

STONELEIGH AND ASHOW NEWS



JUNE 2025



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Remember: Always ring 999 first!

Film Night

July's film will be **Love and Friendship**



To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Jane Austen we will be showing a lesser-known film based on Jane Austen's novella, Lady Susan.

The novella tells the story of Lady Susan in the form of letters. She is an outrageous character; a mean two-faced schemer and gold digger. The film follows the recently widowed Lady Susan in her calculating exploits to secure wealthy husbands for her daughter and herself.

The film stars Kate Beckinsale, Chloë Sevigny and Stephen Fry.

Friday July 4th 2025
Stoneleigh Village Hall
Meet 6.45pm for a
7pm showing

Please can you bring a cup and plate.
Coffee, tea and pastries will still be served in the interval.

Entry price £4.00, to cover refreshments and room hire.
To reserve a place and a pastry call Jane on 01926 858315
by Wednesday July 2nd

Should you reserve a place and then cannot attend please let Jane know on the above number.

80th Anniversary of VE Day

A shared moment of celebration in St Mary's Church, Stoneleigh

10th May 2025

It was a lovely late Spring evening, and a sellout crowd enjoyed the programme of song and reminiscence put together by members of Stoneleigh History Society and Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir. Led by Sheila Woolf, members of the society read first-hand accounts of local people, and the choir, prominent among them Phil Jones, gave lovely renditions of wartime songs.

Lisa Reay was at the controls of the projector and did sterling work. In the Leigh Chapel she also displayed the research that Sheila and Pam Baker had put together for the VE Day 75 celebration, but unfortunately due to Covid it has not been displayed until now. The exhibition is commemorating those men and women of Stoneleigh who made a valiant wartime contribution.

Jane Taylor coordinated refreshments, providing wine and sandwiches during the interval.



The church was decorated with flowers and bunting and even HS2 managed a star performance by providing sandbags at the entrance to the church in order to provide a wartime atmosphere.

Douglas Faulconbridge and others have posted great photographs on the village Facebook of the inside of the church before and during the performance.

There were lots of other helpers, too numerous to mention, truly a shared moment of celebration.

Well done everyone!

Photo courtesy of Mandy Freeman

Sue Crofts
SHS Honorary Secretary and Treasurer

STONELEIGH LADIES CHOIR

Rehearsals continue without our late musical director, Seb Farrall, thanks to our accompanist, Alison, who has bravely taken us on and allowed us to commit to the two concerts we have planned for June and July.

The first concert seems to have become a bit of an annual event as we again visit the Waverley Day Centre in Kenilworth during the afternoon of **Thursday 26 June**. Always a happy time for both the choir and the audience.

The next important date is our charity concert on **Saturday evening 12 July**. This year's theme is *Sounds of the 60's and 70's* which has conjured up lots of happy memories for choir members and will for our audience, too. Tickets are £10 and include delicious desserts to be served during the evening. Bring your own drinks.

The charity we have chosen to support this year is one that was close to Seb's heart. The Music Man Project provides life-changing musical opportunities for children and adults with learning difficulties.

Tickets for the charity concert are available from any choir member, by email: sharronmced@gmail.com or telephone 07817 899097.

We hope you will come along for an evening of song and support this very worthwhile charity.

Pat Wightman

HS2 UPDATE

An online article from the Daily Telegraph last week suggested HS2 would be operational by 2039 and the cost would be more than £100bn (in 2011 when HS2 was first announced the cost was estimated at £32bn and passenger services were planned to commence in 2026). This was reported to Parliament last week. The cost is not a surprise as a leading cost consultant had forecast this a few years ago when the DfT didn't want to hear such figures. The delay however is staggering, but when consents for the termini are not yet secured then it may not be a complete surprise.

Exactly what that means for us locally we can only surmise, e.g. the temporary lights still in place, the compound still there etc, but only time and a lot of questioning will tell.

Martin Smith
For the Stoneleigh Action Group



Voluntary Contributions to S & A News

Following our appeal in 2024 for voluntary contributions in support of maintaining the printed / delivered version of Stoneleigh & Ashow News, I'm very pleased to say that response, both from individuals and from local organisations, has been very generous.

We have had some very generous contributions from some individuals and from local organisations / charities, but I would like to extend a very big **Thank You** to all who have made a contribution.

Apart from your financial support, it is very good for us to see that there is a desire amongst a reasonable proportion of the Stoneleigh and Ashow village residents to retain the delivered paper copy. Otherwise, we have little way of knowing whether our efforts are providing something of value to people. Since the appeal we have received donations from 30 individuals and 5 local organisations. Still a small percentage of those that receive it, but a big improvement on levels of support in recent years.

If receipt of the delivered paper version is important to you, please continue to make a modest contribution each year so we can be sure that enough of you do want to retain this village resource. (See details in each published edition)

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If you can't use the above, please email Bill Crofts on sanewsletter30@gmail.com. I will send bank details for a BACS transfer or my address if you want to send me a cheque.

Thanks again for your support!

Dr Bill Crofts
S & A News Treasurer

Stoneleigh Village Club



COFFEE MORNING

Thursday
June 5th, 19th

10:00am - 11:30am

*Come along, enjoy a hot drink
and catch up with friends.
Everyone is welcome!*

£1 donation



At the April meeting, our president, Sheila Skinner, shared her experiences in the diplomatic service, which differ significantly from those of most individuals. In May, our neighbour Sheila Woolf delivered an insightful talk on George Eliot, a remarkable author known for her works based in Warwickshire.

Our upcoming speaker for June is a former bus driver, who will provide what promises to be a highly entertaining presentation. We will convene on Monday, June 2nd at 2 pm in the hall. We extend a warm invitation to all; visitors are always welcome. The entry fee is £2, which includes tea, cake, biscuits, and a raffle ticket.

Since our last contribution to the Stoneleigh and Ashow News, we have held our annual awards event. One of the awards recognises contributions to the craft groups, and this year it was awarded to Colleen Oldham for her exceptional talent. The prestigious rose bowl award, presented to a WI member who has made significant contributions throughout the year, was awarded to Nora Blagburn. She conducted two flower arranging demonstrations and guided us in creating our own arrangements.

Liz Sykes

Congratulations to both Colleen and Nora on your awards ***The Editor***



Photo courtesy of Lisa Reay

Ladies — Come and join the Stoneleigh WI

Stoneleigh WI meets the first Monday of the month at Stoneleigh Village Hall at 2pm. We talk about events coming up at Stoneleigh and the WI Federation. Usually there is a speaker taken from a list provided by Federation but also some local recommendations. We then socialise over a cup of tea.

A monthly newsletter is sent online to members giving details and dates etc of events that are being organised. The Federation also sends an email giving details of what courses, outings, business information etc are available.

There is also a Learning Hub at Federation with lots of courses both recreational and educational which are available to all.

So, why not come and give Stoneleigh WI a try? It was one of the first in the country to be set up and it will be celebrating its 108th birthday, later this year.

On **Monday 7th July**, there will be a bring and buy sale alongside the usual meeting. The speaker that month will be talking about the History of Melton Mowbray Pork Pie. Entrance to the whole event, starting at 2pm, will be £3 for visitors which includes a cup of tea and a raffle ticket. If you only want to come to the bring and buy sale, this will run from 3pm – 4pm and entry to visitors will be £1. Funds raised will go to the Stoneleigh WI and their chosen charity Tiny Tims.

Our aim is to offer good company, interesting speakers and outings, alongside the monthly lunch club at a local venue and a coffee morning at a local garden centre, plus coach outings that take us further afield.

The cost for joining is £51 per annum, which is split between the Stoneleigh WI, the Warwickshire Federation, and the National WI. Stoneleigh gets most of it, but the amount received depends on the number of members, which is currently 16.

To attend a meeting, it costs £2. A cup of tea, cake and biscuits plus a raffle ticket is included in the price. It also helps to cover the cost of the hire of the hall, and speaker, which can be £60.

To find out more information go to www.thewi.org.uk and whilst looking sign up to the WI's monthly newsletter which includes WI stories, campaign highlights, recipes, see [page 19](#) of this magazine for the orange and ginger cake recipe for the VE Day 80 celebration, a sneak peak of WI Life magazine and more. Anyone is welcome to subscribe, whether you're a member or not.

Chris Ward
Stoneleigh WI Secretary

Opening and Locking Stoneleigh Church

We have some vacancies for opening and locking Stoneleigh church, please speak to the Church Wardens or email the office stoneleighchurch@hotmail.com for more information.

Details for the Stoneleigh churchwardens can be found on the back page.

Jackie Cubitt
Church Administrator





Mid-Summer
Sunday Lunch

22nd June, 12:30 pm
at Ashow Village Club

A Mid-Summer two-course Sunday Lunch
with salmon and strawberries & cream!

Tickets £17.50 for adults and £8.00 for children under 10 years.

To reserve your place, please contact Rosemary at
suddens231@gmail.com / 01926 855808,

Jackie: stoneleighchurch@hotmail.com

or Anne at 07724 234479



Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir

On Saturday 10th May at Stoneleigh Church the choir took part in the VE day concert with the Stoneleigh History Society and it was a great success. The History Society told the stories of the men from Stoneleigh and Ashow who lost their lives in the Second World War and also what life was like in the two villages during this time. There is a fuller report of the event on [page 4](#)



Photo courtesy of Douglas Faulconbridge

The choir is now busy rehearsing for the Summer Serenade which will take place on Sunday July 13th in the Walled Garden at Stoneleigh Abbey. For more details please see the advert on [page 12](#).

Future Events	
Sunday July 13 th	Summer Serenade at Stoneleigh Abbey
Saturday July 19 th	Concert at Kenilworth Manor
Saturday September 20 th and Sunday September 21 st	Berkswell Festival
Thursday October 9 th	Earlsdon W.I. Harvest Supper
Saturday October 18 th	Concert at Stoneleigh Church with Cwmdare Voices in aid of Cancer Research
Wednesday December 10 th	Christmas Carol Concert at St. Francis of Assisi R.C. Church, Kenilworth

Details of these events will appear in future issues of the magazine.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please come to one of our rehearsals in the Village Hall on Wednesdays at 7.30pm or contact Philip Jones on 01926 853511 or 07910 240453, email - kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk

Philip Jones
SMVC Chairman

Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir
24th Summer Serenade, 2025
Under the Musical Direction of Mr Kevin Paul Stannard

Sunday, July 13th 2025

Gates open at 12:30pm



Ticket Price £25.00

Ticket price includes:

Glass of sparkling wine on arrival

Canapés, assorted sandwiches and wraps served during the interval.

Tickets available from:

Any choir member

or

Philip Jones, chairman on 01926 853511

or mobile 07910240453

or by email

kathryngjones@hotmail.co.uk

Venue

The Walled Garden

Stoneleigh Abbey

Kenilworth

CV8 2LF

(by courtesy of the Residents)

Please remember

Bring your own drinks
and glasses

Stoneleigh History Society

The past month has largely been taken up with preparations for our VE Day 80 show. A report appears on [page 4](#) in this magazine, but I should like to thank everyone in the Society who was involved in making the evening a success. Those who read - Kate, Shirley, Maggie, Nora, Clare and Adrian - did so beautifully, and as usual the event was complemented by delicious refreshments served by Jane Taylor and her team. Mel Bianco exhibited some special artwork and Peter Thompson helped festoon the church with flags and bunting. Sue and Margaret were a welcoming presence! Philip Jones had two hats on – as the SMVC's chair but also as our local organiser for the Royal British Legion. Lisa Reay and Pam Baker created our exhibition, and Lisa has also been busy compiling a book to provide a permanent record of Stoneleigh and Ashow life during WW2. Should you wish to contribute any memories to the book please contact Lisa by email lisareay@btinternet.com. On the night itself she masterminded the complicated business of sound and visual effects, which added hugely to everyone's enjoyment.

My thanks go also to the men of the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir whose songs provided a moving accompaniment to the words of the script, as did Adrian's playing of the Last Post and Reveille.

Finally, I must thank Mandy for the beautiful flowers in church, and the Reverend Petrică Bistran and churchwardens Gordon Gatward and Ashley Toogood for all their help, both prior to the evening and on the night itself. I am indebted to you all for your support.

Our regular meeting in May will be a personal investigation into the Cistercian building of Stoneleigh Abbey by Mel Bianco, and then in June Quentin Compton-Bishop will be telling us the intriguing story of his Levantine heritage. Dates for the diary, then: Tuesday May 27th and Tuesday June 24th. All meetings are held in the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm and all visitors are very welcome.

Have you visited our website recently? There have been numerous changes to it, the biggest being that some of the redacted names in the 1939 Register have been made available. We are hoping to be able to add old photos of Stoneleigh to the gallery page in the near future and also add old editions of the Stoneleigh and Ashow News. A huge thank you to Rob Orland who is helping to make the changes happen.

Sheila Woolf



Junior Forest Church



Ashow Churchyard

Saturday 14th June, 2:00pm

Join us for an outdoors, relaxed event, for all ages, exploring together the Natural World and its Creator, through games, fun and activities!



Free for all. Please wear outdoors clothes!

“There’s No Such Thing as an Ordinary Day”

I’ve been racking my brain for what to write in this month’s magazine. There are plenty of serious things one could reflect on — cultural affairs, politics, wars, or the fact that spring has arrived wearing summer’s clothes. But I’m not exactly a great commentator on geopolitics or climate science.

What I *do* know something about, though, is what it’s like to be a parish priest serving four churches. And if you’re wondering what a typical day looks like — thank you for asking — well, I’d love to say “no two days are ever the same.” But some are suspiciously similar: lots of emails (Jesus, mercifully, had no inbox!), admin, more emails, a pile of paperwork, daily prayers, and meetings — some of which seem to exist purely for the noble purpose of... having meetings!

But then there are days that remind me why I do what I do. Take the other day, for example.

It started with a trip to the local Co-op just before 9 a.m. to buy a last-minute box of chocolates (my humble offering to one of our churches — nothing says “thank you for volunteering” like confectionery!). Then off to set up the screen at another church, quietly praying that someone with PowerPoint skills might miraculously appear.

Next stop: a Holy Communion service followed by an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). (Yes, they exist. Yes, they’re important. And yes, we had enough volunteers — hallelujah!) Just before the service began, a young father walked in — distressed and overwhelmed — asking for prayers for his baby girl, who was fighting for her life in intensive care. We prayed together, and I promised to visit her later.

After the APCM, I dashed to another church for a churchwardens’ meeting (a surprisingly productive one, mind you), caught up with a few parishioners, and then visited someone approaching the end of their life. We held hands, we prayed, and grace filled the room like a quiet, holy presence — what a privilege to even be there!

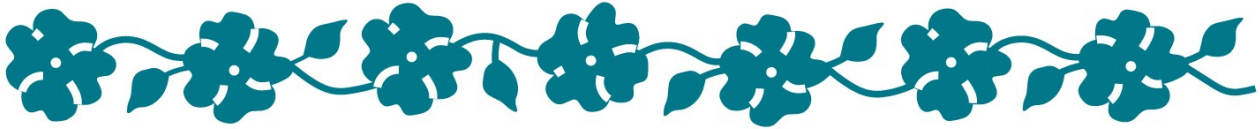
Finally, I made my way to the hospital. There she was — the little baby girl we had prayed for earlier — lying in an incubator. Just three days old, born at 24 weeks — absolutely incredible! So tiny. So vulnerable. I cried. We prayed for a miracle. The baby shook her limbs as if to say, “I’m here! I’m strong!” There I still hope.

I came home that evening and tried to finish this reflection. I thought of a dear friend of mine in her 90s who once told me, “I wake up every day and ask God to help me learn something new. There’s no such thing as an ordinary day.”

She’s right.

Whether it's quiet or chaotic, funny or full of tears, every day is a gift. A chance to see the miracle of life, to witness love in action, to feel the sacred in the small things. All it takes is an open heart, ready to receive the grace of God — hidden in chocolate boxes, PowerPoint slides, whispered prayers, and the tiniest of hands.

Reverend Petrică Bistran



STONELEIGH BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Central to our spring activities is the “Stoneleigh Blossom Festival,” which was a major success thanks to our orchard team's planning and luck with the weather.

Despite challenges like delays at the Pershore bottling unit, we managed to pick up our cider just two days before the event. Interestingly, we discovered that we had 777 bottles—a number said to bring luck—and our journey back to Stoneleigh measured exactly 77.7 miles.

Our advertising worked well, attracting a large crowd and filling the meadow car park. It was commendable how our team handled these challenges stoically. Stallholders and exhibitors were pleased and are interested in future events.

Stoneleigh Village Club also benefited from the increase in custom. Thanks to James and the bar staff, Liz Wrist and her team for the barbecue.

Special thanks to:

Festival setup team: Martin Smith, Elaine & Colin James, Rory O’Connor, Adrian Clarke, Alastair Whatmore, Mike Bacon, Richard Hancox & Melanie Braley.

Refreshment team: Jane Taylor, Mary Taylor, Emma Payne, Phil & Kate Jones, Sally Davies and all the bakers

First Aider: Lorraine Neale

Children’s crafts: Julia & Clemmie Joskey

Photography: Leighton Joskey

Thanks to Quentin Compton-Bishop and Amanda Freeman for their excellent management, and to everyone supporting the orchard.

Special thanks to Teagan Freeman & Laura Elliot for running the “name the wicker man” competition, resulting in "WICKER THE CIDER NICKER." Look out for him at future events!

The cider sold out, and we're already working on the next batch!

Become a Friend of The Orchard

Orchard Friends’ subscriptions for 2025 will be £10.

Contact Pete Freeman (Chairman), 5 Church Lane, Stoneleigh,

Petefreeman773@gmail.com or

Richard Hancox (Treasurer), Richard.Hancox@nationalhighways.co.uk for payments.

Cheques should be payable to Stoneleigh Village Community Orchard, or why not set up a direct debit. Contact either Pete or Richard for bank details



Wicker The Cider Nicker



The Refreshment Team



The Green Man

Photos courtesy of Leighton Joskey



We hope that everyone is enjoying the beautiful sunshine as much as we are! At the time of writing Jim remains off sick. We know members are worried about this, both in terms of how Jim is but also in terms of plans for SVC going forward. We understand what must seem like radio silence is frustrating. Please be assured we are working hard on a solution and will share this as soon as we are able

After the excellent news about the club's financial situation, which has taken a distinct turn for the better I can confirm that the financial improvements have been maintained to the end of the financial year. We will be reporting a small loss at the AGM but considering we have had some 'one off' costs, and had to pay for staff cover, this is a huge improvement on last year. Big thanks to all the committee but especially to Liz Wrist and her band of merry helpers who have been magnificent in arranging events.

Thanks also to members who have supported the club by attending events or just coming for a drink in the sunshine. Exciting news – Doom Bar is on draught at the club right now! Why not join us for a pint!

SVC Committee has continued to be as busy as ever! Right now, we are renewing our staff contracts, have developed a staff handbook and we are working on our health and safety requirements. All on top of our day jobs!

Please keep an eye on the information board outside the club for further event details / last minute changes.

Dates for your diary – June 2025

Friday 6 th June	Members night at the club. Come down, join / renew your membership
Saturday 7 th June	Cash Bingo – Eyes down at 7.30pm.
Friday 27 th June	AGM — Please make sure your membership has been renewed as this is a requirement to attend the AGM. You can pay at the bar, attend a member's night on Friday 6th June, or pay on the night of the AGM.

Membership Fees

Individual club membership - £12
Couples membership - £20 (Same household)
Age 60 and over membership - £6

The days are warm, and the nights are light. Why not join us for an event? Or arrange to meet your friends or neighbours one night at Stoneleigh Village Club? See you there!

With kind regards

SVC Committee

ORANGE AND GINGER CAKE RECIPE

If anyone tasted the delicious orange and ginger cake that was the official Women's Institute cake for VE Day 80, and wanted to have a go, then please find the recipe below. It was created in recognition of Britain's women's incredible effort during WWII

It is a simple and classic bake and is made using The Rubbing In Method – not often seen these days. It's a recipe used by the grandmother of Nancy Birtwhistle who had provided the recipe and had lived through two world wars. It requires no specialist mixer or whisk and the batter will not curdle – a handy recipe if you have little or no equipment. Just as women during World War II would have made it.

You will need: a mixing bowl and a 7 inch round cake tin greased and base-lined with paper or reusable baking parchment.

Preheat the oven to 180°C (fan) – 350°F – gas mark 4

Ingredients

200g self-raising flour	100g caster sugar	100ml milk
pinch salt	1 heaped tablespoon marmalade	1 egg
40g butter at room temperature	1 tsp ground ginger	80g stem ginger (from a jar of stem ginger in syrup)
40g lard at room temperature (or use all butter if preferred)	Finely grated zest of 1 large orange plus the juice	1 tbsp demerara sugar or sugar nibs to sprinkle over. *

*Alternatively add 3 tbsp icing sugar to a bowl, add 1-2 tsp orange or lemon juice, stir until smooth and runny then drizzle over using a spoon.

Method

1. Start by prepping the stem ginger – wash under the cold tap, dry on kitchen paper then cut into small dice and place into a bowl.
2. Take then 1 tbsp of the recipe's weighed self-raising flour, add to the ginger and stir around to coat thoroughly. Set aside
3. In a medium sized bowl place the self-raising flour, salt, butter and lard then rub in together just as you would for pastry. The mixture needs to be looking like fine breadcrumbs.
4. Add the ground ginger, sugar, zest, juice and marmalade and give a stir. Add then the egg followed by the milk which should be added a little at a time until you achieve a soft dropping consistency. You will probably need all of the milk but add it gradually just in case. If the batter is too thin the ginger will drop to the bottom of the cake whilst baking.
5. Finally fold in the chopped ginger
6. Transfer to the prepared tin then sprinkle over either the demerara sugar or the sugar nibs or once completely cool drizzle over a simple icing
7. Bake for 35-40 minutes until the cake is golden, risen and springy to the touch.
8. Leave to cool in the tin for at least 20 minutes before turning out onto a wire tray to cool completely.
9. Wrap in foil and store in a tin for a couple of days but if you just cannot wait to eat it – **enjoy!**



CODEWORD PUZZLE

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How To Play Codewords

Codewords are crosswords with no clues! Instead, every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number representing the same letter throughout the puzzle.

All you have to do is decide which letter is represented by which number!

To start you off three letters have been revealed, you should have enough information to start guessing words and discovering other letters.

Solution on [page 22](#)

This edition of Stoneleigh and Ashow News was compiled by **Lisa Reay**, who would like to thank all contributors.

The online colour version can be viewed at the Stoneleigh Village Facebook page.

The **July / August 2025** edition will be compiled by
Lucy Morris
(sanewsletter30@gmail.com).

Copy deadline: Monday 16th June 2025

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Telephone: 01926 851031

[Contact Libraries](#)

The Mobile library will be at Stoneleigh Village Hall from 14:20 to 14:45 on **Thursday**
22nd May and then the following **Mondays**

23 June 2025	21 July 2025	18 August 2025	15 September 2025
13 October 2025	10 November 2025	08 December 2025	

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th June** at **Ashow Village Club** at 7pm. This is also the date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

At our April meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

The plan has now been submitted to WCC to determine if an SEA is required. The executive summary is to go to every household. Responses and comments from the executive summary are to be sent to stoneleighshowparishcouncil@gmail.com

Chair & Vice Chair

At the meeting held 8th May

Cllr Richard Hancox was appointed as Chairman to the Council

Cllr J Astle was appointed as Vice Chair of the Council.

External Committees

Stoneleigh Village Hall & Playing Fields Trust- Cllr R Hancox

Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouses, Stoneleigh – Cllrs R Hancox & L Rolli

The Leigh Educational Foundation – Cllr J Astle

Trustees of the Stoneleigh United Charities – Cllr R Hancox

To view the full details of this, and other meetings, including upcoming planning applications, recent crime reports, and Neighbourhood Plan development details, please visit the Parish Council website at www.stoneleighshowparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Helen Denton- Stacey

Parish Clerk

PO Box 11198, Lutterworth, LE17 9FX

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Front cover: Motslow Cottage in the sunshine

Photo courtesy of Lisa Reay

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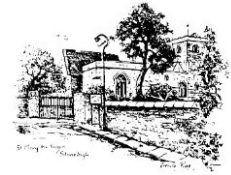
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SERVICES FOR JUNE 2025

Sunday	1 st	11.00 am	United Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday	8 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion Service at Ashow
		11.00 am	Morning Praise Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday	15 th	9.30 am	Celtic Service at Ashow
		11.00 am	Celtic Holy Communion at Stoneleigh
Sunday	22 nd	9.30 am	Village Service at Ashow
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh
Sunday	29 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion Service at Ashow
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Service at Stoneleigh

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