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Parish Church & Community News



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Parishes within the Benefice of Wychert Vale



Wishing All Our Readers
A Very Happy Christmas

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Front Cover Image: St John the Baptist Church, Stone

Editorial

You wake up one day and it is Advent Sunday then it seems a few days later it is Christmas. Time speeds us at this time of year. Christmas is about light in a dark time. I am not one for putting up lights too early. I saw some decorated houses in November and of course the lights went on in town weeks ago. The bible describes it in this way,

*The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.*

Isaiah 9

The church's special prayer for advent explains that light not only shows the way but protects us, like armour.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

Have a safe, peaceful and restful time and Happy Christmas to all our readers from us all at the parish magazine.



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Parish Services and Calendar



December 2025	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 7 December (2nd Sunday in Advent)	9.00am Matins 10.30am Christingle Service	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 14 December (3rd Sunday in Advent)	10.30am Family Communion with Joyfull Juniors 4.00pm Lego Church in the Pavilion	6.00pm Carol Service (followed by Hamper Draw and Refreshments)	11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 21 December (4th Sunday in Advent)	9.00am Matins 10.30am Family Worship 6.00pm Carol Service		11.00am Carol Service	11.00am Communion Service
Christmas Eve	4.00pm Nativity Service 11.30pm Holy Communion			6.30pm Carol Service
Christmas Day		10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion		
Sunday 28 December	10.30am Morning Worship		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 4 January		9.00am Holy Communion		

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

Quiz 2025



Best answers sent to 12 Roundhill or david@pickupandscott.co.uk by 12 midnight 6th January win a prize.

We are going with multiple choice questions this year.

No “ask a friend” or “phone the audience”, sorry.

No prizes for pointless answers or can you beat the chase?.

1. Ashley, Bert and Conall were,
 - Names of storms
 - Names of Eurovision entrant
 - Names of footballers

2. There was a re-wilding lynx project this year. Was it,
 - A new golf course
 - Releasing cats in the wild
 - Releasing aftershave

3. Palmerston the former resident cat at the Foreign Office was brought out of retirement for a “purr-fect” diplomatic posting to where
 - Belfast
 - Bermuda
 - Birmingham

4. What is President Trump’s favourite word?
 - Tariffs
 - Musk
 - Sorry

5. We celebrated the two hundredth anniversary of the start of modern railways (or at least, I did) The East-West Rail Link is due to be opened next between Oxford, Milton Keynes and eventually Cambridge. What was the nick name of the original line?
 - The Varsity Line
 - The Farcical Line
 - The Gravy Train

6. Donald Trump called King Charles "aman"
- Young
 - Regal
 - Beautiful
7. *Restaurants* in Pozzuoli Italy cooked up a plan to attract customers who are being put off by 1800 land tremors a month.
How long did they have to stay?
- Until paid bill
 - Until dessert served
 - Until coffee served
8. Birmingham experienced "Binmageddon". Was it
- Shortage of bin bags
 - Too many bin bags
 - Bin collector strike
9. A singer was joined by Bezos's fiancée Lauren Sánchez, CBS presenter Gayle King, former Nasa rocket scientist Aisha Bowe, civil rights activist Amanda Nguyen, and film producer Kerianne Flynn for a space trip. The flight lasted around 11 minutes and took the six women more than 100km (62 miles) above Earth, crossing the internationally recognised boundary of space and giving them a few moments of weightlessness. What music accompanied them?
- Louis Armstrong's What a Wonderful World.
 - Fly Me to the Moon
 - Up, Up and Away?
10. A big hit at the cinema early this year the film *Conclave*. If you have not seen it is recommended. What colour is the smoke used to signify the election of a new Pope?
- White
 - Black
 - Grey
11. What was Doge that Elon Musk was associated with and then left?
- Department of Government Elasticity
 - Department of Government Efficiency
 - Department of Government Energy

12. Loretta Swit passed away this year. What long running sitcom is she best known for?
- Friends
 - Mash
 - Frasier
13. UK proposed a wider ban on destructive bottom trawling. Is it
- Anti-social behaviour
 - Long trousers
 - A type of fishing
14. Which composer whose centenary was marked this year invented “furniture music”? He always kept a hammer in his pocket for fear of muggers and once even founded his own church
- Frank Sinatra
 - Jean Sibelius
 - Erik Satie
15. What were the “mushroom murders” in Australia?
- Killing by adding fungi to dinner guests’ meals
 - Illegally picking mushrooms from fields
 - Killing someone in vegetable aisle at supermarket
16. Which of the following were not Proms this year?
- The Shipping forecast prom
 - The Traitors prom
 - The Grand Prix prom
17. 'Skibidi' “Delulu” and 'tradwife' among words added to Cambridge Dictionary. What does delulu mean?
- French
 - Delusional
 - Incontinent

18. Heartthrob Terence Stamp passed away this year, which part did he play in the 1960s film of *Far from the Madding Crowd*?
- Sgt Troy
 - Farmer Boldwood
 - Gabriel Oak
19. What month does October Beerfest in Germany start?
- October
 - September
 - November
20. In October a lady in Kew was given a fine of £150.00 for pouring what down a drain on a road? The council later withdrew the penalty notice.
- Beer
 - Oil
 - Coffee

****PRINT DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF THE
PARISH MAGAZINE****



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

January issue : deadline for receipt of copy is **Wednesday 10th December**.



Come and join the fun at St John the Baptist Church on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

There is a different theme every time when you will find out more about the Bible while having lots of interesting things to make and enjoy. Just come along 😊😊

For further details contact Sue on s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com

“Bring me some figgy-pudding...”

Christmas comes but once a year and is the season to be cheerful, eat as many mince-pies, brussels sprouts, cake, brandy butter and pud... or is it? We are all different and not everyone likes all Christmas treats. But you are expected to have fun and eat these things.



Brussels sprouts

I like them but not everyone does. They need to be carefully cooked and not a second, not a second mark you, overcooked. The best thing is to turn off the heat before they are ready and then they will cook the final part themselves. You do not have to cut a cross or stir fry them.

Christmas pudding.

I do not mind a nice pud but there is always a bit leftover which no-one wants, and you end up throwing it in the garden hoping the birds will eat it. Which they do not! Why do we set fire to Christmas pud? It does not work and it does not change the flavour? You have to add sugar to make it burn and it is dangerous and pointless.

Dates.

Most people get a box of dates and they do work well as an ingredient to nut roasts or stuffing but as a sweet – no.

Crackers

I really do not like crackers. Sorry, I know that is wrong, but I do not. Whoever thought outing a bad joke and cheap toy in a loo roll and wrapping an indoor firework around should deserve.. well I won't say what, gentle reader. Which brings me nicely to...

Stuffing, cranberries bread sauce

Traditional accompaniments but not sure why. They look good. Fresh cranberries are miles better than bottled. Just add sugar and boil. Bread sauce is not for everyone. Stuffing. I still make stuffing but why? I don't actually stuff anything with it. The only thing is you can say something silly like, "Who wants stuffing?"

Orange cream sweets

I like sweets and Quality Street are a favourite. But there are always ones left that no-one wants. Usually orange creams. I like the purple ones with a nut and the gold toffees that look like a watch.

The pleasure (and pain) of festive cooking is trying to please everyone. Plenty of choice here. What are your likes and dislikes?

Poems for Christmas

What Christmas Means to Me

Written by a Learner at Foxglove Wellbeing Academy



Tasty food
Taking long to bake
I hope my grandma makes
Her famous cake.
Giving and receiving
Opening my stocking
Presents all around
The kids come flocking.
Spending time with your loved ones
Is the best thing ever
I wish I could keep this moment
Now and forever

Christmas Joy

Written by Meadow, a Learner at Foxglove Wellbeing Academy

The bells I hear each year
The ones met with a cheer
Singing carols in all weathers
Writing letters with feathers
Santa is here
On his reindeer
Merry Christmas to you
And all your crew



Christmas Lights

Written by a Learner at Foxglove Wellbeing Academy



Christmas lights shine so bright
They make the dark feel like daylight
Red, green and gold glow in the night
Filling my heart with pure delight
They twinkle and dance on the tree
Making everything look so pretty
I love how they sparkle and gleam
Like a beautiful Christmas dream
Lights make me happy and I feel so warm
Christmas magic is the best form.



Foxglove Wellbeing Academy, at Hartwell Riding Stables, Foxglove Farm, offers a nurturing, nature-connected alternative to mainstream education — a place where children who have struggled elsewhere are given the time, space, and support to grow.

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 – £3 per family.
No need to book – just turn up!



Children remain the responsibility of their adult at all times.



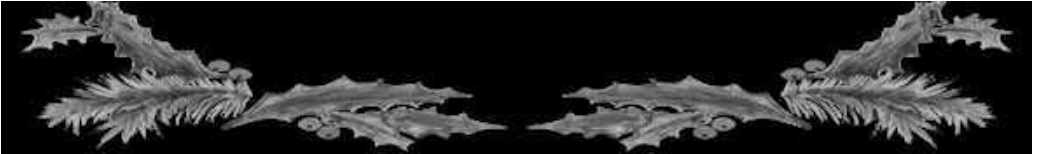
SJB

Run by SJB Church, Stone – Your local church serving the community

****Please note: the last Little Wrigglers in December is 18th December and we re-start on 8th January.**



- Sunday 7th December from 4pm: Christmas Tree Lights switch on in the garden at The Seven Stars
- Sunday 7th December from 7pm: Christmas Quiz in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice
- Sunday 14th December at 6pm: Dinton Church Carol Service (Raffle after service)
- Christmas Eve: Parish Carol Singing from 6pm starting



'CHRISTMAS FANTASIA'

Christmas Concert

Thame and Haddenham Choral Society

Directed by Helen Swift

Programme to include:

J.S. BACH – Sleepers Wake! Cantata 140

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS - Fantasia on a Christmas Carol

BOB CHILCOTT - The Twelve Days of Christmas

Plus, a selection of Christmas Carols

Saturday 6th December 2025 at 7.30p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Church Road, Thame, OX9 3AJ

Tickets £18 adults in advance, £20 on the door, under 16's free

Tickets available at <https://tandhchoralsociety.sumup.link>

OR

By emailing tickets.tandhchoral@outlook.com



Dinton Church
Sunday 14th December
at 6pm

Christmas

CAROL SERVICE

after the Service the

Luxury Christmas Raffle

will be drawn

First Prize · Luxury Christmas Hamper

Local Starveall Turkey ~ Quinta de la Rosa Vintage Port
Dinton Folly Sparkling wine ~ More Wine ~ Christmas Cake
Christmas Pudding ~ Mince Pies ~ Chocolates ~ Christmas Crackers
Smoked Salmon ~ Chutneys

Second & Third Prizes · Christmas Hampers

Including ~ Wine ~ Cake ~ Mince pies ~ Chocolates
Christmas Crackers ~ Smoked Salmon ~ Chutneys

Tickets £5 from Patrick Lambert ~ 07768 930 944 or Starveall Farm
Butchery ~ 01296 747 549 or your local contact

all proceeds go to

Florence Nightingale House and Dinton Church Fabric Fund

Christmas Open House:

On Friday December 12 from 11am until 3pm Christmas Open House at Lilacs, New Road, Dinton, HP17 8UT. There will be mulled wine and seasonal nibbles and festive raffle. Christmas cakes, pastries, decorations, wreaths and much more for sale. £5 door donation with profits to Helpinhands Myanmar, Crisis at Christmas and the Alzheimer's Society. RSVP Marion 07815 296195.

A Hard Winter?

We are promised a hard Winter this year. The abundance of nuts and berries is supposed to be a sign of bad weather. Whether that is true or not is another question. Imagine we do get ice, snow and more frost and then early one cold morning you get up and go outside to clear a path of snow on your driveway and salt the doorstep. You playfully pick up a handful of snow and through it carelessly. The car is covered in ice, so you start the engine and leave it running to defrost while you go indoors to warm up.

On your return outside the mail deliverer has fallen over. The car is missing because you had left the keys inside. The snowball you threw broke a neighbour's window because it had a stone inside. The front door slams shut, and you are outside in your pyjamas, then fall over on the ice which had thawed in the road and then re-frozen. Sounds a Winter nightmare!



The Occupiers' Liability Act 1957 requires occupiers to take reasonable care to ensure visitors are reasonably safe. "Reasonable" is the important word there. You are unlikely to be sued if you clear a pathway through the snow. Visitors and pedestrians are expected to look where they are going, dress appropriately and be careful. If you melted snow and it froze again causing a patch of ice there might be blame but even then it is doubtful. If a householder knew about a problem and did nothing again that might lead to a claim. For example, if the postie complained to you the day before your path is treacherous and you did not do anything then possibly to blame, but the post person would know to take care.

It is different on public roads as under the Highways Act 1980, the council must ensure that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by snow or ice. Councils are required to ensure the public can have safe passage "so far as is reasonably practicable" on roads and pavements. In addition to using gritting vehicles and snow-ploughs to keep roads and pavements free of ice and snow, most councils also provide grit bins, usually located on steep gradients or near sharp bends, so that members of the public can spread grit to reduce the slipping hazard. Not all roads are salted or gritted and sometimes the weather takes an unexpected turn.

Snow ball fights

Court cases involving snowball fights are rare, not surprisingly. You must not deliberately add rocks or stones to snowballs. Do not throw snowballs randomly. If you take part in a snowball fight you are consenting and would expect to be hit and get wet from snow.

There was a legal case in America that involved a snowball. After the New York Jets football game on Seattle Seahawks' home ground in December of 2008, as the Jets left the field, they were pelted by snowballs from the stands. One fan waved a sign at the departing players. A player, Sean Ellis, picked up some snow and threw it at the fan apparently hitting him in the head or body. Two years later the fan sued the player. You can watch the video of the game, on the internet but I have not found out what happened in court. Perhaps it was settled. Ellis was fined \$10,000 by the American National Football League for the incident.

What about your car? Arguably an insurance company could refuse a claim on basis the insurer did not take reasonable care to protect their property. There have been cases of insurers declining to honour a claim in these circumstances. A neighbour could complain if you are outdoors in nightwear depending on whether it is decent or not. There ought to be some give and take here I suppose. This is a light-hearted item and always take care and get proper advice if needed. Look after yourselves and neighbours, particularly in bad weather.



EXPLORE FAITH TOGETHER AT

All Age

LEGO CHURCH

SING SONGS LISTEN TO A BIBLE STORY

BE CREATIVE WITH LEGO/DUPLO SAY PRAYERS EAT FOOD

**Next Lego Church is on Sunday 14th December,
then Sunday 11th January 2026.
at The Jubilee Pavilion, Stone, HP17 8PD**

 **SJB** Run by St. John the Baptist Church, Stone ****Children must be accompanied by an adult**

The poster features a cluster of colorful LEGO bricks (red, green, yellow, blue, brown) on the left side. The text is centered and uses various colors (blue, black, red, green, purple) to highlight different elements. At the bottom left, there is a circular logo for St. John the Baptist Church with a cross inside, and the text 'SJB' below it.

Letter from Aston Sandford

My apologies for not providing our usual letter for the magazine this month as I have been flat out organising the Memorial Service for my wife Marilynne, which was held on Thursday 13th November in Temple Church in London with well over 150 of her close friends.

I had also been organising the annual lecture of the friends of Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches on Wednesday 12th November in St Mary's Princes Risborough which was given by our new Bishop of Buckingham, The Rt Revd. Dave Bull. It was a fascinating talk called "Church Buildings and the presence of God." I would also like to mention that we are seeking out some new committee members to help us run the Friends. If you feel you could help, please drop me a line on 4nick.morgan@gmail.com

I hope that we will return to our more usual letter next month.

Nick Morgan
Church Warden



u3a General Meeting at Haddenham Village Hall

Tuesday 9th December at 2.15pm for 2.30pm

Christmas Celebrations through History Revealed

Speaker: Dr Jill Eyers

Discover Christmases of the past from celebrations of the Neolithic Midwinter to the Roman festival and Tudor games, to its reinvention by the Victorians. Which of these Christmases will reflect yours?

Dr Eyers is the author of numerous books and will bring some along.

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, or visit our website www.haddenhamu3a.co.uk

Magazine subscriptions

A reminder that magazine subscriptions are due for 2026

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

We hope that you enjoy the magazine and will wish to continue in 2026. The annual subscription to receive a copy of the magazine at the beginning of each month, delivered to your door, is just £10 per annum (that's for 12 copies!).
(The cost to non-subscribers for individual monthly copies is £1 per month.)

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Acc: 60823872

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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.)

If you're a subscriber and have not yet paid your subscription for 2025 please contact David Pickup, the editor, for details on how to pay (contact details for David on page 4).

If you've received this magazine and are not a current subscriber though would like to receive the magazine each month, please contact David Pickup, the editor (contact details on page 4).

Thank you,
David Pickup. Editor



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NO CHARGE FOR REFRESHMENTS
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11.00AM – 1.00PM**

**Cakes, cheesy crumpets,
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and side-salad, homemade
soup**

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Tuesday 23 Dec)*

**SATURDAY
6th DECEMBER**

10.00AM – 12 NOON

Including Breakfast Rolls

**JUBILEE PAVILION, STONE RECREATION GROUND
RUN BY ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STONE
THE LOCAL CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY,
SERVING THE COMMUNITY**



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



SJB



COME AND JOIN US



Would you like to come and join the group that talks, drinks coffee, eats cake and shares craft ideas?
YOU ARE VERY WELCOME

Just come along when you can no obligation - just fun!



WE MEET ON THE 3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
(except Bank Holidays)
10.30am to 12.30pm in the church.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Parish Church	https://stonedintonhartwell.com/
Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council	http://www.sbhpc.org/
Jubilee Pavilion	http://www.jubileepavilion.co.uk
Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council	https://www.dinton.org/
Dinton News	https://www.dinton.info/
Wychert Vale Benefice Website	https://www.wychertvale.org/
Oxford Diocese (The Church of England serving the people of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire)	https://www.oxford.anglican.org/
Church of England	https://www.churchofengland.org/

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The Chapel with heart, at the heart of the village

WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY at 11 am

Village friends and amenities continue to be prayed for week by week,
and on the four Sundays of December, these will be remembered:
Lower Hartwell, Manor Farm Close, Mayflower Close and Oxford Road

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As we celebrate Christmas, hopefully with good food and family and friends around us, and in the warmth of our own homes, we would do well to remember that first Christmas when our Saviour, the Son of God, was born in a stable. Soon after, he was taken hurriedly into Egypt by Mary and Joseph – a refugee - because his life was in danger from King Herod.

This Christmas life will be equally hard and traumatic for millions of people who have been forced from their homes by famine, violence and natural disasters and who are living in refugee camps or making the dangerous journey to Europe in the hope of freedom and a better life. In this country, too, the numbers of those who are homeless and living in poverty are rising year on year.

We are reminded therefore, of a God who is not remote and sitting on a throne in heaven, but One who is intimately involved and concerned. We see this throughout Jesus' life and ministry: his love and care for the sick, the outcasts and those on the margins; to the point of giving His life for us on a Cross.

Jesus calls us to show that same love and care for others in our world today. So when those Charity appeals come tumbling through our letter boxes along with the Christmas cards and letters from family and friends, let's remember that Baby born in a stable who became a refugee and in adult life had no settled home, and give as generously as we are able in His Name.

Then with friends and neighbours we will share true Christmas joy. God bless us every one!

WELCOME TO THE CHAPEL AT CHRISTMAS -

11 am on Sunday 14th December
HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS

2.30 pm on Tuesday 16th December
FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
(Not only Fellowship members, EVERYONE
WELCOME)



11 am Sunday 21st December
CAROL SERVICE – Enjoy Coffee and Mince Pies afterwards

11 am Sunday 28th December
MORNING WORSHIP – plus more Coffee and Mince Pies!

STONE THURSDAY CLUB

*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 (01296 747671 for transport

(No Subscription payable for the December meeting)

THURSDAY 11th December @ 2 p.m.
ENJOY THE

CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC
with COLIN AND FELICITY

Then a Christmas Tea with all the
trimmings!



Please bring a SECRET SANTA GIFT
(value no more than £3.00)
for Santa's Sack





to
(FOURTH) TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS MEETING
at the **METHODIST CHAPEL**

on
16th December at 2.30 pm
(careful – it's NOT the fourth Tuesday!)]



A chance to pause amid the hustle and bustle
and enjoy a quiet celebration of the
WONDER OF CHRISTMAS
with Carols, Prayers and Bible Readings



Followed by TEA AND MINCE PIES

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: 10th and 24th December

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Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**
Wednesday: 3rd December

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**
Wednesday: 17th December

We meet in the morning for **10.30**
It's friendly, fun and **free**
Take time out from wintertime festivity
For crisp morning walks and coffee or tea!

MERRY CHRISTMAS 🎄

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Visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk
Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help put the parish magazine together?

We are looking for one or two volunteers to join our editorial team and help with preparing the magazine for print on a monthly basis. You'll need a PC/Laptop.

Our local and friendly team meet once a month over Zoom.

Please Contact Us For More Information

david@pickupondcott.co.uk

Parish Council Meeting Dates



The December meeting date for Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday 9th December**.

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



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 event:

Monday 8th December 2.30pm – Christmas Lunch in The Bernard Hall

For more information telephone Angela 01844 291932
or email apdwenham@gmail.com

Local 'Cinema'

Cuddington Screen (at The Bernard Hall, upper Church Street, Cuddington HP18 0AP)

Thursday 4th December – The Naked Gun Cert 12A Doors 7.30pm

Thursday 12th December – White Christmas Cert U Doors 7.30pm



Haddenham Screen (<https://www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk>)

Tuesday 2nd December – F1 The Movie Cert 12 Doors 7.30pm

Tuesday 16th December – The Ballad of Wallis Island Cert 15 Doors 7.30pm



EASY GOING EXERCISES FOR ALL

Have fun while you exercise – gently!

**EVERY MONDAY at 11 am – 12 Noon
at the Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road**

£3.00 PER SESSION

INCLUDES COFFEE & BISCUITS

Ring Josie : 748031 (after 4pm) for further information



School news

It has been a very busy half term with learning routines becoming established; daily phonics, creative writing and numeracy skills giving confidence with number work and science, PE and creative subjects adding to the mix. The first school visit of the year was the year 1 and 2 trip to Bekonscot Model Village as part of the Houses and Homes project. The school website has some lovely photos of this trip.

As part of Waddesdon Manor Christmas Art Project their artist in residence has been in school working with all children from year 1 to 6 experimenting with different textiles and unleashing their creativity. Their work will be on display at Waddesdon Manor over the Christmas period.

Real democracy starts very early here as each class has been electing their representatives for the Infant Site School Council following a secret ballot; Congratulations to those elected.

The School Council have chosen Emmet's Genies and Tiggywinkles as their charities to support for Mufti Days this year; by encouraging courageous advocacy the aim is for pupils to champion causes they believe in. The PTA (called F4CADS) have recently met to plan a host of fundraising events for this coming school year.

At our school, pupils are normally admitted at the beginning of the school year (1 September – 31 August) in which they reach their fifth birthday. Parents whose children were born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 may apply for them to be admitted to the Reception Year in September 2026. If this applies to you and you have missed the two open mornings in October, please contact the school office to arrange a visit.

Food Bank Collection in Dinton

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3	Simply Walk
4	Little Wrigglers in Stone Cuddington Screen: The Naked Gun Cert 12A Doors 7.30pm
5	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm **NEW TIME**
6	Saturday Café in the Park, Stone 10am-12 Noon
7	Sunday Church Services Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on in Dinton at Seven Stars from 4pm Dinton Christmas Quiz 7pm
8	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Cuddington Sunshine Club Christmas Lunch 2.30pm
9	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm u3a Meeting, Haddenham Village Hall, 2.15 for 2.30pm Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
10	Simply Walk
11	Little Wrigglers in Stone Thursday Club Meeting 2pm Cuddington Screen: White Christmas Cert U Doors 7.30pm
12	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm **NEW TIME** Christmas Open House at The Lilacs, Dinton 11am-3pm
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14	Sunday Church Services 4pm Lego Church in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone Christmas Carol Service, Dinton Church, 6pm
15	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel
16	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm (last one for December. Restarts 6 th January 2026) Fourth Tuesday Fellowship 2.30pm Haddenham Screen: The Ballad of Wallis Island, Cert 15, Doors 7.30pm
17	Simply Walk
18	Little Wrigglers in Stone (last one for 2025, restarts 8 th January)
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21	Sunday Church Services
22	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone, 10.30am-12.30pm
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24	Simply Walk Christmas Eve Church Services Dinton Carol Singing 6pm starting at The Seven Stars
25	Christmas Day Church Services
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