

# Parish Church & Community News



Stone | Dinton | Ford | Upton | Hartwell | Bishopstone | Aston Sandford  
Parishes within the Benefice of Wychert Vale



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## Editorial -

*Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.*

*Luke 18:31*

Easter is the last stage in a journey which includes Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphal entry into Jerusalem when the crowd cheered him as a king, then Maundy Thursday when Jesus shared a meal with his friends before they deserted him. He faced several trials and interrogation then on Good Friday when he died.

Easter Sunday which is the main celebration of Easter, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus and the triumph of life over death. My favourite story is the two disciples of Jesus who left the city to go to a village on the Sunday evening. A stranger met them and they discussed what the scriptures said about these things. They then realised who was their travelling companion.

*As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them...They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”*

Luke 24



Jesus is with us on our life journey.

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### PRINT DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING ISSUES:

If you have articles, adverts, community events, ideas for the magazine, please note print deadline dates as follows:

**May issue** : deadline for receipt of copy is Friday 12 April



## Parish Services and Calendar

<b>April 2025</b>	<b>St John the Baptist Stone</b>	<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul Dinton*</b>	<b>Stone Methodist Chapel</b>	<b>St Michael &amp; All Angels Aston Sandford</b>
<b>Sunday 6 April</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Holy Communion with Explorers	09.00 Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
<b>Wednesday 9 April</b>	7.00pm Holy Communion			
<b>Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday</b>	10.30am Palm Sunday Service	6.00pm Choral Evensong	11.00am Worship	
<b>Good Friday 18 April</b>	10.00am Walk of Witness from Stone School 10.30 All Age Service with Easter Garden	2.00pm Good Friday Service with hymns and prayers		
<b>Easter Sunday 20 April</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Easter Family Communion	10.00am Easter Communion and Easter Egg Hunt	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Communion Service
<b>Sunday 27 April</b>	10.30am Morning Worship with Explorers	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 4 May</b>	10.30am Morning Worship	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	

Changes/more details can be found in the churches' noticeboards and the website

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## Easter traditions

There are many traditions associated with Easter which is a time of celebration after the drama and seriousness of Holy Week.

These traditions include processions, Mystery plays, vigils, holy bonfires and even fireworks.

Egg decorating and egg hunts are popular. I remember we used to have eggs for breakfast that had been boiled with cooking dyes, when I was young.

Another tradition is making an Easter garden, either at church or at home. All you need is a bowl, earth, stones and flowers to represent the empty tomb. You can make the three crosses out of wooden stirrers or lolly sticks and it needs a path to the tomb.

These traditions are all ways of getting people involved by telling the story.



## Spring Gardening

April can be a busy time in the garden with the warmer weather and everything growing, weeds included. Time to pot on those seedlings that germinated in March. I have some promising Dinton Black Tomato plants doing nicely. Do not be in too much of a hurry to plant outdoors as we can get frosts well into May.

Those indoor hyacinths and daffs can be planted outdoors. They may come up next year. I always struggle to find space for bulbs in the Autumn but come Spring I wondered why I did not have more. My displays never look as good as those in *Gardener's World*.

I have had good results from growing squash and pumpkins in recent years. They are easy to grow in small gardens. For some reason I never do well with courgettes. This year I am trying the cucamelon, also called the Mexican miniature watermelon, Mexican sour cucumber, Mexican sour gherkin, mouse melon. I presume they come from Mexico! The only problem is the seed packet says "stand in the garden for a few days" before planting them. I love my garden but not sure I am up to staying there for days.

Anyway happy gardening.

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**SOCIALLY CRAFTY MEETS**  
**EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH**

**(excepting Bank Holidays)**

**10.30am - 12.30 in St John the Baptist Church, Stone**

**COME ALONG AND:**

- **Make friends**
- **Drink Coffee**
- **Eat Cake**
- **Do Crafts if you want**
- **Learn something new**
- **Share your talents**



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

There is no commitment to come every month - just come when you can and join in.

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**Cuddington Sunshine Club**



Open to Senior Citizens in Cuddington and surrounding villages. Activities include monthly Tea and Card Games in Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse, bi-monthly Matinee Cinema in the Bernard Hall, Coach outings, a Summer Garden Party at Tyringham Hall and a Christmas party in the Bernard Hall.

Next events:

Monday 7 April 2.00pm: Tea & card games in Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse  
Friday 25 April at 2.30pm :Outing to Speen Home of Rest for Retired Horses.  
Enquiries to Angela 01844 291932

All Welcome

For more information telephone Angela 01844 291932  
or email [apdwenham@gmail.com](mailto:apdwenham@gmail.com)

## **STONE THURSDAY CLUB**

Meeting in the Methodist Chapel on the second Thursday of each month  
is for the over-60s – especially those who live alone  
or find it difficult to get about – if this is *YOU* do come along  
Contact Dee James [747671] for transport

Subs are just £3.00 per meeting

**Come along on THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April  
and release your inner CRAFTPERSON!**

**With lots of crafty goodies to choose from, it's an opportunity  
to let your imagination run riot – design and make a  
CARD WITH AN EASTER THEME**



There may be prizes, and there will certainly be  
tea and cakes

### **Easter Planted Willow Wreath Workshop**

Thursday 10 April in Bishopstone Village Hall  
7.30-9.30pm

Learn how to make a wreath for your Easter table or door, using lots of  
Spring flowering plants, foliage, feathers, eggs.

For further details visit [www.bishopstoneblooms.co.uk](http://www.bishopstoneblooms.co.uk)  
or email [deborah@bishopstoneblooms.co.uk](mailto:deborah@bishopstoneblooms.co.uk)

## Letter from Aston Sandford

### Mrs Mary Ellis

We were saddened to learn of the death on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February of one of the oldest members of our congregation, Mary Ellis, aged 96. Mary had been attending Aston Sandford church for at least 45 years and had always taken an active part of the life of the church. Her funeral and interment at Aston Sandford church yard (where her husband and son are buried) was conducted by Revd. Nigel Featherston on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### More publicity for Revd. Thomas Scott

About a year ago the church was visited by the editor of a magazine called Peace and Truth. Earlier this year Nick, as church warden, was surprised to receive the latest two editions containing a lengthy two part article by the editor on the life of the Revd Thomas Scott. The author was complimentary about our church and the welcome he had received. Alas there were a number of errors in his description of our church which have now been drawn to his attention. Unfortunately, he may not have seen the numerous articles on Scott or our church which I have written for this parish magazine.

### Easter Service

Our Easter Communion service will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am and afterwards as usual there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children in the grounds of The Manor.

Happy Easter to all our readers,

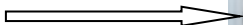
**Marilynne A Morgan, Treasurer, Aston Sandford**

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Jubilee Pavilion	<a href="http://www.jubileepavilion.co.uk">http://www.jubileepavilion.co.uk</a>
Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council	<a href="https://www.dinton.org/">https://www.dinton.org/</a>
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Wychert Vale Benefice Website	<a href="https://www.wychertvale.org/">https://www.wychertvale.org/</a>
Oxford Diocese (The Church of England serving the people of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire)	<a href="https://www.oxford.anglican.org/">https://www.oxford.anglican.org/</a>
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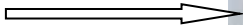
## How much milk do you take in tea or coffee?

The Advisory Panel Responsibility in Living Forum on open Life has issued guidance on how to order hot beverages. This guidance is designed to avoid embarrassment when you want a nice drink but not too much nor too little milk. Please use these approved terms.

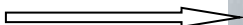
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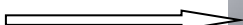
Bit more than a dash but not a lot



Just a touch



Just a splash



## **A reminder that magazine subscriptions are due for 2025**

**\*\*\*\*\*Please note revised instructions for BACS Payments\*\*\*\*\***

We hope that you enjoy the magazine and will wish to continue this year. Due to rising print costs we have taken the difficult decision to increase the annual subscription to £10 per annum. This covers 12 issues January to December and represents good value at less than £1 per issue, delivered to your door. (The cost to non-subscribers for individual monthly copies is £1 per month.)

You can make your payment via the following methods:

1. Pay by bank transfer to:  
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Sort code: 20 03 18  
Acc: 60823872

**If paying by bank transfer please include a reference to your address only when making payment eg 12HighStDinton' as this will enable us to reconcile the payment with a delivery address. No other details are required in the reference.**

Or

2. By cheque payable to :  
'Stone, Dinton & Hartwell PCC'  
If paying by cheque please return payment to your distributor or send to David Pickup at 12 Roundhill Stone HP17 8RD  
(Please include a note of your name and address with cheques so we can reconcile payments made.)

Please let me know of anyone else who would like to take the magazine:

Name.....

Address.....

Email/telephone (optional).....

**Thank you, David Pickup. Editor**



Remember a loved one this spring with a Precious Pink Peony, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has partnered with the magnificent Waddesdon Manor to launch a very special Forever Flowers event to celebrate and remember loved ones this spring. A stunning, temporary display of 1,200 bespoke metal pink peonies will be installed in the Rose Garden at Waddesdon Manor, near Aylesbury in April. Each flower will represent the life, love and memories of a loved one.

The Charity is offering you the opportunity to be a part of this event by dedicating one of these limited Precious Pink Peonies, and an invitation to a private viewing of the display on Monday 28th April whilst the grounds are closed to the public. The installation will then remain on display to the public for three weeks. Once the installation is removed, those who have dedicated a flower will be able to take it home to display as a forever keepsake. By dedicating a Precious Pink Peony, you will help us to provide compassionate local hospice care and be there for more patients and families across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

To dedicate a Precious Pink Peony visit the website <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/foreverflowers> or call 01296 429975 for more information. For more information visit [www.fnhospice.org.uk](http://www.fnhospice.org.uk)

Haddenham Community Support Group

# TURBULENCE at the Tea Party

An Alice in Wonderland MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

**Saturday 12th April 7.30pm for 8.00pm**

**HADDENHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Banks Park, Banks Road, Haddenham HP17 8EE

**Tickets £20** includes a complimentary drink and cakes

Bring your own supper and drinks and enjoy the evening with a group of friends.

Download Ticket Order Form from our Facebook page or phone 07786385807



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[fnhospice.org.uk](http://fnhospice.org.uk)

[fnhcsj@gmail.com](mailto:fnhcsj@gmail.com)

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# Little Wrigglers

At the  
Jubilee Pavilion  
Stone HP17 8PD



**For 0-5yrs and their adults**  
**Every Thursday** (term-time only)  
**From 9.00am-10.30am**

- free play
- Bible story
- snacks
- singing and more!

Suggested donation – £2 per family.  
No need to book – just turn up!

Children remain the responsibility of their adult at all times.



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## Simply Walk in Stone, Haddenham & Dinton

Come suited & booted for whatever the weather  
To **Simply Walk** for an hour or so in the countryside  
Just come to our walks throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road – **STONE**

Wednesday: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**

Wednesday: 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**

Wednesday: 9<sup>th</sup> April

We meet in the morning for 10.30

It's friendly, fun and **free**

Spring cleaning? Time for that a plenty

After walks with us and a coffee or tea!



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Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812.

✂ -----Cut Out & Keep-----

<b>STONE, HADDENHAM &amp; DINTON SIMPLY WALK DATES 2025</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>STONE</b>	<b>HADDENHAM</b>	<b>DINTON</b>
April	2 <sup>nd</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
May	14 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
June	11 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
July	9 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>
August	6 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
September	3 <sup>rd</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
October	1 <sup>st</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
November	12 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
December	10 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>

## Stations of the Cross



The Stations of the Cross have formed part of Christian devotion for many centuries. They are called "stations" because the word refers to the places where pilgrims would stop and pause for prayer along the route Jesus took to his crucifixion in Jerusalem. At the earliest times, visitors to Jerusalem would walk the path from Pilate's house to the place of Calvary. Easter is a journey from betrayal and injustice to glory through suffering.

### **First Station: Jesus in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane**

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' Mark 14.32-36

### **Second Station: Jesus betrayed by Judas and arrested**

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' Mark 14.43-46

### **Third Station: Jesus condemned by the Sanhedrin**

Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said, 'I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven".' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death. Mark 14.55-64

### **Fourth Station: Peter denies Jesus**

At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept. Mark 14.72

### **Fifth Station: Jesus judged by Pilate**

Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Mark 15.14,15

**Sixth Station: Jesus scourged and crowned with thorns**

And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. Mark 15.17-19

**Seventh Station: Jesus carries the cross**

After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. Mark 15.20

**Eighth Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry the cross**

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Mark 15.21

**Ninth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem**

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. Luke 23.27-31

**Tenth Station: Jesus is crucified**

And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. Mark 15.24

**Eleventh Station: Jesus promises the kingdom to the penitent thief....**

...the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' Luke 23.39-43

**Twelfth Station: Jesus on the cross; his mother and his friend**

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. John 19.26,27

**Thirteenth Station: Jesus dies on the cross**

At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. Mark 15.34-37

**Fourteenth Station: Jesus laid in the tomb**

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mark 15.46

**Fifteenth Station: Jesus risen from the dead .**

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are

looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. Mark 16.4-8

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, you were dead but now you are alive: transform the torments of this world's sin that we may see your radiant glory.

You were raised from death to life: may the power of your resurrection live in us, that we may be channels of your true life beyond measure. To you, Jesus, who have broken free from the bonds of death, be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.



Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell  
Wychert Vale Benefice

Do you have some time to give to take up a voluntary position in your community? The parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell is seeking someone to be our Parochial Church Council treasurer. You will work as part of a team with our book-keeper and members of our finance group. A more detailed role description can be found on the Stone, Dinton and Hartwell website <https://stonedintonhartwell.com/category/news/> Please feel free also to discuss the role informally with Richard Smith on 07584 246268 or Revd Phil Groves on 07875 438244

## DINTON CHURCHYARD : MONTHLY WORKING PARTY

A small group of volunteers meets once each month between March and October with the aim of maintaining and keeping the churchyard attractive and tidy.

We work from 10am until 12 noon and the tasks are basically the same as for gardens – mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning etc. We provide our own tools and equipment. Refreshments are provided at 11am.

There is always plenty of work to do in the churchyard, so all and any help is much appreciated.

If you could give any time to this worthwhile and enjoyable task, please contact Ian Cairns on 07816315361 or simply come along.

The planned dates for 2025 are set out below. They are held on the second Saturday of each month unless the weather is bad, or we have holiday or other commitments.

April 12<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup>

June 14<sup>th</sup>  
July 12<sup>th</sup>

August 9<sup>th</sup>  
September 13<sup>th</sup>

October 11<sup>th</sup>



## Meeting dates for Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council

15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm at the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting at the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone

20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone

## Food Bank Collection

The Seven Stars in Dinton has a foodbank collection box situated under the tall table on the patio adjacent to the entrance of 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. Please donate any kind of tinned food or food in jars. You could also give toiletries or household goods.

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## u3a General Meeting at Haddenham Village Hall

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ 2.30pm

**Homeward Bound – the story of Odysseus**

**Speaker: Nick Cook**

Odysseus was a born liar but his charm, humour and seemingly endless fund of amazing stories will keep you entertained. Most of these are about his voyage home from the Trojan War and include famous encounters with murderous monsters, wicked women and his arch enemy Poseidon, god of the sea. So bring your sou'westers and seasickness tablets for the voyage of a lifetime.

Nick Cook is a (mainly) retired research scientist and health and safety officer who now spends his time lecturing, speaking and writing.

**Visitors who may like to find out more about the local u3a are welcome to have a taster visit, before joining, at no cost.**

**Members are able to join any of the 30 interest groups, ranging from book clubs to walking groups, details of which can be found on the website.**

To find out more about the u3a and join, please contact Elaine Parkes, Membership Secretary, [membership@haddenhamu3a.co.uk](mailto:membership@haddenhamu3a.co.uk), or visit our website [www.haddenhamu3a.co.uk](http://www.haddenhamu3a.co.uk)

**GENTLE CHAIR EXERCISES  
(FOR LADIES & GENTS)**

**EVERY MONDAY @ 11 am  
METHODIST CHAPEL  
Eythrope Road  
£3.00 PER SESSION –  
INCLUDES COFFEE & BISCUITS**

**Have fun – keep fit – *GENTLY!*  
Ring Josie : 748031 [after 4pm]  
for further information**

**WELCOME TO  
FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP  
[non denominational]  
MEETING monthly at METHODIST CHAPEL  
each fourth Tuesday @ 2.30 p.m.**

**On TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL  
join in celebrating**

**EASTER JOY!**

**MEET  
MAKE**



**FRIENDS  
FRIENDS**



## Easter Services around the parish

### Good Friday

- 10.00 Walk of Witness starting at Stone School.
- 10.30 Easter Garden all age service at St John the Baptist Stone church
- 2.00 Good Friday service with hymns and prayers at St Peter and Paul Church Dinton

### Easter Day

- 9.00 Matins for Easter Day at St John the Baptist Stone Church. Traditional short service with readings and prayers
- 10.00 Easter Holy Communion at St Peter and Paul Church Dinton
- 10.30 Easter Family Communion at St John the Baptist Stone Church
- 11.00 Holy Communion at Stone Methodist Chapel
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will be remembered on the four Sundays of March.

**REMEMBER:** there is a postbox in the Chapel porch for any special prayer requests  
[anonymous if you prefer]

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### A MESSAGE FOR EASTER

Our lives are full of things that we rely on but [unless we are experts in that particular field] we do not understand. From plumbing to electrics to medical equipment and internet technology, we accept that they are true and real because they work and have measurable, predictable effects.

For this reason, it should not be too difficult for us to view the resurrection of Christ in the same way, and to sympathise with the women who were its first witnesses. They were told something, which they could not properly grasp, never mind 'make sense of' or 'believe in'. They thought they knew what 'alive' and 'dead' meant. And they knew that Jesus was unequivocally dead. Why else had they come to the tomb at dawn, but to tend to a body?

In Luke's Gospel he reports that two beings clothed in white [angels, Matthew tells us] knew – without being told – why the women had come to the tomb, and challenged them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, he has risen."

The bedrock of belief is not abstract meaning but concrete fact. Jesus was crucified. People saw it happen. Brave followers took the body from the cross and laid it to rest in the grave. And Jesus was raised from the dead to a new way of being. Those women reported what they had seen, and believed: Jesus was not 'there' – he was 'everywhere and in all time' – and this is the faith that they shared and which has come down the ages to us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The faith that those who believe in him, even though they die, will live with him, and everyone who lives and believes in him will never die.

**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
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## WEEK 2025 : 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> MAY

Roy and I made our first tentative efforts at organising a Christian Aid Week in the village in 1993. We received such enthusiastic help and support that we were happy to carry on and year by year the door2door foot soldiers, the tea and coffee and cake makers, the plant sales lady [you all know who you are!] turned up trumps. The yearly totals grew and grew. I share with you that over the following thirty-two years our villages have raised **£54,563.41** for Christian Aid.



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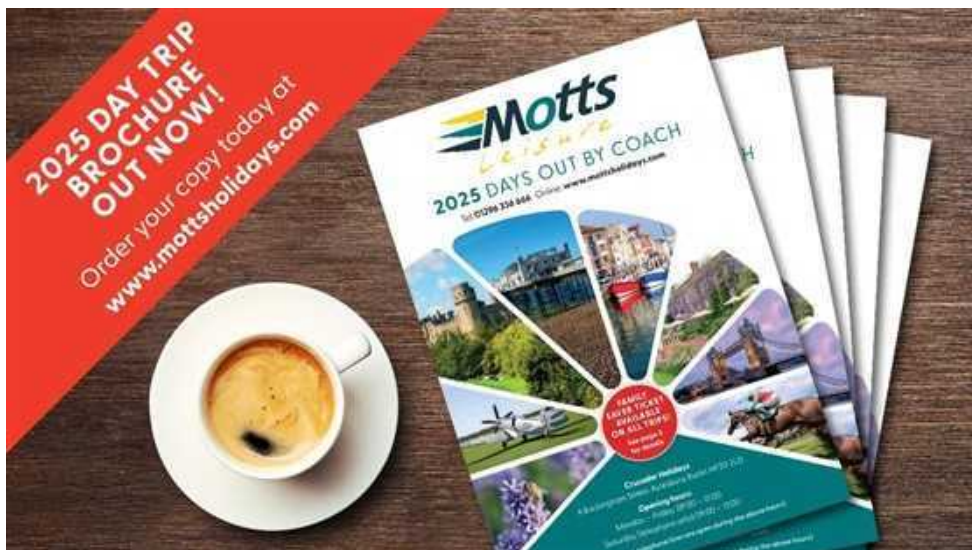
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<b>1</b>	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Haddenham Screen 'Driving Madeleine' Cert 15 7.30pm
<b>2</b>	Simply Walk
<b>3</b>	Cuddington Screen 'Small Things Like These' Cert 12A 8pm
<b>4</b>	Cuddington Screen 'Moana 2' Cert PG 2pm (Kids Club) Pippa's Community Café, Stone Village Hall 2-5pm
<b>5</b>	Saturday Café in the Park, Stone 10am-12 Noon
<b>6</b>	Sunday Church Services
<b>7</b>	11am Chair Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Cuddington Sunshine Club -2pm Tea and Games
<b>8</b>	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Dinton & Stone Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm with Annual Report from Chairman - all parishioners welcome
<b>9</b>	Simply Walk
<b>10</b>	Little Wrigglers 9.00-10.30am Thursday Club 2pm Cuddington Screen 'Mufasa The Lion King' Cert PG 7pm Bishopstone Blooms Easter Wreath Workshop, Bishopstone 7.30pm
<b>11</b>	Pippa's Community Café, Stone Village Hall 2-5pm
<b>12</b>	Dinton Churchyard Tidy Up
<b>13</b>	Sunday Church Services
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<b>16</b>	Simply Walk
<b>17</b>	Little Wrigglers 9.00-10.30am
<b>18</b>	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 2-5pm
<b>19</b>	Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
<b>20</b>	Sunday Church Services
<b>21</b>	Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone, 10.30am-12.30pm 11am Chair Exercises at The Methodist Chapel
<b>22</b>	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Fellowship 2.30pm
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<b>25</b>	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 2-5pm Cuddington Sunshine Club outing to Speen Home of Rest for Retired Horses
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<b>27</b>	Church Services
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