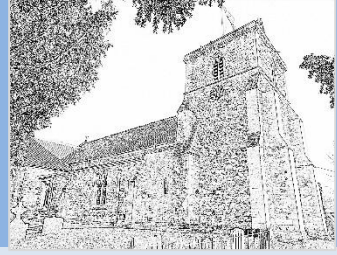


# Parish Church & Community News



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Parishes within the Benefice of Wychert Vale



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## Editorial

*Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"*

*John 20:24-26*

Seeing is believing and Easter is about faith and a journey. That journey accompanies Jesus from a village called Bethany where he raised Lazarus from the dead, then Jesus' entry to Jerusalem, followed by his betrayal and arrest. There were then a number of fake trials and interrogations, a bungled investigation and the judicial murder. The different political groups and religious leadership were brought together over their hatred of the man Jesus. They thought death would be the end of it. His disciples were scattered and leaderless.

Then rumours circulated of Jesus being seen alive. The women followers had found his borrowed tomb to be empty. The story, or that part of it, ends with an evening walk to a village called Emmaus where he was identified as the risen Lord.

At each scene in this journey, we are like bystanders, asked what we believe is going on. Throughout Lent we have been studying key moments in life of St Peter, how he repeatedly failed and made mistakes. We can sympathise with him and Saint Thomas, doubting Thomas. Saint Thomas had been absent and had heard these rumours of life. He boldly refused to accept them unless he saw for himself.

The challenge for us is to believe the story. We are invited to join him on that journey of change and rumours of life turning into the evidence of our own experience.

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## Parish Services and Calendar

April 2023	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 2 April Palm Sunday	10.30am All Age Worship with Palms and Choir	9.00am** Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Friday 7 April Good Friday	10.00am Walk of Witness from Stone School 10.30am Easter Garden Service	2.00pm Good Friday service with Meditation on the Cross		
Sunday 9 April Easter Day	10.30am Family Communion with choir	10.00am** Holy Communion 6.00pm Sung Evensong	11.00am Worship	11.00am Easter Day Service
Sunday 16 April Easter 2	9.00am Mattins  10.30am Family Worship		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 23 April Easter 3	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 30 April Easter 4	11.00am United service of Holy Communion			

\*\* Please note change of service time at SPP,Dinton – until further notice. Changes/more details can be found on the churches' noticeboards and the website.

See page 18 for Easter services across the whole Wychert Vale Benefice churches

*Parish News is a community magazine for the residents of **Stone, Dinton, Ford, Upton, Bishopstone, Hartwell and Aston Sandford**. We welcome news, announcements by societies and clubs, and articles on local and other issues. We do not charge for charities or personal notices such as weddings, baptisms or acknowledgments and welcome advertising by local businesses.*

## April fool

*The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.*

*Psalm 14:1*

King David sounds a bit over critical in this psalm but the word "fool" probably means an evil person.

No-one knows how April Fools Day started but the annual celebration, set aside for pranks and jokes may have begun in ancient times. The Romans liked a good joke and the idea of turning the natural order of things upside down was good fun. Perhaps it also had some connection with the New Year which was celebrated in Spring in the Middle Ages.

Usually the butt of a joke was a young apprentice or servant. Sometimes people were sent on a "fool's errand" to get pigeon's milk, hen's teeth or a glass hammer. In the north of England a fool was called an "April Gowk". A local trick was when a young employee's colleagues changed his clocks an hour forward and he turned up an hour early for work.

There have some good ones over the years including the famous spaghetti harvest in a Panorama television programme and when the Guardian newspaper had a feature on San Serif Island. It is always difficult to tell which stories in newspapers are serious or not as the genuine news is hard to believe. A really good April Fool seems to be dying out. Perhaps we live in a more serious world. A really good April fool has to be clever, not mean spirited, and just about believable.

I am delighted that this year if you have a good suggestion for an April Fool you can apply for a grant to develop the idea. Special April Fool Information Offices have been set up across the country. Look out for these and take your idea to one of these and they will consider if it merits developing. Remember a silly idea is not just for April but all the year round. The office closes at 12 noon.



# Letter from Aston Sandford

## Medieval Easter

Having in the last few months looked at Medieval Church celebrations of Harvest, Christmas and Candlemas, it is time to look at Medieval Easter Day. Once again I am indebted to Nicholas Orme's *Going to Church in Medieval England* (Yale, 2021) for much of what follows.

On Easter Day in parish churches matins was held early in the morning or even at dawn (at night in cathedrals and monasteries). Before the service a new Paschal candle, a white one sometimes called the Easter candle, was blessed and lit; it was used throughout Easter week and every Sunday and festival days until Ascension Day. During the preceding Lent period the altar had been 'veiled' - a large curtain, the Lenten veil, was hung across the chancel thus obliterating the altar from view for Lent. Any side altars remained visible. But all crosses and images were also covered with veils. After the lighting of candles the clergy processed to the high altar and ceremoniously removed all the veils. It was only then that the bells were rung for matins.



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From 1215 all parishioners 'over the age of discretion' (Orme suggests this was the age of puberty) were required to take communion (or 'house' as it was called) on Easter Day and were expected to have attended confession. Failure to do so brought the threat of exclusion from church and from Christian burial. However all public sinners, such as prostitutes, and anyone excommunicated, were excluded from taking communion. No food or even sexual activity was to have been taken or indulged in before taking the sacrament.

These requirements must have brought practical problems. As Orme points out, in a small parish (like Aston Sandford) a church could cope with the number of what he calls 'the houseling people' but what happened in larger conurbations? The answer seems to have been to have permission to hold two masses, one at night and one in the morning. Orme suggests that one benefit of that arrangement was that servants did not have to attend at the same time as their employers.

The giving of communion in medieval times could possibly justify an article in its own right, but it is worth noting that the congregation probably went up to receive communion in order of rank, and maybe men first in each 'category'.

Easter of course brings an end to the penitentiary period of Lent. In those days people had abstained from meat and dairy products for the whole period and had fasted before attendance at mass. So the matins service was seen as an end of food restrictions, to the extent that the congregation took meat, cheese, milk or eggs to church with them so that, after communion, the food could be blessed and sprinkled with Holy Water.

There was even an assumption that on Easter Day only food blessed in that way should be eaten. The food blessing was supposed to happen after mass, and not at the altar; it was considered highly inappropriate if the food blessing was given at same time as the mass was distributed, but it did happen. Worse still, as can be imagined it was not uncommon for attendees, after they have taken communion, to start eating in church the food (and indeed drink) they had brought with them. Orders forbidding the consumption of food and drink in church were however hard to enforce.

Fortunately there is little danger of any of such transgressions in churches these days – other than over-consumption of certain chocolate eggs! Aston Sandford's Easter Service will be at 11 00am on Easter Day. We will not be holding our usual monthly service on the following Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Happy Easter.

**Marilynne A Morgan, Treasurer, Aston Sandford**

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## **Electoral Roll**

The electoral roll contains the names and addresses of everyone who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Once again it is the time of year for the revision of the church Electoral Roll. If you would like to apply to be included on the church Electoral Roll, and you meet the criteria, which you will find on the church website as well as on the Electoral Roll notice displayed in the church porch, please telephone for an application form. If you are already on the Roll and would like your name taken off, or for any further information please telephone the number below or speak with one of our church wardens. The deadline for receiving completed application forms is 25th April 2023.

Dee James 01296 747671 or 07773 270023

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**Thank you  
David Pickup  
Editor**



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## **SOMETHING NEW IS COMING TO STONE!**

### **Do you want to:**

- **Be in at the start**
- **One of the first**
- **A trendsetter**
- **Just interested**
- **Enjoy a Coffee and a Chat**
- **Sit and Knit and Natter or do something different?**

**IF SO THEN COME TO  
SOCIAALLY CRAFTY  
MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
10.30am - 12.30**

**in St John the Baptist Church, Stone**

**We hope to run this on the 3rd Monday of each month (excepting Bank Holidays) and can evolve as the need arises.**

*Don't be shy come along and try*

### ***Everyone is welcome***

- **Make friends**
- **Drink Coffee**
- **Eat Cake**
- **Do Crafts if you wish**

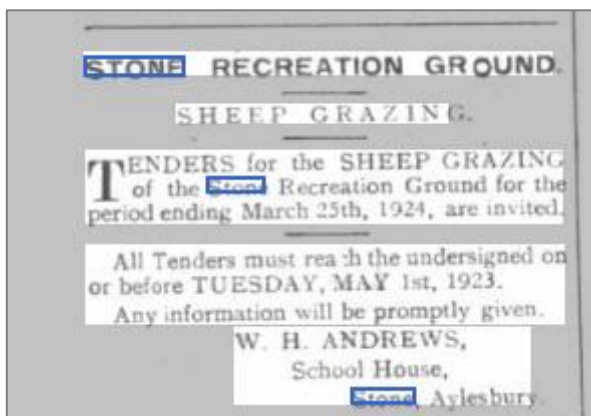
## One hundred years ago April 1923.

A new vicar has a dreadful introduction, the poor are still with us and sheep may safely graze in Stone.

### Inducted

Rev. V. L. Whitechurch was instituted and inducted into the living of Stone and Hartwell on Thursday night, in the presence of a large congregation in Stone Parish Church. The Bishop of Buckingham performed the ceremony, and the presentation was made by Miss Lee in the name of the trustees of Hartwell Estate - Mrs. Philip Lee, Messrs J. W. and E. H Freshfields.

Others who took part in the service were: J. W. Todd and K. L. Woodford (churchwardens, Stone) and T. Carter churchwarden, Hartwell. Revs. E. Snow, of Aylesbury (who acted Bishop's chaplain), E. C. (Dinton). G. Bruce-Rhind (Haddenham), Percy Taylor (Cuddington), L. K. Morton (Walton). W. H. Harper (Monks Risborough), and T. Humphreys (Aylesbury). After the ceremony the Bishop, addressing the congregation, said he rejoiced to think that the people in Hartwell and Stone had had placed in their midst one who came not as an untried priest God, not as an immature and inexperienced minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, but rather one who necessity had a wonderful knowledge of human nature for the reason that had ministered to the souls of men not only in the large town of Aylesbury, but also in the a country parish of Blewbury in Berkshire, and who had also much other experience. Speaking the future the Bishop appealed the people to support and co-operate with the new incumbent, and not start in the spirit of criticism. We are not all alike." He said. " and he may be found perhaps to be somewhat different from those who have gone before. I ask you to receive him in the spirit of love and confidence; I ask you for co-operation."



### **DINTON. Parish Council**

The annual meeting of took place on April 17<sup>th</sup> 1923. There were present: Mr. F. A. Roads. Lt.-Col. Hay. Messrs T. Saunders, P. B. Dickens, and W. F. Beechey (Clerk). Mr. F. A. Roads was unanimously re-elected as chairman, and Mr. T. Saunders vice chairman. Messrs. F. A. Roads and A. Ludlow' were re-appointed overseers [of the poor] for the ensuing year.

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### *The Chapel with heart, at the heart of the village*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY @ 11 a.m.

Village friends continue to be prayed for week by week.  
During April and following an alphabetical list of village streets we will pray for the families of:

Sedrup, St John's Drive, Stonecroft, The Glebe and The Spiert

Please leave any prayer requests in the letter box on the Chapel porch,  
anonymous if you prefer.

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As I write, snowflakes are drifting past the window and the Gas Board has sent me an email on how to deal with frozen pipes! I hope the weather prospects are brighter when you read it! We will be celebrating the great feast of EASTER in the middle of this month, Easter cards full of sunshine and spring flowers will be sent and received, it is a festival of joy and light.

Yet the account of the first Easter morning [John's Gospel, 20, 1 – 3] begins in darkness:

***“Early on the first day of the week,  
while it was still dark,  
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb.”***

Contrasting with our celebration of a bright Easter morning – all those daffodils and sunshine – the story of Jesus' resurrection begins in the dark. His friends are grieving, confused and afraid; they fear the body of their friend has been stolen, his grave desecrated. With all they had witnessed of Jesus – his love in action – perhaps there was a spark of hope as they saw the empty tomb, but it seems to have been quickly snuffed out.

We can be so worn down by bad news that the most difficult thing to believe is good news; it's hard to hope when it is still dark. Like the disciples, we can become disorientated by relentless darkness in the news and in our lives; we begin to draw the worst possible conclusions from every situation.

But with Jesus, even while it is still dark, it is safe to assume the best. The greatest moment in history took place in the dark. **He is risen indeed! ALLELUIA !**

COME AND JOIN THE CHAPEL CELEBRATION !  
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ALSO WELCOME TO THE UNITED HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE ON THE  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF APRIL – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Always a special occasion when our congregations meet to worship together

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**WELCOME TO  
FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP  
MEETING monthly at METHODIST CHAPEL  
each fourth Tuesday**



**COME AND CELEBRATE THE  
73<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE FELLOWSHIP  
25<sup>th</sup> APRIL @ 2.30 p.m.**

Yes, the Fellowship began in 1950  
with the aim of meeting to make friends,  
enjoy hymn singing and Bible stories  
and pray together,  
not forgetting enjoying  
sandwiches, tea and cake !

*And that's still the same aim today, so come along to....*

**MEET  
FRIENDS**



**MAKE  
FRIENDS**

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IN THE PARK



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**1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

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**For the whole community to meet friends, make new friends or just  
come and enjoy the Park while having a cuppa.**

## Dinton Parish Community Event : Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May



### **Coronation Treasure Hunt**

In celebration of the Coronation, the Dinton Parish Community Events Team are organising a Treasure Hunt on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May that will start at Dinton Village Hall from 2pm with competitors solving clues that lead them through our Parish History over the last 374 years. We want to make the event appealing to young and old and encourage families and groups of friends to form teams and engage in friendly competition. The Treasure Hunt will culminate in the Seven Stars pub garden where a BBQ will take place with appropriate drinks available to toast King Charles III. There will be a prize for the best Historic Team.

It will help the organisers if you can indicate your intention to attend, the likely numbers in your team and if you intend taking advantage of the BBQ.

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### Do you have any memories of the last Coronation in 1953?

For the Coronation issue of the Parish Magazine, we'd love to include any stories, memories, or photographs anyone has of the day.

Please contact the Editor, David Pickup, if you can contribute: Tel: 01296 748170 or email [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)



## Interesting people in Stone, no 3, the literary Longfords at Peverel Court and Stairways, 1930s



On December 29, 1929, the Dowager Lady Longford, widowed at Gallipoli, bought the Peverel Court Estate (now Bartletts) from the Lees, including the two servants' cottages opposite (now Stairways). Severely crippled with arthritis, she moved from Aston Hall, Oxfordshire, with her two daughters, Violet and Julia, who were being presented in London. Pathways were

made round the grounds for her to drive her baby Austin. Her son Frank Packenham, later 7th Earl, socialist and unpopular supporter of difficult causes, married Elizabeth Harman in 1931 and they moved into Stairways, where they entertained numerous intellectual and political friends, from Hugh Gaitskell to John Betjeman and many Oxford friends, who often called in to the Spread Eagle in Thame on the way, despite the risk of eviction by irascible landlord John Fothergill. Frank and Elizabeth's first two children, Antonia and Thomas, were christened at Hartwell church, Thomas the last baby baptized before the decaying church was closed (below).



When not in London enjoying the Season, the young Longfords and Pakenhams enjoyed frequent hunting, playing golf in Waddesdon Park (by kind permission of Mrs James de Rothschild), and swimming in the muddy river at Eythrope. At home they sat round the fire stitching delicate underwear and gossiping, and on Sundays hurried over to Hartwell Church in time for the very sparsely attended early service.

Lady Longford died in 1933 but the houses were unsold until the late 1930s, when Stairways was bought by retired missionary and methodist minister George Woodford and Peverel itself to the Royal London Mutual Assurance Company, then after the war to the Regional Hospital Board.

The Longfords and their spouses were and still are an amazing literary family, starting with the Dowager Lady Longford's memoirs – "The Pebbled Shore" - and those of daughter Violet (married to writer Anthony Powell). These books all include descriptions of living at Peverel.



Out of Frank and Elizabeth's family of eight, five were writers. Elizabeth herself produced 14 historical biographies. Their first son, (the baby in the christening photo above) historian Thomas, now the 8<sup>th</sup> Lord Longford, wrote books on of the Victorians, the Boer war – and trees; second child Antonia (Fraser) was a historian, biographer and novelist (later married to playwright Harold Pinter). Rachel (Billington) was a novelist, Judith (Kazantzis), a poet and activist. Journalist Catherine died in a road accident in 1969.

A rich literary tradition, begun 90 years ago at Peverel Court!

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## **STONE THURSDAY CLUB** meeting in the Methodist Chapel on the **SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**at 2 p.m.**

is for the over-60s – especially those who live alone  
or find it difficult to get about

FOR TRANSPORT PLEASE CONTACT DEE JAMES : 01296 747671

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NO, SORRY, THIS IS **NOT** WHAT WE'LL BE DOING  
ON

**THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Instead, Jean will be encouraging us to  
stretch a little a our leg, arm and hand muscles in  
some gentle chair exercises

Afterwards there will be the usual sandwiches, tea  
and cake to build up our strength!

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## Easter Services – Wychert Benefice

### **Maundy Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Haddenham, St Mary's

10.30 Holy Communion

Kingsey, St Nicholas

19.30 Maundy Thursday Benefice Service

### **Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Cuddington, St Nicholas

14.00 Hour by the Cross

Dinton, St Paul and St Peter Church

14.00 Good Friday Service and Meditation  
on the Cross

Haddenham, St Mary's

10.00 Good Friday Service and walk of  
witness

Stone, St John the Baptist

10.00 Walk of Witness starting at Stone  
School

10.30 Easter Garden All Age Service

### **[ Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Aston Sandford, St Michael & All Angels

11.00 Holy Communion

Cuddington, St Nicholas

10.00 Easter Holy Communion

Dinton, St Peter & St Paul Church

10.00 Easter Holy Communion

18.00 Sung Evensong

Kingsey, St Nicholas

11.00 Easter Holy Communion

Haddenham, St Mary's

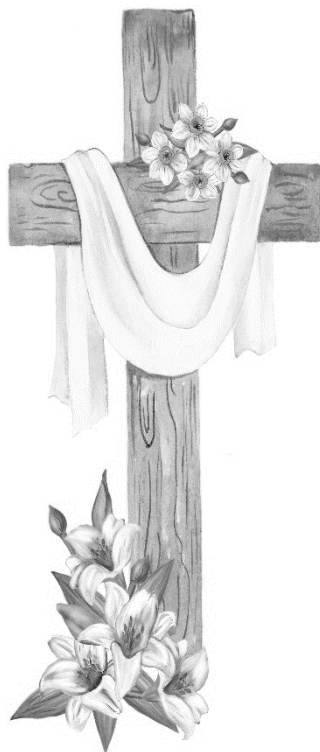
06.30 Sunrise service (in Haddenham Baptist churchyard)

09.00 Easter Holy Communion

10.30 All age Easter Communion

Stone, St John the Baptist

10.30 Easter Sunday Family Communion



# STONE WITH BISHOPSTONE AND HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Your Council, Your Services, Your Parish



## Annual Parish Meeting

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** commencing at 7.30pm at the Jubilee Pavilion in Stone. Come along to find out what your Parish Council have been up to over the last year and what plans are in place for the next year.

Guest Speaker – Mark Bale from Crash-2000.com who will present ‘How to search safely on the Internet’.

This is your chance to chat with your Parish Council and share some light refreshments afterwards.

## Parish Councillor Vacancies

- Make a difference to your village and get involved with your community.
- Have a say about local issues that you care about.
- Influence the way local services are provided.
- Decide how local money is spent to improve your community.

We are looking for local people who can spare a few hours each month to join the Parish Council. No previous experience is required. If you would like to hear more about becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk for an informal, no obligation chat. Email [clerk@sbhpc.org](mailto:clerk@sbhpc.org).



## **WILDFLOWER QUIZ – Just for fun, answers in next month's issue**

The answers are all wildflowers or might be found in a hedgerow.

1. Members of the Upper House?
2. To make fun of an 'L'?
3. A sad flower that chimes?
4. The tooth of a lion (in French?).
5. Favourite flower of Disraeli?
6. Just don't irritate me!
7. Exiled jumping blood-suckers?
8. A wise person?
9. Always remember me.
10. One of the twins in 'Twelfth Night'.
11. An amphibian with the raw material of linen.
12. Not a fast sour fruit?
13. Churned milk in a mug?
14. A bovine misses it's footing?
15. Part of a spinning wheel.
16. Golden toy for a baby?
17. Using resources carefully and not wastefully.
18. Lucky if you find a four-leaf one?
19. A rather tatty Christmas bird?
20. A smaller amount of illness?
21. The indefinite continued progress of existence.
22. Ah-tish-oo! Bless you!

## Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council Meetings

Meetings scheduled to start at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified differently on the agenda:

11 <sup>th</sup> April - Annual Meeting of the Parish (Council's Annual Report)	12 <sup>th</sup> September
9 <sup>th</sup> May - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council	10 <sup>th</sup> October
13 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> November
11 <sup>th</sup> July	12 <sup>th</sup> December

A Food Bank Collection point has been set up at the Seven Stars in Dinton. The box is situated under the tall table on the patio adjacent to the entrance to the pub. All foodstuff will be collected by the Bernwode bus on the first Saturday of each month and delivered to the Aylesbury Vineyard Church foodbank.



## Dinton Playground Plaques

If you would like to mark the birth or other event of your children or grandchildren, you can purchase a plaque to be installed in the Children's Playground in Dinton Parish Field. Please telephone Nick Cottman on 07762 159530 for the price of the plaques or email [nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com](mailto:nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com)

## Appeals:

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<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/helping-hand-for-ukraine/making-a-donation-pledge-support/>

### Turkey/Syria Earthquake

Following the devastating earthquakes in southern Italy and north-west Syria, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected and their families and friends, and to all the rescuers and medical staff. The UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched an appeal to help those affected. The Bucks County Council weblink below provides details on helping:

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<b>APRIL 2023</b>	
1	Saturday Café In the Park, Stone (see page 14)
2	A Musical Gallimaufry at Dinton Church, 7.30pm, see page 24 Church Services (see page 4)
3	
4	Café in the Park, Stone (see page 14) Screening of "Fishermans Friends One and All" 7.30pm. See <a href="http://www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk">www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk</a> for details
5	Simply Walk (see page 8)
6	Maundy Thursday church services - see page 18
7	Good Friday church services - see pages 4 and 18
8	Pot plant sale 10am-1pm Haddenham Library
9	Easter Church Services (see page 4 and 18)
10	
11	Café in the Park, Stone (see page 14)
12	Simply Walk (see page 8)
13	Stone Thursday club at 2pm (see page 17) Screening of "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" Village Picture House, Cuddington 7.30pm <a href="http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com">www.cuddingtonvillage.com</a>
14	
15	St John the Baptist, Stone - Graveyard Gardening 10am to 1.00pm
16	Church Services (see page 4)
17	Socially Crafty at St John the Baptist Church, Stone (see page 10)
18	Café in the Park, Stone (see page 14)
19	Simply Walk (see page 8)
20	7.00pm National Theatre Live 'Good' (see <a href="http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com">www.cuddingtonvillage.com</a> )
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23	Church Services (see page 4) Haddenham Library World Book Night 7-9pm <a href="http://www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk">www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk</a>
24	
25	Café in the Park, Stone (see page 14) 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Fellowship Meeting (see page 13)
26	Simply Walk (see page 8)
27	Screening of "Empire of Light" Village Picture House, Cuddington 8pm <a href="http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com">www.cuddingtonvillage.com</a>
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29	
30	Church Services (see page 4)



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