draws from the rich traditions of multiple Brazilian regions, each contributing distinct rhythmic styles to their performances. They will also play an original Tribute to Sergios Mendes, written by their musical director Raz, which will draw on several traditional Afro-Cuban and Afro-Brazilian rhythms authentically adapted to samba instruments.

Do join us for a joyous evening at just £10 per person. Tickets are now on sale at David's Music or can also be booked and purchased by ringing Jenny Bennett on 07885 833615.

There is also a licensed bar at the event.

We look forward to an enjoyable evening and the pleasure of your company.

David Bennett

St Mary's Friendship Lunch Last Wednesday of the month at The Stag in Brook Street

Everyone from our community is welcome and so please come and join us for this friendly lunch which is held on the last Wednesday of most months when we meet for a 2 or 3 course lunch, arriving about 12noon to eat at 12.30 and we normally finish between 1.30 and 2pm.

As you can see the food is excellent value at 2 courses costing £8.50 and 3 courses £9.95.



There is a choice of 3 or 4 starters, about 6 main courses and 3 or 4 deserts from a fixed menu alongside a sign-up sheet which is displayed by the north door of our Church normally about 10 days before the event but if anyone misses the chance to put their name down then please contact Carolyn.

If anyone needs transport there are a number of people who are able to help so please just give us a call.

Carolyn Bleach 01462 733981 or 07759 914891 carolyn.bleach@sky.com

Men's Big Breakfast

Come and join us at 9.30am on the last Saturday of the month at The Stag in Brook Street



If you would like to join us email rbillson42@gmail.com or phone/text 07802 734046 **by the Wednesday prior to the last Saturday of the month.**

St Mary the Virgin, Stotfold: Now has Church-Based Membership



Celebrating 150 Years of Mothers' Union: Lighting the Way for Generations to Come

2026 marks 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded in the small parish church of Old Alresford, Hampshire, by Mary Sumner - a home-educated young vicar's wife with a powerful vision. She dreamed of women, regardless of class or status, coming together in faith to support one another and strengthen family life within the church.

From that small flame of an idea, a global movement was born. Today, 150 years later, Mothers' Union has grown to around 4 million members in 84 countries, working to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities around the world. At the heart of all we do is our belief that faith and compassion can transform lives.

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

And shine a light is what our members do. Whether someone finds themselves unexpectedly in the hospital, a family is grappling with a parent going to prison, or a baby is born prematurely, Mothers' Union members are there offering care, support, and love without judgment. We speak out against injustice, create safe spaces for conversation, and run parenting support groups - all helping to build stronger, more resilient communities.

All of our work is guided by our three core pillars of transformation: Ending Violence – promoting peace and safety, Ending Injustice – advancing gender justice and Ending Poverty – fostering self-reliance and resilience

Our global programmes include literacy and savings groups, parenting and resilience training, and domestic abuse awareness campaigns. These initiatives are rooted in local communities - we listen first, then respond with practical, faith-led action. Every day, globally, our members carry out thousands of quiet acts of service that bring hope and healing.

Mothers' Union today reflects the diversity of the modern world. We are a movement that continues to evolve, welcoming people of all backgrounds and identities. While we are a women-led movement, men are welcome to join! 150 years of courage, care, and community, and we're just getting started.

150 years on, Mothers' Union is a "powerhouse" **- Archbishop of Canterbury**

The Mother's Union is celebrating its 150th anniversary. At a recent service in St Paul's Cathedral, the Archbishop of Canterbury said she had seen first-hand the profound impact of its work in communities around the world, "in family life, healthcare, education, social projects — challenging poverty, injustice and violence. . . In fact, I often say, if I need something doing, ask the Mothers' Union to do it."

Her sermon on Ephesians had asked: "How do we sustain ourselves as we serve? How do we nourish our own spiritual, mental, and physical well-being, whilst we are tending to the needs of others?"

The answer, she suggested, lay in St Paul's words: "I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

She continued. "May you know the depth of God's love in the grass-roots work that you do throughout the world. May you know the breadth of God's love as you strive to serve this global movement.

"You are salt to our world, in the ordinary, everyday ways you make such a difference to the people you serve, and in the fellowship that you offer to one another."



International Day of Peace

21 September

un.org/peaceday

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

Never has our world needed peace more.

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How can a Christian be a scientist?

*written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, Church Engagement Director
at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge.*

I used to ask this question as a student. I wondered what it was like to have a career in science, and how being a Christian might make a difference. Eventually I met a good number of successful scientists who were sincere Christians, and I learned that science and faith are a great combination. Dr Francis Collins, former Director of the project to decode the whole of human DNA, wrote that it is “possible for the scientist-believer to be intellectually fulfilled and spiritually alive, both worshipping God and using the tools of science to uncover some of the awesome mysteries of His creation.” So, what do people like this make of the opportunities and challenges of a life in science?

Although our beliefs may affect what we notice about the world and how we interpret our data, they don't affect the outcome of the experiments themselves. If a Muslim and a Christian drop the same ball from the same height under identical conditions, it will fall at the same speed. This means that a scientist can be respected by her colleagues for doing good work, regardless of what she believes and what her colleagues think of her worldview.

Science is an exercise in observing and measuring things, and coming up with general principles about the way things are. The world has been declared by God to be ‘very good’ (see chapter one and two of Genesis), and exploring it is a way to express our gratitude to Him. Scientific discoveries can also bring a sense of awe and wonder that feeds into our worship.

Some people don't want to get involved in certain lines of research because of ethical concerns. On the other hand, there are many issues that make Christians want to get stuck into new research that will help care for people and the rest of creation, such as medical research, ecology or developing appropriate technologies.

Organisations such as Christians in Science and the Faraday Institute gather together scientists who are also people of faith, and others who are interested in the subject. They come from a wide range of backgrounds, and express their beliefs in a variety of different ways. What they have in common is the conviction that you don't have to choose between science and God. As the young people in our churches prepare to return to their studies, online if not in person, let's encourage them that science (along with many other fields) is a great way to serve God.

**The Whist Group
at St Mary's Church Hall**

Have you been thinking about
joining our friendly group on
alternate Tuesdays?

**For further details contact:
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**MONTHLY
YOUTH GATHERINGS**

Our monthly youth gatherings take place in the Vicarage, Church Hall or Roecroft Centre from 5.30 to 7pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We welcome all young people from the end of Year 4 upwards.

Our aim is to provide a relaxed and safe place for young people to have fun, explore faith, enjoy the company of others and of course to have something to eat and drink together.

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**We look forward to seeing
and hearing you all!**



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Women's Fellowship Programme 2026

**Meetings are held in our
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September 16: The Royal
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October 21: Christmas Tree
Decorations

November 18: Bring & Share
Tea

There is no meeting in December

For enquiries contact:

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2nd & 4th Sundays

A letter from Rev'd Emma one year on ...

A year ago today as I write this, I picked up the keys for the vicarage that I would be moving into in a few week's time and was feeling very overwhelmed by all that was happening. I had been chaplain at the Abbey for the day and they had taken delivery of some new 'Hope' candles, which the shop manager persuaded me to buy!

When I was alone in the house for the very first time, I decided to light it and spend some time in prayer. As I took the lid off, I found the words 'A New Beginning' underneath. This felt very special and as I lit it, I committed my new beginning to God and promised to use the house as part of my ministry.



It now doesn't seem possible that I have been here a year and what a year it has been. It began with the most beautiful service to which so many of you came. The hardest moment of the day was waving goodbye to you as the coach drove off after the service, with lots of tears which I was trying to hide, but although you were physically leaving me, I knew you had all, and especially Rev'ds Bill and Graham prepared me well for this moment. I turned and stepped back into the church, it was really beginning.

Since then, there has been the joy of two Sunday services, Tuesday morning communion services, Messy church each month, Charlies Angels Toddler Group, our weekly café, starting bible study groups and prayer meetings, working with the other churches in the town, our uniformed organisations and a little bit with the local school, holiday club and a trip to Edinburgh for the King Charles the Martyr celebrations!

There has been much laughter, some tears and, you'll be pleased to hear, lots of hugs! I think the biggest thing I have learnt is the importance of the ministry of presence, just being in amongst the people, loving them and serving them, welcoming them into my home and, it won't surprise you, cooking lots of meals including one for the parish on the 27 December!

I've also learnt that I find it very hard to not have a regular routine and that at times ministry is very lonely as there are many hours that I spend on my own, something which I am not very good at doing!

When I tell people my story, I always end with the song, 'Goodness of God' which includes the line, 'All my life you have been faithful' and that has been so true this year.

When I was first told my Dad was on the end of life pathway, I was still living in Baldock and curate at St Mary's but by the time he actually died, I was here in Potters Bar – the very place that he had been born 85 years previously. I was able to bring him home and hold the funeral in the church which as a child he had looked at out of his bedroom window everyday, although probably never stepped inside being from a good Baptist family! Coincidence or God-incidence – I believe the latter and I am so glad that I followed his call to serve him in this place, however hard it was to leave you all in Stotfold.

Being a curate with you taught me, that I just needed to be me and let God use me however he chose. And you also taught me that when God calls, we need to follow. Has being here pushed me out of my comfort zone – yes, but has God been faithful – yes and has he blessed me – yes, and has he used me to bless others – I hope so.

I miss you all and love hearing your news and seeing all the amazing things God is doing in and through you. I thank God every day for you and for the part you played in making me the priest that I am today. None of us know what lies ahead, but we do know who holds the future and we know that He is faithful. I'm excited for all that year 2 holds!

Rev'd Emma



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Everyone Welcome Proceeds for Church funds

Thought for the Day

Understanding our role as stewards and participants in God's creation challenges us to appreciate the world around us and also to take responsibility.

Smile Line

When young people pray ...

'Our Father, who art in heaven, how didja know my name?'

Creator God

Giving thanks for constantly showing us what love is, the beauty of the earth and the gift of your son.



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OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Mon - Sat 9am: Morning Prayer

Short service where we pray for our community and the wider world.

Wed 9.45am: Holy Communion

A said service

Sundays (not 3rd Sunday)

10am: Parish Communion

3rd Sunday

9am: Holy Communion

A said service

10am: Parish Praise

A more informal service

Additional Services:

1st Sunday of the month

8am: Said Communion

4pm: Tea Time Praise

4th Sunday of the month

9am Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday at 7pm

Silent Meditation

23rd August, 13th September,

27th September at 7.30pm

Recovery Service

13th September

6pm: Evensong

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

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'For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.'

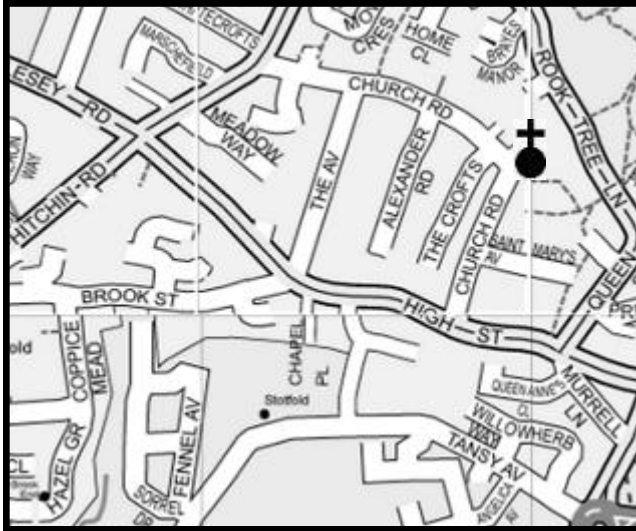
Exodus 20:11

Reminder:

For those who still receive post with a stamp on, by the north door is a box for collection of used stamps which we forward to the RNIB. Please cut from the envelope giving a good surrounding clearance.

There is also a box for collection of unwanted spectacles which, when we have a large boxful, we send to the Lions Club who recycle and send to those people who need them most.

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