

The Village Connection
Leigh on Mendip + Downhead + Stoke St Michael +

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May

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From the Rectory

I write this as the Rector of Liverpool announces he is leaving the Church to work for a charity, stating that his decision to step down is rooted in his conviction that the Church perpetuates bias and discrimination based on race, gender, and sexuality. His resignation comes amid ongoing debates within the Church of England regarding its stance on same-sex relationships. While the General Synod approved blessings for same-sex couples last year, the issue remains contentious, in the light of existing doctrine that prohibits gay marriage and clergy from entering same-sex civil marriages.

The Church of England, like many religious institutions, grapples with many challenges like these in our contemporary world. A pressing issue is the decline in attendance and engagement among its members. Over the years, the Church has experienced a steady decrease in congregational participation, with many churches facing a real struggle to maintain membership in an increasingly secular society. The shift towards a more individualistic and diverse society has led to a disconnection between traditional religious practices and the preferences of a modern population.

Another significant challenge has grown regarding issues of inclusivity and diversity within the Church. The Church of England has faced criticism for its stance on matters of race, and LGBTQ+ rights, as it did over the ordination of women to the priesthood. But these debates cause serious internal divisions, testing the Church's ability to steer through a path that respects its tradition while responding to evolving public norms. Clergy and laity on both sides of the debate are drifting away from the Church because of it.

Financial constraints pose another problem. The Church relies on financial contributions from its members, and declining attendance greatly affects its sources of income. This financial strain limits the Church's activity and its capacity to fund clergy posts and maintain its historic buildings, all of which naturally accelerates decline.

Cont overleaf

But this is what the Church of England looks like for those who are mostly outside it. There is also the Church on the ground, whose faith leads many volunteers to manage playgroups, food banks, bereavement groups, advice centres and drop-in cafes; the church that visits the sick, cares for the lonely, educates many of our children, and through a variety of chaplaincies reaches into many areas of public life. This is the Church that is still very much valued and needs so much to be preserved, because- I believe- it is the church that our founder came to build.

With all good wishes and every blessing

Fr Anthony

From the Registers

Funerals

Gladys Spencer	Leigh on Mendip	5th March
Peter Vicary	Stoke St Michael	14th March
Ray Lambert	Stoke St Michael	22nd March

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

You are warmly invited to join us at our annual meetings on:

**Leigh on Mendip with Downhead,
Tuesday 23 April from 6.30pm in St Giles' Church,
Leigh on Mendip**

**Stoke St Michael,
Tuesday 30 April – 7.30pm in St Michael's Church**

These are important meetings, open to all, and a great opportunity to find out more about the life and work of the church in our villages and to consider getting involved. We look forward to seeing you there.

Letter from Bishop Michael Langrish

Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells

Worship is key

In January I was back in my old Diocese of Exeter, marking the death of Sabine Baring Gould 100 years before. What an extraordinary person he was, with an incredible range and roundedness of learning and interests, in an equally full and fulfilled life. He was a great traveller and prolific writer of biographies, folklore, travel books, theology, novels and hymns, including some, such as ‘Onward Christian soldiers’ that remain popular today. He was a linguist and translator; and, as an archaeologist on Dartmoor, very much a pioneer in the field. For many, his greatest achievement was his collecting the old folk songs of Devon and Cornwall, providing inspiration for such composers as Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Holst. He was also the Squire of Lewtrenchard and, being ordained, he appointed himself as parish priest as well!

This he saw as his true vocation. His responsibility, and that of the local church, was the cure of souls from cradle to grave. This meant a care for the spiritual wellbeing of all in the community and for their bodily and social welfare too. Striving for good health and housing must go hand in hand with growth in faith and prayer. All should be encouraged to full humanity, to holy discipleship, to the recognition, and use, of whatever gifts anyone possessed for the common good.

But, underlying all of this, one other aspect of this great man’s life speaks very strongly to me now. That is how he understood worship and its relationship to the whole of life. ‘To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God’.

This edition of Manna contains encouraging stories of New Christian Worshipping Communities in Bath and Wells. Worshipping is key. I am reminded of the later words of Archbishop William Temple: ‘It is sometimes said that conduct is supremely important, and worship helps it. The truth is that worship is supremely important, and conduct tests it.’

Bishop Michael

Sidesmen & Flower



Leigh on Mendip

	Sideman	Flowers
7 April	Alastair Weston	-
14 April	No service	-
21 April	No service	-
28 April	-	Jane Weston
5 May	Tom and Sue Rodford	-

Church/Brass Cleaning

April – Caroline Dove and Jane Weston

May – Caroline Palmer and Vicky Higgins

Stoke St Michael

	Sideman	Flowers
7 April	Jane Evans	-
14 April	Janet Gilham	Hazel Tucker
21 April	Justine North	-
28 April	No service	-
5 May	Jane Evans	Janet Gilham

Church Cleaning

April - Jane Evans

May - Cicely Middle

Bishop Michael to visit Zambia

Bishop Michael will be making his first visit to Zambia as Bishop of Bath and Wells this month, having previously spent time there during his career as an epidemiologist.

Commenting on his visit, which takes place from 22 April to 5 May 2024, Bishop Michael says, “I am really looking forward to be going back to Zambia. It takes the whole world to know Christ and I’m so excited at the thought of all I will learn from our Zambian brothers and sisters. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to explore how we can potentially work together on a joint environmental project involving our schools.”



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APRIL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who joined our recent Bingo event, it was a very enjoyable evening and will be repeated. The strawberry cream tea during the same week provided delicious refreshments – look out for dates of our future coffee mornings and cream teas.

FOLC will be holding a **Community Spring Clean** of the Church, both inside and out on the weekend of 20th/21st April. We are putting out a 'Call to Arms' for help; if you are active and feel able to rally round and offer your services then please come along. We will be meeting at the church between 10am and 2pm on both days. Tea and cakes will be available for the workers. Last year's spring clean made a real difference.

Looking ahead, FOLC are organising **Open Gardens** around the village on Sunday 7th July. If you wish to include your garden, do contact us as you start to plan your display.

The Tower Room Cafe remains open every day as a peaceful place to rest, work or socialise. With free wi-fi, electronic access to the church records and children's toys together with self-serve refreshments it is well worth a visit.

Thank you for all your continued support, we look forward to sharing our 2024 activities with you.

Best wishes - *The FOLC Committee* – folcleigh@gmail.com

Stoke Church PCC- notes from meeting held on 12.3.24

In the interest of being open and keeping our community informed of what's going on at church here is an abridged version of the draft minutes from the last PCC meeting. Any questions arising from these notes, please get in touch with the Churchwardens.

Retirement of Revd Anthony Dickson in June. His last service in Stoke is on 19th May, and there will be a special service for the group of churches to say goodbye on 26th May, in Nunney, followed by farewell lunch (details to follow).

A new committee has been formed across the group of churches to support each other with keeping services and other church events going throughout the vacancy; and as we start to think about recruiting a replacement.

APCM- we have our annual church meeting on 30.4.24, 7pm. Reports reviewing the activities of our church during 2023 were presented to PCC in preparation for the annual meeting. Anyone wishing to join the Electoral Role of the church are encouraged to do so as soon as possible

Pastoral Team- a new team has been set up across our group of churches to care for members of our community, for example bereaved family members, people recently out of hospital needing support etc. Justine is the Pastoral worker for Stoke, and more details can be obtained from her

Fabric- unfortunately we were victims of extreme weather in January, with a stained glass window blown out and part of an ancient tomb collapse. We have had quotes for repair to both. Necessary permissions now obtained to repair the window, however there are 3 other windows in urgent need of repair too and we hope these can all be repaired during this year. Applications for grants towards the cost will be made.

The Quinquennial inspection (four-yearly survey of the church building) will be done in March. We are aware there are many problems with the ancient building, and no doubt there will be a long list of repairs/jobs...

Fundraising- keeping everything going, along with the list of repairs necessary, means that we are struggling financially. Any ideas for fundraising events welcome.

Closure of Graveyard- necessary permissions from the Privy Council have been obtained and this should be complete within the next month.

Date of Next PCC Meeting: 30.4.24

Informal evening worship

SOUL FOOD

LIVE MUSIC
PRAYER
REFLECTION
COFFEE & CAKE
@ 6PM

SUN 14 APRIL (NUNNEY)

SUN 12 MAY (STOKE)

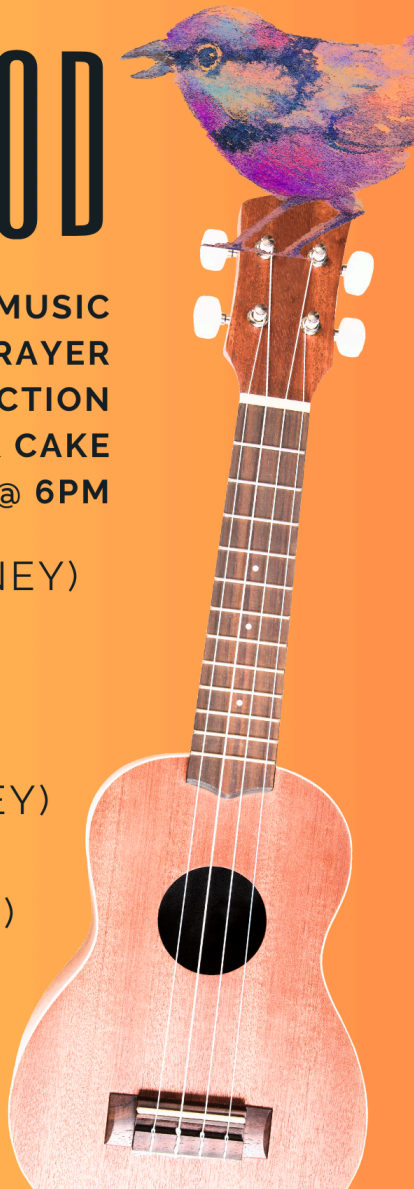
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SUN 14 JULY (STOKE)



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Sunday Stokers_s

When you only meet once a month, sometimes you have to be a little flexible with the church calendar...

On Sunday 17th March, the Stokers celebrated Palm Sunday a week early.

The children listened to the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, and learned a new song with Chris so that they could sing 'hosanna' with plenty of percussion!

Working as a team, the Stokers then created a Palm Sunday frieze, cutting pieces of fabric to be clothes, and making palm leaves by drawing around their hands, to line Jesus' route through Jerusalem.

Sunday Stokers will next meet on **Sunday 21st April**; all 4-12 year olds are very welcome.



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Please join us for a coffee, cake and chat
in our newly decorated Church
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Justine.north123@gmail.com

Or from the church website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10959/>

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Maundy Money recipients

The Diocese are delighted to confirm that Philip Andrews and Revd Jenny Jeffery from Bath and Wells are to be recipients of Maundy Money this year. The annual Royal Maundy Service takes place on Thursday 28 March when Her Majesty The Queen will be distributing the Royal Maundy gifts on behalf of His Majesty The King at Worcester Cathedral.

Each year on Holy Thursday, The Monarch presents members of the Church of England with special 'Maundy' coins. The number of men and women always matches the Monarch's age – in 2024, the Queen will present 75 men and 75 women with specially-minted silver coins to the value of 75p - signifying King Charles's age - to thank them for their service to their local communities.

Both Jenny and Philip say they are honoured and humbled to have been nominated to receive the maundy money.

Leigh on Mendip WI



Daffodils are swaying in the breeze along the grass verges of the village, cheering us all with their promise of warmer weather to come and early thoughts of summer holidays. It is on this note that Leigh on Mendip WI were treated to an interesting talk and short film from Neil Clarke, of his travels in Iceland. He made two trips in 2015, one in February, where he experienced temperatures of -21 and then again in October, when the weather was more amenable. Scenery was amazing and its history fascinating. Maybe it will entice some of our members to book a future trip to Iceland themselves.

We are looking forward to our speaker on the 8th April, Mary Cross, who will be demonstrating all aspects of Willow, including the making of a willow plant support.

The real enjoyment of our WI Group is the diversity of evenings we experience through our talks, demonstrations and social events, including the annual village litter pick that took place in March. A fun event to help tidy up our Village despite often a rainy day, followed by tea and cake.

If you would like to join our group and join one of our evenings, we are a friendly bunch of women of all ages and welcome visitors and new members. Please do come along to one of our meetings to see if it is for you.

We meet on the second Monday of every month at The Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

Just turn up or contact Caroline on 01373 812889 for further details.

See also our Blog: <https://leighonmendipwi.blogspot.com/>

LEIGH ON MENDIP - LITTER PICK



A big thank you to all who turned up to collect litter round the village and surrounding lanes on Saturday 16 March. We had many willing volunteers - 'many hands make light work'.

LEIGH ON MENDIP MEMORIAL HALL

The hall has lots of upcoming events and classes which you may wish to attend. Please see the hall schedule displayed on the hall noticeboard for the up to date schedule. We now also share the hall schedule on the Memorial hall Facebook page. For further information please go to the LOM website or if you have a booking enquiry please do contact our booking Clerks, Roger and Ann Orpwood r.a.orpwood@btinternet.com.

Hall Maintenance Day

Saturday the 13th of April
10am-1pm

We have our annual hall clean up day planned to catch up on any small jobs that may need doing. All volunteers are welcome, tea and coffee will be provided. The hall is a great village facility so please do come and get involved.

The next hall meeting will be on Monday the 1st of April at 7.30pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

Cathedral admission changes

Wells Cathedral has announced changes to its admission guidelines from 22 April. Free passes are available to local people and to parishioners in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, with a new entry charge for tourists. It will remain free to enter for worship, prayer, and to light a candle. The monies raised by the £14 tourist admission charge will go towards the care of the cathedral building and its mission.

Information about the Parish Pass and how to apply for it is available from the [Wells Cathedral website](#).



Community Activity

The Active Living Centre (ALC) meetings are open to anyone over 50 years of age, together with any carers attending with them. We are currently holding the meetings in the old skittle alley area at the Bell Inn.

For more information, or for bookings, please ring Graham on 07561 347891 or e-mail: graham@grahamcroft.plus.com

LOMCA – April 2024

The next meeting of the **Active Living Centre** is in the Bell Inn at 10.30am on **Monday 22 April** when David Cavill will give a talk entitled ‘Success via coincidence’ – a talk about his career path, which largely happened by coincidence, and the effect on his life. Please book well in advance, and by 14th April at the latest, so that we can arrange the lunch. The cost paid on the day is £2.00 for attending the event and £5.00 for the two-course lunch. For booking, or for further details, please contact Graham.

LEIGH RECREATION FIELD

Coronation Park The ground is gradually getting firmer – please pray for dry weather, but in the meantime, avoid the squishy bits! There are still more play items to install, but that will have to wait for **really** firm ground.

Rec Events for the Summer:

The formal opening of Coronation Park is on **Saturday 8 June**, (which I now find is NOT the King’s birthday, but anyway). It’ll be a lunchtime do with a BBQ and bar. I suspect we won’t get a royal to do the opening!

The lighting the beacon on **6 June** (part of a national event to mark the 80th anniversary of **D-Day**) will happen as the sun goes down.

And lastly, in the absence of a village fair, we plan to have a village day at the rec on the 20th of July. Get in touch if you want to participate.

Bonus Club The winners in March were Dave Cullen and Anne & Lally Lee who have no 6. I’m sure they have their £20 by now.

And finally – our **AGM** will be on the rec at 2pm on 11 May, outside in warm sunshine with any luck. Come along and have your say.

David Pattison 812570



Age UK Somerset is looking for friendly people in our area who would like to get involved with making life happier for local older people.

As we get older, living alone and lacking the confidence or mobility to get out of the house can lead to anxiety, low mood and devastating loneliness (and as if that wasn't bad enough, this has been linked to an increase in health problems).

To solve these issues local charity Age UK Somerset have two wonderful free schemes running here - Walk and Talk which matches a volunteer with an older person for a weekly gentle walk and chat, and Wellbeing Friends where a volunteer visits each week to offer some friendly company.

However, they are desperate for volunteers to lend a hand and be matched with the older people they have on their waiting lists for both services.

If you can spare an hour a week (flexible) and would like to feel like you are making a difference in your community please contact them - volunteers@ageuksomerset.org.uk or 01823 345627.

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your news
your event
your information about.....**

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E-mail - thevillageconnection@hotmail.com**

Church Services in the Benefices of Stoke St Michael, Leigh on Mendip and the United Parish of Postlebury

5th April (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP *David Gatliffe*

Sunday 7th April - 2nd Sunday of Easter/Low Sunday

09.30 Wanstrow Holy Communion *Graham Witts*

11.00 Leigh on Mendip Family Communion *Graham Witts*

18.00 Stoke St Michael Evensong *Jane Evans*

11th April (Thursday)

18.00 Wanstrow Compline & Meditation

12th April (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 14th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

09.30 Stoke St Michael Holy Communion

11.00 Witham Holy Communion

18.00 Nunney Soul Food *Henry Pomeroy*

19th April (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP

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Sunday 21st April - 4th Sunday of Easter

09.30 Marston Holy Communion
11.00 Stoke St Michael Family Communion
18.00 Downhead Evensong

26th April (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 28th April - 5th Sunday of Easter

09.30 Nunney Morning Worship *Felicity Evans*
09.30 Leigh on Mendip Holy Communion
11.00 Cloford Holy Communion

3rd May (Friday)

10.00 Nunney Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 5th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

09.30 Wanstrow Holy Communion
11.00 Leigh on Mendip Family Communion
18.00 Stoke St Michael Evensong *Jane Evans*

Services taken by Reverend Anthony Dickson unless stated otherwise.

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Stoke St Michael Parochial Church Council

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See also : <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10959>

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Safeguarding Officer for Leigh on Mendip, Downhead & Stoke St Michael
Justine North

A shared life of prayer and mission

What is happening in Frome?

Work is underway at the former vicarage at St Mary's to prepare the house for a new Christian community of four self-supporting adults. They will live there for a year and work locally.

What will Mary's House offer?

It will offer a lifestyle grounded in contemplative prayer and a Christian commitment to the environment. As a community, their shared life will be marked by a daily pattern of prayer, weekly work in the local community, and a rule of life with shared values and approaches to missional living.

Why Frome?

The combination of St Mary's site, the congregation's missional outlook, and the pioneering work at The Giant's Garden presents a compelling opportunity to explore and potentially establish a new Christian community here.

What's the local reaction to the new community?

Frome is open to the spiritual side of life, there is a common concern for those on the edge of society and we hope that those who choose to live here will be able to connect with that aspect of life here. Mary's House offers an opportunity to show that you can live out in the world and live in a Christian community with a rhythm of prayer and rule of life; that it is possible to do the two together.

What's your hope for the community?

That this community will contribute to God's work of regeneration in the churches and the town, increasing the missional impact of God's people. Long term it could develop a model that could be replicated elsewhere in the diocese.

The community will include a dispersed element of people living in their own homes but following a similar rule of life.

When do you expect to open?

We hope those called to help establish the residential expression of the community will move into Mary's House from September onwards.

Read more at bathandwells.org.uk/st-marys-frome

East Mendip Gardening Club

April's here and spring has sprung at last! It kickstarts our gardens back into life, with its winning combination of sunshine and showers. As the weather warms up and early flowers start to bloom, all of a sudden there's a load of jobs to do outside. There's plenty to sow and grow in your garden and greenhouse. But there's lots more to do besides sowing and planting out.

Check your patio plants aren't drying out. The warmer weather will quickly affect soil moisture levels - try mixing water storing granules with compost to improve water retention in containers.

Lift and divide established border perennial plants now, like Hostas, to improve vigour and create new plants for your garden.

Pinch out the tips of fuchsia plants and sweet pea plant shoots, to encourage bushy growth this summer.

Feed trees, shrubs and hedges with a balanced, slow-release fertiliser, by lightly forking it into the soil surface. Roses, in particular, are greedy plants and will greatly benefit from feeding as they come into growth.

Prune Forsythia as soon as they have finished flowering, cutting back to strong, young shoots.

Tie in new honeysuckle and clematis stems. These plants will be putting on growth now, and you'll need to train them along their supports.

Apply a layer of mulch around your perennials and biennial plants, trees and shrubs before the hot weather arrives. Use organic matter such as well-rotted manure.

Prepare vegetable seed beds by removing all weeds and cover prepared soil with sheets of black plastic to keep it drier and warmer in preparation for planting.

Thin carrot seedlings to achieve good-sized carrots; do this in the evening when fewer carrot flies are around.

Feed raspberry canes, fruit bushes and fruit trees to encourage good crops this season. Apply a slow-release fertiliser around their base.

Sow lawn seed now on well-prepared soil and keep the soil moist while it germinates.

For an instant lawn, lay new turf, and keep it moist until it's established.

Check compost bins to see if you have any compost that's ready to use.

Top up raised beds with compost and good quality.

Top dress containers with fresh compost. If your containers are already

full, replace the top 5 cm of old compost with fresh stuff.

Top up bird baths and bird feeding stations to encourage birds into your garden.

Sow scented bedding plants, such as dianthus and osteospermum, for beds & borders full of delicious fragrance over summer.

Sow Scabious seed undercover now. They'll attract bees and butterflies to your garden and will also make great cut flowers.

Plant or pot on any hardwood cuttings taken last year.

Sow perennial herbs - such as rosemary, sage, thyme and lemon balm - in the greenhouse.

Sow marrow, pumpkin, squash and courgette seeds under cover.

Sow spring-onion seeds in drills outdoors, for a quick crop to add to salads and stir fries.

Try growing watercress seeds in containers on the patio, making sure the container is sitting in 2-3 inches of water at all times

Give your houseplants some TLC — the warmer weather and longer light hours will encourage them to grow and they may require more water.

Keep track of what you have sown and planted in your diary — it will really help you out later in the year.

Taken from <https://www.thompson-morgan.com>

Gardening in small spaces

On Tuesday 23rd April the East Mendip Gardening Club will meet in the Oakhill Village Hall at 7.30p.m. when Matthew Symonds will advise on Gardening in Small Spaces. So if you have such a space do join us for ideas and advice. Further details from our Chair Mark Manley markamanley81@googlemail.com or see <https://www.ashwickparish.org/clubs-and-societies/east-mendip-gardening->

Leigh on Mendip Allotment Association

The Leigh on Mendip allotments are in the field to the west side of the Recreation Playing Field. If you live in the parish of Leigh on Mendip and want to register, or simply discuss having an allotment, please contact :-
Tim Spurgeon, 18, Park Hayes, tel 07813 505830 or e mail timsurgeon@btinternet.com



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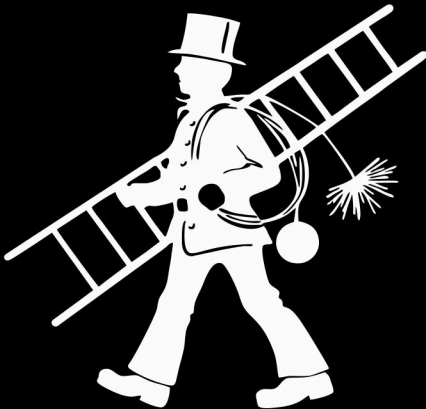
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