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# PARISH CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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Front Cover: View from Burn Hill, Eythrope by Jenny Pickup.

#### Editorial - All things bright and beautiful

He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five. He spoke about plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also spoke about animals and birds, reptiles and fish. From all nations people came to listen to Solomon's wisdom, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his wisdom.

1 Kings 4:32-34

These verses are about King Solomon who was famous for being wise. He also seemed to have a fascination for nature and wildlife, everything from the Cedar of Lebanon, which is a large tree, to the "hyssop that grows out of walls", which is a weed. He was so keen on nature that he kept talking about it. It is interesting that



the most powerful person in the country and possibly in the region was so interested in everything.

We are often reminded that we share our planet with nature in all its different forms. We are fortunate to be able to get into the countryside easily and enjoy the peace and quiet and also the noise and bustle of nature.

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#### **Parish Services and Calendar**

August 2022	St John the Baptist Stone*	St Peter & St Paul Dinton*	Stone Methodist Chapel **	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 8	10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 9	10.30am Family Communion	6.00pm Parish Evensong	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 21st August Trinity 10	9.00am Mattins 10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 28th <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 12	10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
	*For current Covid compliance and any service changes, please see the parish website and notices at the churches.		** No longer any need to pre-book for these services.	

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.

#### Letter from Aston Sandford



This year's Ride+Stride event organised by Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust (BHCT) is on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. It is an event well worth supporting, either by taking part directly as a sponsored rider or strider, or by encouraging people to take part not least to support your church, or by volunteering to welcome visitors to your church - and above all by sponsoring as many participants as possible.

I say this not just because I am a Trustee of BHCT but because over the years all the churches in Wychert Vale Benefice have benefitted from generous grants from BHCT and this is a way to give back <u>and</u> to raise money for your own church - half of the money raised by each church goes back to the church while the other half goes to BHCT to help fund future grants.

There is a bit of a myth that Ride + Stride is a cycling event. While it is perhaps true that the most enthusiastic of riders are the cyclists there are plenty of walkers and horse riders who take part too. The aim of all is to get sponsorship to visit as many places of worship as possible between 10:00am and 6:00pm. How much better it is for all those enthusiastic and energetic participants to visit churches which actually welcome them by being manned by volunteers who are themselves sponsored – people who can tell them a bit about the church, offer a glass of water, maybe a biscuit.

Last year the event raised in total over £25,000, yet fewer than 25% of churches in Bucks participated. In 2020/1 the Trust made 32 grants to churches and chapels across the county, amounting to £115,000 (plus over £6,500 for roof alarms). Churches need more help than ever in these difficult times, and your help, and your church's help, is very much needed. 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 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.

#### STONE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

As usual, there will be no meeting in August, but we look forward to Monday September 19, when John Tyler will give an illustrated talk on the changing wildlife of the Chilterns

For further information ring Carole on 01844 885168



#### **Afternoon Teas**

Sunday, August 28th: 3.00pm to 5.00pm Stone Village Hall

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#### Holidays - How to Build A Sand Castle

<sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

#### Matthew 7:25-27

I wonder how it started. Someone must have been walking on a sandy beach and thought to themselves, "I wish I had a small spade and bucket with me and I could make a model castle!" I do not know how or when this started, but making sandcastles is a time-honoured pastime. The art is to build a castle out of sand before the tide comes in and the children lose interest. Sandcastles are glorious ways of keeping adults occupied on beaches, while their offspring display polite interest. Adults should always explain, "this is how I was taught to make a **real** sandcastle."



The art is to choose the right sort of sand which needs to be just damp enough to stick together and create towers and walls and ideally a moat that is then filled with seawater. You used to able to buy little flags to decorate the castle but a lolly stick will do.

If you are really keen why not try to build a bridge made of sand? Another trick is to try to stop the tide coming in by building a moat big enough to catch all the water, but this never really seems to work for some reason.

The verses from the bible remind that we need firm foundations for life. We should base our choices and decisions on something reliable that has stood the test of time.

#### **Favourite Hymn**

By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Exodus 13:21-22

Lead, Kindly Light is a rather old fashioned hymn that is rarely sung now. The words were based on the above verses and were written in 1833 by John Henry Newman as a poem. It is usually sung to the tune Sandon by Charles H. Purday Like many hymns there is a story behind it. As a young priest, Newman became sick while in Italy and was unable to travel for almost three weeks. In his own words:

Before starting from my inn, I sat down on my bed and began to sob bitterly. My servant, who had acted as my nurse, asked what ailed me. I could only answer, "I have a work to do in England." I was aching to get home, yet for want of a vessel I was kept at Palermo for three weeks. I began to visit the churches, and they calmed my impatience, though I did not attend any services. At last I got off in an orange boat, bound for Marseilles. We were becalmed for whole week in the Straits of Bonifacio, and it was there that I wrote the lines, Lead, Kindly Light, which have since become so well known.

It has often been a comfort in troubled times. "Lead, Kindly Light" was sung by Marion Wright, on the RMS Titanic during a hymn-singing gathering led by the Rev. Ernest C. Carter, shortly before the ocean liner struck an iceberg on April 14, 1912. The hymn was also sung aboard one of the Titanic's lifeboats when the rescue ship Carpathia was sighted the following morning. On one occasion in February 1915, "Lead, Kindly Light" was sung by a group of British troops to the accompaniment of nearby artillery fire on the Western Front during the First World War at services held before going into the trenches the following day.

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on! Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou Shouldst lead me on; I loved to choose and see my path; but now Lead Thou me on! I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

#### Dinton and Stone in the Civil War Period

I like to look around old churches where sometimes you see a plaque with a list of all the clergy who have been in charge of the parish. Dinton and Haddenham churches have these details. They were probably compiled in the Nineteenth Century by people interested in local history. These lists go back hundreds of years. Do you ever stop and look at them? Some vicars and rectors were in post for generations and others just for a few years. We will never know all the personal stories behind these facts.

The Seventeenth Century is interesting as it was a period of religious and social turmoil which included the Civil Wars and the short period of the English Republic. During this time many clergy were removed from office.

How did this effect the church in this area? Buckinghamshire was a war zone in First Civil War. This parish was on the frontline between Royalist Oxford where the King had his headquarters, and Aylesbury which was a Parliamentary stronghold. There were skirmishes in the area, both sides stole cattle, "collected" local taxes and raided homes to supply troops. The roads would have been busy with refugees and displaced persons trying to get home or find work.

At that time local landowners would appoint the clergyman was and would have influence in the appointment of churchwardens. Churchwardens had a wide role in local affairs including maintenance of roads and looking after poor people, and not just church business. The parishioners in Stone and Dinton



Oliver Cromwell

would largely follow their social superiors in their political and religious opinions. The Dormer family owned extensive land in Stone and they were either Roman Catholic or High church Anglicans who supported King Charles

supported King Charles. Dinton was home to



King Charles I

families that were on the parliamentarian side which included Simon Mayne who was one of the men who signed King Charles' death warrant. The Dinton landowners were connected by marriage to leading

Parliamentarians, Oliver Cromwell and John Hampden.

What do we know about the local churches? The vicar at Stone in the early Seventeenth Century was Thomas Clever or Cleaver who in 1626 or 1627 was "presented" (appointed) by John Dormer, Sir John Curzon and William Mayne who were the trustees of the Dormer family estates. That family had the patronage or legal right to appoint a vicar. We can assume their sympathies were religiously conservative and they supported the king. When the First Civil War ended in 1646 Parliament removed some clergy who had supported the King's side. A document dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 1646 confirms that Rev Cleaver of Stone had been suspended from office.

It is ordered that John Hale (or Gale?) John ffenner (Fenner) & Wm Clayden (?) p'ishioners (parishioners) of Stone in the Countie of Bucks doe collect & gather all tithes rents revenues and proffetts (profits) of the viccarage of Stone in the Countie of Bucks aforesaid sequestered from Thomas Cleaver to & for the satisfaction of such as shall officiate the Cure of the P'ish (Parish) Church there till Mich'as (Michaelmas) next.

This document is an excerpt from a Parliamentary register listing clergy who had suffered during the civil war or in Cleaver's case, who were identified as a "malignant person". "Malignant" meant their views did not match Parliament's and were therefore considered to be unreliable. Three parishioners from Stone were selected to take over the parish and collect rents and tithes that the vicar had received. The money would be used to maintain the church, provide for poor people and some would be sent to the government.

Both Fenner and Claydon had contributed money 5 shillings and 3 shillings to the collection for Ireland in 1642. In early 1642 Parliament had asked local officials to obtain "voluntary" contributions from everyone who could afford it towards the suppression of the revolt in Ireland. Although the Civil War was about to break out, it was one thing which King and Parliament agreed on. The total raised for Stone was 3 pounds 16 shillings and 9 pence. Dinton collected much more, namely 50 pounds 17 shillings and 10 pence. This included money from servants, maids and poor men and women. A Mr Carter was the local minister and Mr Tray was his curate. Dinton could have raised more money because it was more politically and religiously active or the parish was wealthier.

Thomas Plummer was appointed as vicar of Stone in 1648, having been made curate in 1639, and continued until his death in 1668 when Richard Woolhouse, previously vicar of Over Winchendon, took over.

In Dinton a Rev Edward Pulton was in post for a long time from 1569 to his death in 1610. Thomas Carter took over from 1610 and served until his death in 1646. He was a leading cleric on the Puritan side and was the writer of *Prayer's Prevalence for Israel's Safety*, a sermon preached at Saint Margaret's Church, Westminster, before the House of Commons on a day of fasting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1643. His sermon was published with an address or dedication to the House of Commons. He was one of the two clergymen representing Buckinghamshire at the Assembly of Divines appointed by Parliament in 1642. The Westminster Assembly, as it was known, was a conference set up by Parliament to reform the church. The assembly sat from 1643 to 1653 and intended to remove Roman Catholic influences from the church. It was rejected at the Restoration but was highly influential in non-conformist churches and particularly in America.

After his death he was replaced in 1646 by Rev John Shirley. He was described as a "constant reader". The meaning is unclear but may mean he was an enthusiastic student of religion. Shirley was removed in 1661 or 1662 at the Restoration of the monarchy. He used to preach at the non-conformist's Chapel at nearby Ford and was described a religious dissenter which meant he did not follow the Church of England. The Restoration of Charles II meant that parishioners had to conform to the "new normal" of the established church or keep a low profile. The church had returned to the pre-Civil War organisation, led by bishops.

In 1662 there was an inspection on behalf of the bishop which records that Dinton had no surplice (ecclesiastical robes) for the vicar nor communion tablecloth. These items would have been regarded before the war as too high church or catholic.

It is interesting to think that our neighbouring parishes were on opposite sides in the Civil War and both had clergy removed but for different reasons. Stone probably supported the King and was punished when Parliament won and Dinton was dealt with when the monarchy restored. It would have been a dangerous time to speak your mind.

 Add MS 15670 is the second of three volumes of the: REGISTER-BOOK of the Proceedings of the Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to consider ways " for the relief of such godly and well-affected ministers as have been plundered; and likewise to consider what malignant persons have benefices, whose livings being sequestered, there may be others to supply their cures, and receive the profits;" from 30 Jan. 1644/5 to 5 Oct. 1646; and from 1 May to 30 Oct. 1647.



Our new 'What's On' diary is a new feature in the Parish Magazine (see inside back cover) to keep you updated with events, classes, meetings, etc in the local community. If you would like your event or class listed (free of charge) please email details to:

david@pickupandscott.co.uk



#### **Ukraine**

We continue to pray for an end to the conflict and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war.

There are various ways we can all help. The Bucks County Council offers some resources through the following weblink:

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

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## FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP [non denominational] Meeting in the Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road

TUESDAY AUGUST 23rd @ 2.30 p.m. [take note – FIVE Tuesdays this month !!!]

It's **HOLIDAY TIME** so we'll be thinking **WHAT TO PACK?** 



#### AND WHAT TO LEAVE BEHIND!

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OR "All our operatives are currently busy, please try later." Yes, we've all learned to live with voicemail, it's part of modern life, but have you ever wondered what would happen if God decided to install voicemail?

Imagine praying and hearing this, "Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options:

Press 1 for Requests
Press 2 for Thanksgiving
Press 3 for Complaints
Press 4 for All other enquiries "

What if you heard the recoded message: "I'm sorry, all angels are busy helping other callers at present. However, your call is important to me and will be answered in order of priority, so please stay on the line. To enable your call to be dealt with efficiently, please use the following options:

If you would like to speak to

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Michael Press 2
For the Angel Directory Press 3

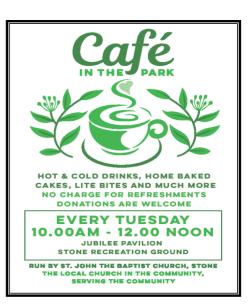
Or maybe: This office is currently closed for staff training. Please try later.

Thank God that he <u>doesn't</u> have voicemail, and that He listens whenever we pray and that will never change. **Try it today!** 

[Adapted from A BUCKET OF SURPRISES: J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books]

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Whilst many activities stop for the school holidays, 'Cafe in the Park' will continue each Tuesday.





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

## STONE WITH BISHOPSTONE AND HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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#### August 2022

#### **Dealing with Speeding in the Parish**



The Parish Council regularly use a mobile speed camera, known as 'The Sentinel' in the parish; typically along A418 in Stone and on the Bishopstone Road in Bishopstone in an effort to deter speeding.

During the last sessions in early July we recorded 19 speeders in Stone over a three-hour session; including two cars without MOT's. In Bishopstone we recorded 17 speeders over a two-hour session; one of which also had an expired MOT. *That's a speeding vehicle every ten minutes!* 

This information is fed back to Thames Valley Police (TVP) and although the offenders cannot be prosecuted, they do receive a letter from TVP and the information is recorded in police files. If the speeders are caught speeding again this information will be used to back up any further action the police wish to take.

**THE PROBLEM...**We rely totally on volunteers to assist with the speed camera sessions. At the moment we only have a total of three people trained in Stone and two people trained in Bishopstone so the number of sessions we can undertake is very limited.

**YOU CAN HELP...**We need a minimum of two persons for each speed camera session. You don't need to have any prior knowledge or training...just email us on <a href="mailto:clerk@sbhpc.org">clerk@sbhpc.org</a> and we can get you ready to help.

Thank you.



#### STONE THURSDAY CLUB

[for the over-60s - especially those who live alone or find it difficult to get about]
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Usually meeting @ METHODIST CHAPEL, Eythrope Road but this month taking to the road!



## For the AUGUST MEETING ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> we're off to visit HADDENHAM MUSEUM

A small building that packs a big punch, it's full of interesting artifacts, documents and exhibits about our neighbouring village.

The adjoining Methodist Chapel will host for the afternoon and we'll enjoy our tea there.

Our member, Enid Robinson, will be sharing her memories of

Our member, Enid Robinson, will be sharing her memories of Haddenham and its stories between visits to the Museum, as numbers of entrants are limited



We may learn why Haddenham folk in the past, thatched the village ponds to keep the ducks dry, which is a story I grew up with!

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#### Fairy Tale Trails - 9 Jul till 4 Sept

Enjoy exploring the ornamental gardens, using directions and clues to follow the sculpture trail, created by artist Rob Faherty. £3.50 per child with a prize (compass supplied). Children must be accompanied by an adult for whom the standard garden entrance fee applies.

#### The Three Musketeers, Box Tree Productions – 6 Aug

Family friendly musical - incredible mix of amazing adventure, magical music, comical characters and swashbuckling sword fights.

#### Waterperry Opera Festival - 12-20 Aug

2022 is an exciting year for Waterperry Opera Festival as they celebrate their 5th Anniversary with 8 imaginative productions.

#### Oxford Storytelling Festival - 26-28 Aug

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