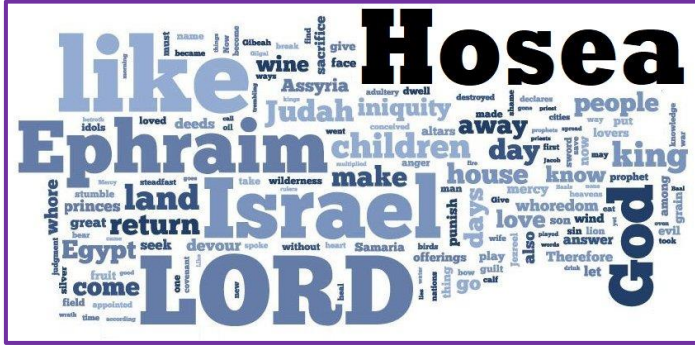


WORD Cloud of the week

In the diagram, the larger the words the more often they appear. Look out for them when you read this Old Testament prophet.

Source:
BlueLetter Bible /
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PCC are considering a KITCHEN MANAGER (voluntary)

responsible for the operation, maintenance and safety of the church kitchen, maintaining an awareness of groups and individuals using the kitchen and, so far as is reasonable, ensuring compliance with our Health and Safety Policy and Food Hygiene regulations. Ask the Churchwardens for details.

LYRICS FOR LYFE A-Z

E: from 'Everyone Needs Compassion' (v.2)

Take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures –
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in,
Now I surrender.



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Parish of The Lye and Stambermill

From the Editor's Den

Holidays and Holy Days

The Old Testament mentions observing holy days over 100 times. The *holiday* is, of course, derived from the notion of 'holy day', a time of stopping what we normally do and taking a break, originally in order to recall our Creator God, who Himself started the idea at the completion of creating the world, establishing the Sabbath:

“God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.” (Genesis 2:3).

Notice also that it was not only a *rest* day but that it was *blessed*; we ourselves look forward to 'Holy Days and holidays' in the hope that they will be a blessing to us and to those we are with.

A Change is as Good as a Rest

For some, taking a break may mean doing something different ... to provide a refreshing change. This is sometimes called “R & R” – which the Britannica Dictionary describes as standing for several phrases: “rest and recreation; rest and recuperation; rest and relaxation.” For me, the word 'rest' itself implies 'restoration'.

Resting in Him

Jesus observed the Sabbath, but He also tells us to find personal rest in Him when He says in Matthew 11:28:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” But read on in v.29: “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

So it's our committing to Christ which brings peace of mind - and through it “re-creation.”



PREVIEWS, POINTERS & PRAYER

Items for this page to the Administrator by Wednesday morning please

Previews

TUESDAY: The Diocesan Prayer Diary will be focusing on Christ Church. The full April–July edition is still available in the Tunnel.

DON'T DELAY: Household Support Fund

Demand is expected to be high for this fund which is limited and now open for applications. Payments of £200 will be available to eligible households. The single one-off payment available to households in the borough to residents on a low income and in financial hardship. Payments can be used to help with food, essential goods and paying fuel and water bills.

MAKE A DATE: Lye Carnival

Sunday 22nd September – in central Lye and in and around church. Julie Ackroyd is seeking copies of our [church history](#) for the event.

Pointers

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



Advice and information to support anyone struggling with the rising costs of day-to-day life can be found on the council's [website](#). There is lots of information on what to do if you need help with household costs, essentials such as food, clothes and medicines, child related costs or are struggling to pay debts. No access to the council's website? – call them on [0300 555 2345](tel:03005552345) for help and guidance.

Prayer

MISSION PARTNERS

Pray for the Fazakerleys, especially Helen who is flying home from Malawi to join her sister Ann Stroyde for their father's funeral at Stourbridge Crematorium on July 30th at 12.20pm. All welcome.

Today 21 st July	10.30am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video 6.30pm (No Youth Group) Pray for newcomers and visitors to church
Monday	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN 1.00pm-4.00pm Rufford Field Holiday Event 7.00pm Online Prayer Group Pray for members of the PCC
Tuesday	The Diocesan Prayer Diary focuses on Christ Church, Lye & Stambermill, today. 11.45 – 2.30 Community Walk & Picnic from Church to Wollescote Park 1.00pm-4.00pm Rufford Field Holiday Event Pray for our Administrator and volunteers
Wednesday	10.00am (No Lion Club) 1.00pm-4.00pm Rufford Field Holiday Event Pray for leaders and our church groups
Thursday	1.00pm-4.00pm Rufford Field Holiday Event Pray for external Groups using the Church
Friday	11.00am Open Door 12.00pm Midday Worship Pray for staff of CPAS and Diocese
Saturday	Pray for prospective vicar applicants
Next Sunday	10.30am Service of the Word 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video Bible Reading: Ephesians 3

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