

Parish news

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Ephesians 2:20-21 (GNB)**

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Stone Dinton & Hartwell



Editorial

Thank you all for supporting the first Stone Saturday market on 13th December. We had a marvellous sunny Winter's day and a steady stream of people. Thanks to the church team for the refreshments and all who helped in many ways. There was a very varied selection of Christmas gifts and good causes to support. We hope to have Saturday markets again next year.

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PARISH SERVICES AND CALENDAR

January	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Methodist Chapel Stone
4 Christmas 2	10.00am. All Age Holy Communion 6.00pm Evensong		11.00am. Worship
11 Baptism of Christ		8.30am BCP Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service	11.00am. Worship
18 Epiphany 2	At Methodist Chapel		11.00am. Covenant Service (United) 4.00pm Living Stones
25 Conversion of St Paul		10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am. Worship

LIVING STONES (*OUR Messy Church*)

Our 1st meeting of the New Year will be on Sunday 18th January at the Methodist Chapel from 4.00 – 5.30pm. Come and enjoy with family and friends.

Harry Weldon

25th June 1925 – 29th October 2014

Harry was a lovely man, kind, thoughtful, clever and very conscientious. He received an excellent education at Liverpool Collegiate College, later becoming an accountant and serving in the Army during World War 2.

Harry and wife Brenda, together with their two daughters came to live in Stone during 1977. Harry attended Services, and was a Sidesman, who often read the lesson. Harry served the Church faithfully for many years, looking after and sorting out the promised giving. Many people told me that they thought Harry was a real "Gentleman". Churchwarden, David John who has worked for a long time with him and said the following:-

"Harry was a nice man. He was the administrator for the free will offering scheme, doing the returns for tax purposes. We worked together three or four times a year. If I had any problems he would help me, and he taught me quite a lot.

In the last few years there has been a great change in the way taxes are claimed back and this made it more difficult for him. He had great patience and determination in solving all the problems".

Many of us will miss Harry, not least his wife Brenda and daughters Penny and Amanda.

We all pray that he will Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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FREDERICK JOHN JEFFREY 1928-2014



Fred was born in Ford the third of six siblings. He attended Dinton School from 5-11 years of age then went on to Queens Park Boys School in Aylesbury until 14 years of age. He was a very good scholar at both schools. His working life started as an apprentice baker, later working with his dad as a plasterer. Having served 2 years National Service aged 18 he went back to being a baker at Dinton Bakery until they closed. He began working at St. Johns Hospital managing the stores for about 20 years. On retiring he continued to live in Upton with his sister Ida and Ron Simmonds and their family. After Ida died Fred went to live at Woodlands in Haddenham where he settled happy and contented joining in all their activities and made many friends.

Fred was a very sociable person played dominoes, crib and whist drives in Dinton for many years. He especially enjoyed going horse racing and was a familiar face at many race courses. He also enjoyed a good party and dancing.

Fred sadly passed away on 28th October after a short and sudden illness. He was a Dinton lad through and through and will be greatly missed by his large family and his many friends.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2014

The total for Stone, Dinton and Fairford Leys so far (with some money still to be banked) is over £2,300.00. This is a significant increase on last year's figure of £1,957.47. The community has been very generous again.

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the collection this year.

We still need more poppy sellers as some have retired so get in touch if you would like to help out.

David Pickup
Honorary Organiser

THE CALL TO ARMS

*Down in the trenches they must go,
A fearful place for all,
The cold and damp gets in their bones,
As they await the call.*

*The families they have left behind,
Their photos on the wall,
They treasure them within their hearts,
As they await the call.*

*Each look toward their fellow man,
As they stand straight and tall,
Their bodies tense, their faces grave,
As they await the call.*

*The whistle sounds, their fight begins,
And men around them fall,
In no mans land, they take their chance,
As they answer the call.*

*The pain it comes quite suddenly,
On blooded ground they crawl,
The battle cries, just fade away,
As they answer the call.*

*For some they live to fight again,
for everyone war is cruel,
And many mourn the ones they lost,
As they answered the call.*

*Remember those who died for us,
We thank them one and all,
The brave young men who gave their lives,
When they answered the call.*

AN INVITATION TO YOU ALL

AS WE MAKE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE –

Hold the date: help shape our new Covenant

Please mark **31st January 2015** in your diary for an Away Morning at Dinton School from 9.30am – 12.30pm, when we will start working together on the new Covenant for our new enlarged Benefice of Wychert Vale. There are lots of areas to cover including admin and organisational matters, communications, money matters, pastoral care, discipleship and home groups, children and young people's work, Sunday worship, community engagement and Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and engage with other Christian family members beyond Stone and Dinton. There will shortly be a booking form to reserve your free place. Please keep covering the whole process and those closely involved in it with prayer.

Juliet Gilliland (*United Benefice Development Facilitator*)



The coffee cup collection for October/November for Aylesbury Street Angels amounted to £132.00.

The December charity is Aylesbury Lighthouse.

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FINAL PLEA HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?



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Jean More

Valma Thompson

Sylvia Eaton.

January Gardening

January is the principle month for planning and buying seeds and plants, and to decide to correct any mistakes with varieties grown last year. Inspect all stored tubers, vegetables and any other plant material to ensure it is not going bad. Also be on the lookout for mice as there seem to be lots of them about. Still time to plant trees and shrubs, make sure the soil is in good condition and all plants and firmed in and trees well staked.

Complete fruit tree pruning unless it is too frosty. Rhubarb can be encouraged to fruit earlier, that is if you like rhubarb, by covering some crowns with buckets or tubs.

Growers of potatoes should put the seed potatoes into trays for sprouting and set them in a light, frost free place to grow strong shoots ready for planting out later.

Last January, I'm sure you remember was very, very wet. 5.7 inches in this area, against an average of just over two and a half inches, during the last 30 years, but of course it was a lot warmer. Hope it is dryer this year.

PS

STONE THURSDAY CLUB

Our next meeting for Over 60's will be on 8th January, 2.00 – 3.30pm which will be a Bring and Buy and Games afternoon. We do hope you will be able to join us, and bring your friends along too. New members are always welcome. We pay just £2 a month in 'subs' and end each meeting with tea and cakes. If you require transport, please ring Angela 748068.

STONE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Tuesday January 20 at 7.30pm
Stone Village Hall



FIRST LANDINGS – EARLY AIRCRAFT ON THE HALTON ESTATE

Francis Hanford

Francis is curator of the Trenchard Museum at RAF Halton. He will talk about the first use of aircraft on reconnaissance flights in 1913 and their landings at Halton. A teenage diarist in Hartwell recorded seeing some of these little aeroplanes as they passed over in 1913 – a first sighting!

Ring Joan on 748530 for further information

Praying for a new Bishop of Oxford

An invitation from the Bishop's Council - As a way of preparing to welcome the new Bishop of Oxford, the Diocese management teams will be looking at 'Luke 10: 1-12 each time they meet over the course of a year because it encourages the behaviours in the text: working closely together, trusting God's leading, developing our vocation and ordering our priorities. We would like to commend to you. Please join us on this journey of faith and trust as we await our new Bishop.

The Mission of the Seventy

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you. But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near. 'I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. **Luke 10:1-12 New Revised Standard Version**

A Prayer for the appointment of the new Bishop

Gracious Lord and shepherd of your pilgrim Church,
We bless you and praise you that you have gathered us,
from across this Diocese,
to be one flock, within one fold.

By your Spirit,
Give us wisdom, courage and faith
as we seek a faithful pastor who will
sustain us on the journey
feed us with word and sacrament
and nurture our 'Living Faith'
inspiring us to follow you ever more closely.

Parish of Stone, Dinton & Hartwell 2015



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Parish Care Team

Commencing this January, we are establishing a Parish Care Team. There will be someone covering all areas of the Parish, who can be contacted if you become aware of any needs such as sickness, or bereavement and needing a listening ear. The team are first point contacts, but they will be armed with lists of professional support groups who can be consulted if necessary. Above all, the aim is to keep the Ministry Team informed of any Pastoral concerns within the Parish.

The Team are as follows:

STONE:

Josie Brandon	748031
Chris Beattie	748354
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Avril Clark	747755

UPTON

Jean Moore	748063
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FORD

Janet Bownass	748255
Pat Horn	748297

DINTON

Valma Thompson	748561
Janet Morgan	748645

Please don't be afraid to contact a Team member in your village, and advise them if anyone new moves into the area so that we can welcome them and pass on a Parish News.

Peter Rich



January



February



March



April



December

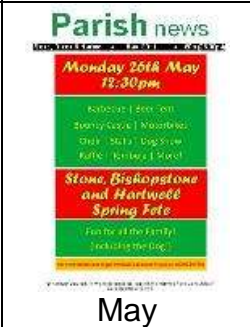
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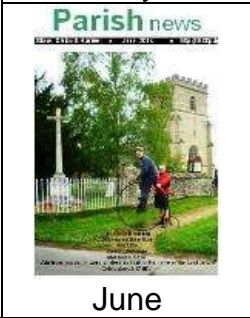
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To all our readers



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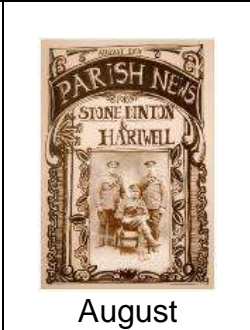
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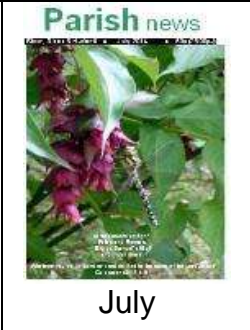
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July

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January 2015

Dear Friends,

“The cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. He is the one who holds the whole building together.” (Ephesians 2:20-21)

Recently during a Morning Service at Stone Church, we lost our power supply, so that we had to continue in semi-darkness and sing unaccompanied. We actually managed very well. The following day we hurriedly switched a Funeral Service from Stone to Dinton Church.

Very soon now, we anticipate that the main work of putting toilet, kitchen and meeting room facilities in Dinton Church will commence. This is very exciting news being the culmination of many years of hard endeavour and fund-raising. It will, however, necessitate the closing of Dinton Church for 2-3 months whilst the work is in progress, so all services will be transferred to Stone Church. Aren't we fortunate to have two useable Churches that belong to the Parish! Hopefully, later in the year, work will commence on the toilet and kitchen facilities at Stone, so the hospitality can be reciprocated! It is good that we, as custodians of these ancient treasures, are not only preserving them but seeking to improve their facilities for the benefit of future generations as well as ours.

Of course buildings are not the only, or even the most important heritage that God calls us to maintain and pass on to others. Surely it is our Christian faith that is supremely important, as this can transform people's lives. I know in our present climate, Christianity is taking a battering, more so than even the weather does to our buildings.

Our motto text for 2015, which will be sent to all members early in the New Year, reminds us of the sure foundations of our faith, upon which our lives alone, and in community, need to be built.

As we move forward into a year of change and uncertainty, our Learning Communities group encourage us all to work prayerfully together to make our vision statement a living reality:

**“TO BELONG, BELIEVE AND BUILD,
WITH CHRIST JESUS AS OUR CORNERSTONE”**

A very happy and joyful New Year to you all.



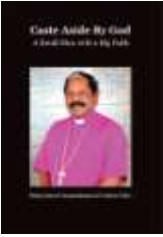
Priest in Charge

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January 2015

“CASTE ASIDE BY GOD” by Peter Rich



An inspirational account of Bishop Samuel Gnanaprasam's Ministry in South India.

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PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS:

8th December Sunday Prince Ekarika Akpabio OBE (known as Sunny)
St Peter & St Paul, Dinton

15th December Mary Hilda Vanbergen, St Peter & St Paul, Dinton

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into membership through Baptism

4th January Lucy Elizabeth Hird, St John the Baptist, Stone

MAVIS BURNS

You will be sorry to hear of the death of Mavis Burns early on 10th December, a long-time resident of Bishopstone. Although a member of St Mary's Aylesbury, she was a good friend and supporter of so much in this Parish and even drove to a home group at the Vicarage just 9 days before her death.

Stone Fete will be on Monday 25th May 2015

The next planning meeting will be

Wednesday 14th January at 7 pm

We have a vacancy for a PCC Treasurer

Our present Treasurer retires in April 2015 and we are now looking for a replacement. The work involves recording the receipts and payments for the Parochial Church Council, preparing simple quarterly reports and preparing annual accounts (December year-end). Previous accounting experience would be a significant advantage. If you are interested in this important position, and would like to learn more about the work, please contact Anne Seckington(748228)

Gift Aid Officer

The income tax that the PCC can reclaim from HM Customs and Revenue is an extremely valuable source of income for the church. We need someone to take over this important task, as soon as can conveniently be arranged. If you would like further information about this work, please contact Andrew Wild (748679).

PARISH NEWS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Parish News monthly magazine during the last year. In particular, we thank the contributors, sorters, advertisers, deliverers and all of you as readers. We could not do without you.

The annual subscription covers 12 editions and costs £6.00. It would be really helpful to us all if you could pay next year's money when you receive your January magazine, or as soon as possible afterwards, and do not wait to be reminded.

Please make cheques for £6.00, payable to:

Stone, Dinton and Hartwell P.C.C. and hand to your deliverer.

Stone Local History Group Programme of Meetings 2015

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday at Stone Village Hall at 7.30pm

Jan 20 FIRST LANDINGS - EARLY AIRCRAFT ON THE HALTON ESTATE -
Francis Hanford

Feb 17 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS ISSUES – Martin Hodson

Mar 17 200 YEARS OF CRICKET AT LORD'S – THE ICONIC HOME OF THE
MCC – Alistair Lack

April 21 THE ROTHSCHILDS AND THE VILLAGE OF HULCOTT –
Honor Lewington

May 19 STATE CEREMONIAL – Gerald Lesinski

June 16 THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO THE 200th ANNIVERSARY –

July 21 THE CZECH CONNECTION – Neil Rees

Sept 15 MEMBERS' EVENING

Oct 20 IN THE FAMILY WAY – ILLEGITIMACY FROM WWI TO THE
SWINGING SIXTIES – Jane Robinson

Nov 17 LONDON'S LORD MAYOR AND HIS SHOW – Colin Oakes

Dec 8 AGM and TINSELTOWN – Denis Kelly, followed by supper

There will be outings to the Cotswolds, Broughton Castle and Lord's
Cricket ground during the year

For further information or to join ring Joan on 01296 748538

Membership for 2015 £12/£17.50 a couple. Guests welcome £2

West Bucks Villages WEA Local courses for the New Year

At the Methodist Church, Eythrope Road, Stone:

Starting Thursday February 5, 2015 at 10.00am, six two hour and 15 minutes sessions

MUSIC, DANCE AND ADORNMENT IN RENAISSANCE ITALY with tutor Dawn Cumming

Two day schools at the Methodist Church, High Street, Haddenham

Friday March 13, 2015. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

GREAT HOUSES AND THE GREAT WAR with tutor Adam Smith

Friday April 17, 2015, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

THE ROMANS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE with tutor Jill Eyers

Due to family problems, Dalila Castelijn will be unable to give the course on Art and Patronage in the Royal Collection at Long Crendon next term, so it has sadly been cancelled. We hope to run it again in the future

For further information, availability and fees please contact:

For courses Carole Fryer, 01296 748538 carole.e.fryer@btinternet.com

For day schools Annette Ingleton on 01865 768289

Dinton Tower Project – The Flush Fund **THE LATEST!!**



The news is that, having received the Faculty to proceed – that's the Church Planning permission, work should start in January though at time of going to press we don't have the exact date.

The Fund is still open and donations or sponsorship of fittings are most welcome for the successful completion of this Project.

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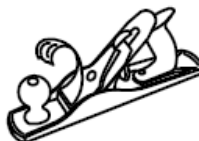
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During this month's services
the following will be remembered in prayer:
5th - Bishopstone Road; 12th – Bittenham Close;
19th – Chesterfield Close; and 26th – Chiltern Avenue
We welcome your prayer requests – anonymous if you wish –
please just leave a note in the Chapel post box

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Sundays **19th** and **26th** mark the

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

so all Christians in the Parish –
of whatever denomination -

are invited to join together in worship on the

18th at 11 a.m at the Chapel for

COVENANT SERVICE and HOLY COMMUNION

with Revd. David Jenkins and Revd. Peter Rich

The **Covenant Service** has been described as
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in it we remember God's promises to us
and renew ours to Him – a joint 'covenant'
Everyone is very welcome to come and join in
this very special Service
and to stay afterwards for coffee

**FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP
NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

Meeting in the Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road

Brighten those dark January days -
come along on **January 28th at 2.30 p.m.**



*A quick look back at what we did in 2013
and what is planned for this New Year.*

*Enjoy singing some well loved hymns, bring along
prayers and readings that have touched, amused
or entertained you to share with everyone in
an afternoon of friendship and fun*

Enjoy tea and chat and the Bring & Buy Stall

Make it your New Year's Resolution –
come along each **fourth Tuesday**,
you will be warmly welcomed



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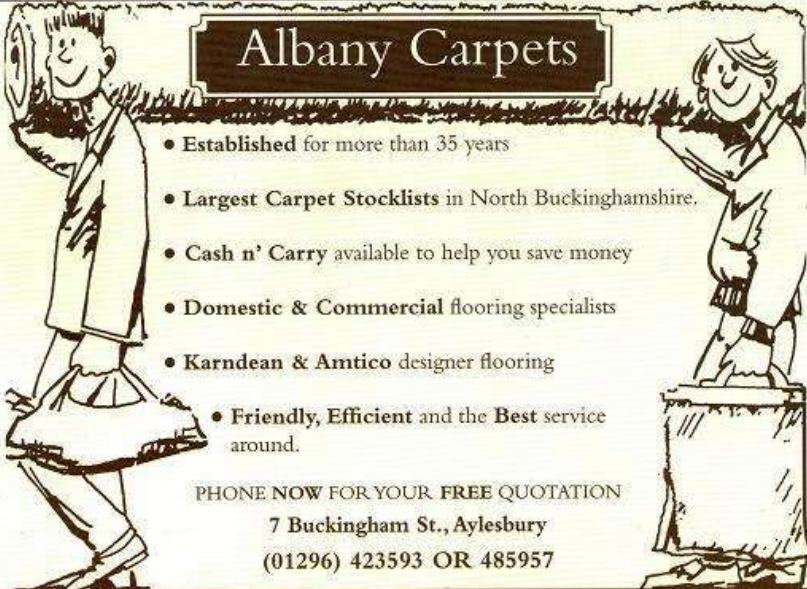
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