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"The Lord watches over you — the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm — He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

Psalm 121:5-8

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Are you having a laugh?

We have been looking at the Book of Psalms in sermons in church across the benefice. Psalms are a mixture of hymns, poetry and prayer. They are always worth looking at, and you can easily dip into them. One of the psalms tells us that God likes a laugh,

He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision. Psalm 2 v4

The writer was talking about the kings and rulers of the earth and how they let themselves and us down. How little things change in centuries if not thousands of years! Do we get the rulers we deserve or do we deserve the leaders we get? Who can tell?

Another great cover photograph. Thanks again. I am amazed these keep coming in. Nature is one thing we can rely on to surprise and astonish.

Have a great Summer.

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Parish Services and Calendar

August	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
4 th August Trinity 7	10.30am All Age Family Service	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
11 th August Trinity 8	10.30am Holy Communion	6.00pm Parish Evensong	11.00am Worship	
18 st August Trinity 9	10.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	10.15am Holy Communion At Haddenham Methodist Church ***	11.00am Holy Communion
25 th August Trinity 10	9.00am BCP Matins 10.30am Holy Communion		11.00am Café Church	
1 st September Trinity 11	10.30am All Age Family Service	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	

^{***} Please note special service - see 'News from Chapel Hill' on page 14

Bank Holiday - Sunday August 25 A Tea Party! Dinton Village Hall 2 – 4pm



Teas, cakes, plant stall, children's toys, books, jigsaws, gifts

Donations for the above are very welcome

Further information from Rosemary Jackson 748655 or Sylvia Eaton 748537



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Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL www.stonedintonhartwell.com

St John the Baptist Church Maintenance



Join us once a month on the 4th Saturday to help maintain this beautiful Grade 2* Listed building and the surrounding church yard.

Cleaning the gullies and gutters, painting downpipes, clearing foliage from around the church and table top tombs, as well as general upkeep maintenance.

Experience not necessary, willingness and enthusiasm preferred. If you can bring any tools that would be helpful but not essential

Join us from 10am to 12.30pm on August 24th and September 28th.

For further information please email the Fabric Chairman Raymond Medhurst raymond.medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com

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POPPIES NEEDED AGAIN



WILL YOU HELP?

It was so great last year to be able to decorate Stone Memorial with knitted and crocheted poppies which looked lovely and were appreciated by many who passed by.

It has been suggested that we do even more this year.

Would you help me to either knit or crochet poppies? Size and shade of red doesn't matter it's just the quantity!

There are lots of patterns on the internet but the one I have is very simple but effective. I can let you have a copy by email or you can collect one from the box in Stone church porch where all completed poppies can be left. I hope to have enough poppies to make up the words of remembrance on grassed stands as well as decorating the railings.

We cannot have too many so please help.

Thanking you in advance.

Sue Birrell

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Foreign Coins







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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019

It is still a few months away but it is time to start preparing for the annual appeal. Last year's poppy appeal was up 11% nationally and 14% up in this county.

We always need more help with static sales at the shop, and places that will host a collecting box such as businesses in the parish and door to door collecting.

If you can help - or would like to help please let me know.

David Pickup 01296 748170

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS IN STONE VILLAGE HALL 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Sunday, 25th August Sunday, 29th September Sunday, 24th November



An array of delicious home-made cakes Proceeds to Stone Village Hall and Action Medical Research

STONE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY – 1999-2019

On June 18th current members, guests and old friends gathered in Stone Village Hall to celebrate just over 20 years of the History Group. First Chairman Ann Littlewood was there to cut a magnificent cake and Michael Lunts put on a special performance for us before a delicious supper.







It all started with a well attended10 week WEA course at Stone Methodist Chapel in September 1998 – "The Village of Stone – Change and Continuity 1800 – 1900", Using a wide variety of sources ranging from newspapers, directories and church records to maps and census returns, we explored some of the aspects of Stone's history and development, and decided that we should form a group to do further research on family and village history, the Hartwell Estate and its part in the development of the settlement - and anything else we could dig up

The first meeting of the Stone Local History Group was in February 1999 at the Chapel with Ann Littlewood as Chairman, Joan Shurvell Treasurer and Sylvia Sherwood Secretary and archivist, following up stories and collecting material. As today, we had a monthly speaker and arranged walks and visits, exploring local villages and further afield.

Since then we have had a steady membership of 80+, have listened to more than 200 talks, all recorded in monthly newsletters, enjoyed over 50 outings ranging from Oxford to Lord's Cricket Ground, London walks to Bletchley Park and put on many exhibitions, from Sylvia's massive exhibition in hall, church and school in 2002 to displays at the annual Bucks Local History conferences since 2000.

Last year's hugely successful exhibition on the village in WWI attracted around 650 people and we are repeating it this year on Sunday November 10 - a last

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chance to see the displays, artworks and artefacts, and have lunch or tea.







A visit to Oxford, August 2000 with Andy Gunn

We now have a huge archive and put on numerous smaller displays at village fetes and events. In the early years many of us contributed to the Stone Village Design Statement and we have run competitions and liaised with the school in many ways.

We still meet regularly at the Village Hall, with excellent speakers on a wide variety of local and national history, and already have a good programme for 2020. You can come as a guest for £2. The next meeting is Tuesday Sept 17 with Julian Hunt on the History of Aylesbury.

This year we have produced our first calendar – early photographs of Stone and surrounding villages pre WWI – it's selling well.

Ring 01296 748538 for further information



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The role includes the administration of the advertising within the magazine, dealing with current and potential advertisers, preparing and sending invoices, circulating copies of the magazine to advertisers and attending the monthly editorial meetings. We meet once a month, in an evening, for around an hour – the coffee and biscuits are delicious! In between meetings the magazine team keep in touch via email.

The magazine is a community resource for all the residents of the Parish and relies on its volunteer helpers and advertising revenue.

Please contact me (David) if you can help or have any queries about the role.

David Pickup Email: david@pickupandscott.co.uk

NEWS FROM CHAPEL HILL Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road, Stone, HP17 8PH

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During this month's services

the following will be remembered in prayer:
6th – Lee Crescent; 11th – Long Furlong
and 25th – Lower Hartwell
Your prayer requests are welcome – anonymous if you wish –
please leave a note in the Chapel post box

Please note the change in the schedule of Services: on the 18th August we will migrate to share in worship at Haddenham Methodist Church @ 10.15 a.m.

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 7^{TH} SEPTEMBER, 5^{TH} OCTOBER, 2^{ND} NOVEMBER, 7^{TH} DECEMBER

The Pyramidal Orchid



A highly distinctive wildflower with a pyramid shaped head of bright pink flowers. The colour, however, can range from deep magenta to pure albino white. Occasionally the individual flowers in the spike occur upside down. The pyramidal orchid was chosen as the County Flower of the Isle of Wight, where it abounds on the islands chalk landscape. Like many orchids, it requires a specific fungus to be present in the soil in order to bloom.

Originally a flower of old, semi-natural chalk and limestone grasslands, the pyramidal orchid has shown a penchant for more artificial environments in recent times. Colonies have appeared along motorways and ring-roads, canals, marinas and even at one time at Stansted airport.

The scientific name *Anacamptis* comes from a Greek word meaning 'bend forward', while the Latin name *Pyramidalis* refers to the pyramidal shape of the inflorescence.

Sources https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk

A Reflection on my first year since Ordination as Priest in June 2018

It is a common expression made by many people that time just seems to fly by, well it certainly has felt like that for me over the past twelve months. Literally a year ago today (as I write) I was Ordained as a Priest in the Church of England at St Peter and St Paul Church in Great Missenden.

This has felt a real time of blessing through a much deeper engagement with the churches and communities in Stone, Dinton, Ford and Upton. Of the many highlights that have happened since June last year, I would particularly like to mention Remembrance Sunday November 11th 2018. This was also poignant because it marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

I found taking the service in my home church of St Peter and St Paul Dinton really moving at the end of which we had the blessing of the commemorative tree then it was off to Ford for the service at the War Memorial. When I arrived a few people has already gathered then a huge crowd appeared, we blocked the road through the village and had a very special time together culminating in the two minutes silence in the sunshine with just the sounds of birds audible, it was a day I will never forget.

I have now taken my first wedding which was also happily at Dinton Church which felt like a real privilege for me to be part of that couple's very special day, then two weeks ago the Revd Nadine Rose and I led a great Pentecost celebration as Stone Church with chocolate cake to finish!

With everything else going on I have managed to submit all my essays and coursework to complete my second year of Curacy training and in September I begin my final year of training so for now Joy and I are looking forward to a trip to Malta shortly for a rest by the sea with some sunshine for a change!

With every blessing Nigel Fetherstone

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My Pilgrimage to Santiago for Cancer Research



Recently I completed in five consecutive days the 76 km of the Camino Ingles Pilgrimage from A Coruna on the Northern coast of Spain to the Cathedral in Santiago. During the walk, guided by the Camino sign posts illustrating the traditional scallop shell emblem, I had my Credential booklet stamped in cafes and hostelries along the trail as proof of my journey. The local Spanish people in the villages I passed through were friendly and encouraging. The weather was kind with a maximum temperature of 16 C, ideal for walking and there was very little rain. The trail was mainly easy walking apart from some long climbs through eucalyptus woods.

Following the final day of my trek I queued with hundreds of other pilgrims to receive a Camino de Santiago Certificate of Achievement. Pilgrims over a wide age range and nationalities gathered from many different Camino directions, some having

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walked great distance across other parts of Spain and European countries. The whole atmosphere was a buzz and at the age of 76 I was quite pleased with my own modest result. I had actually walked 90 km in total carrying a rucksack weighing over 6 kg.

Later that day among many other pilgrims I visited the Cathedral where the bones of St. James the Apostle were buried. It was a pity the inside was in a state of renovation with sheets of polythene everywhere, but the outside was rather splendid.

I wish to thank everyone who has supported my sponsored walk for Cancer Research UK. Any donations still to come are payable to me. For donations to be Gift Aided I need donors names and addresses with post codes. When all contributions have been received, audited and banked the total amount collected will be sent to the charity.

Muchas gracias de nuevo

Barry Tomkins



Cancer Research UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1089464)

Letter from Aston Sandford



This year's Ride+Stride event organised by Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust is on **Saturday 14th September**, and it is an event well worth supporting.

I say this not just because I am a Trustee but because our church has benefitted from grants from the Trust (as have others in the Wychert Vale Benefice) AND has benefitted considerably over the years from the event itself. On the day Riders and Striders - cyclists, horse riders and walkers - get sponsorship to visit as many places of worship as possible between 10:00am and 6:00pm, while others get sponsorship to sit in churches to welcome visitors. Half of the sponsorship money (and half of the the gift aid) raised goes to the Trust and half to the church of choice. In the last two years alone Aston Sandford Church has raised £654 each for itself and for the Trust just by having a couple of riders and a rota of sponsored sitters in the church.

Ride+Stride in 2018 raised an amazing £31,048 overall. Why not help to make even more money for this worthy cause this year? You never know when your church may need a grant for example for urgent repairs or a roof alarm. And for the Riders and Striders it is of course it is a great way to see so many of the truly lovely churches and chapels which we are lucky enough to have in Bucks.

For more details see http://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/.

Marilynne A Morgan CB

Hon Treasurer, Aston Sandford Church, Trustee, Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, and Chairman of the Friends of Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches.

August Gardening

For whatever the reason "seasons" do seem to be getting earlier, and certainly this year and last year they are also very dry and hot. This makes gardening more difficult especially in sandy areas, but never the less there are always plenty of jobs to do.

Rambler roses as they finish flowering need all the flowering shoots cut off at ground level and the new shoots tying in. Interestingly the same actions need carrying out on loganberries, blackberries and similar plants as soon as they finish fruiting. If more plants are needed, take cuttings about 12 inches long push into the ground, somewhere out of the way they generally root easily. Also one sometimes find a shoot has rooted, if this has happened cut the stalk and plant the root where needed.

Now we are in the holiday season do pick peas and beans before going away, move any plants in movable containers to a shady spot and if possible find a wonderful neighbour to water hanging baskets and green houses.

Onions will be ready for harvest, but do make sure they have completely died down before lifting and storing.

August is a good month to take cuttings of geraniums, heathers and fuchsias, place them around the edge of a flower pot, keep them in the shade and just moist.

In a few weeks they have rooted and can be potted singularly. Looking back over many years I do not remember so much growth on trees and shrubs, nor on my insect-eating plants!



Climate change?

PS

"We're all going on a Summer Holiday."

This is a line from "Summer Holiday" which was a song recorded by Cliff Richard and The Shadows from the film of the same name, and was released as a single from the film in February 1963. It went to number one in the UK Singles Chart for a total of three weeks. The Shadows' instrumental "Foot Tapper" - also from the same film - took over the top spot for one week, before "Summer Holiday" returned to the top spot for one further week. The record is one of Richard's best known songs and was one of six hits Richard performed at his spontaneous gig at the 1996 Wimbledon Championships when rain stopped the tennis.

I wonder if I ought to pause there and explain what a "hit" was or a "single". If you are of a certain age you might not know. Both words produce images of the 60s.

The film itself is quite interesting as it features a bus. The plot basically is some young men who repair buses decide to go on holiday by bus. Why not? It was the original busman's holiday. They convert an old bus into a mobile home. The film makers in fact purchased three old buses, (RT2305 (KGU334), RT2366 (KGU395), and RT4326 (NLE990)) from London Transport and they were all converted to look like RT1881 (with a fake registration number: WLB991) so they could be used for filming different segments. The RT was the classic red London bus. The opening scenes were filmed at Aldenham Works, Elstree in 1962 during the depot's annual Summer shutdown. The holiday scenes surprisingly were not filmed in Hertfordshire but in Greece



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