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# Parish Church & Community News



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



Wishing All Our Readers  
A Happy New Year

## USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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## Editorial

*Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

Ephesians 4:22-24

January can seem a long month. Christmas is over but the days are still short and nights long. Back to work or back to school. It reminds me of a song from the 1970s,

*"January, Sick and tired you've been hanging on me, You make me sad with your eyes. You're telling me lies. January. Don't be cold."*

"January" was a song by Scottish rock band Pilot. Written by the band's guitarist and singer David Paton. It was the group's only number-one single. In an interview in 2012, David Paton explained the song was not about the month, but about a girl named January, a character in a book, his wife was reading.

Cold or not, it may be time to make New Year resolutions although they do not seem so popular now. They have to compete with "Dry January" and then Lent. It is time to plan new things. I like to take down the old calendar write down important dates, such as your birthday, other events and anniversary dates. Perhaps think about holidays, local events, and important reminders such as when MOT, insurances, and renewals are due.

The bible verse reminds us that faith means putting on a new version of ourselves. Easier said than done. Perhaps it is like some of the Christmas gifts. We need to try them out, see how they fit and walk around in them for a bit.

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## Church Services in the Parishes

<b>January 2026</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 4 January</b>		9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 11 January</b>	10.30am Family Communion with Joyfull Juniors  4.00pm Lego Church in the Pavilion	6.00pm Evensong sung	11.00am Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 18 January</b>			11.00am Worship	11.00am Communion Service
<b>Sunday 25 January</b>	10.30am Family Communion with Joyfull Juniors	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Covenant Service	
<b>Sunday 1 February</b>		9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	

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

# Little Wrigglers

At the  
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Stone HP17 8PD



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*\*\*Please note: Little Wrigglers re-starts on 8<sup>th</sup> January.*



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**LISTEN TO A BIBLE STORY**

**BE CREATIVE WITH LEGO/DUPLO**

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Next Lego Church is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026,  
then Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

at The Jubilee Pavilion, Stone, HP17 8PD



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Run by St. John the Baptist Church, Stone

\*\*Children must be accompanied by an adult

## PHOTO CALL!!!



Some of our readers may have spotted the front cover photo of the December issue was not all it seemed. An image of St John the Baptist Church, Stone, taken in summer by one of the editorial committee, had been adjusted using AI technology to create a wintry, Christmassy scene at the church porch. This was due largely in part to the lack of a suitable 'Christmassy' image to use on the front cover.

If you have any photographs of local scenes that may be suitable for inclusion in a future issue of the Parish Magazine or for the front cover, please send a copy to the editor, David Pickup  
email [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)

*Images ideally need to be square (or able to be cropped for a square) and must be of high resolution.*

## Letter from Aston Sandford

It is with mixed emotions that we heard that our Rector Cassa will be leaving us next year. Obviously, we are pleased for her to be moving up in the church hierarchy but at the same time very sorry to be losing her from our benefice. She will of course still be nearby and living in Haddenham and so will I am sure still be seen and welcomed around the area.



Her leaving us prompted me to look at how many vicars / rectors we have had in Aston Sandford since our church started here in 1220. We have had 58, with an average duration of just over 14 years. The longest incumbent was here for 47 years, starting in 1755. Some stayed much less, and in 1397 we had one for less than a year, and again in 1422, 1538, 1542 and 1917. In 1558 though we had 3 incumbents that year, in reality though it was only 2 as the second one imposed on us by Queen Elizabeth died that year and so the previous vicar was restored. The PCC must have been very busy that year!!

It is also interesting to note that since 1558 we have had a number of incumbents who have also been the vicar of Thame, Haddenham, Risborough and Towersey. Our thoughts therefore turn to who will be our new incumbent next year. Having been involved in the recruitment and selection process for Cassa, it makes me wonder if it is not time for the church to think about how the selection process works. Last time we were told very firmly that one could not start the detailed planning and recruitment process till the incumbent had actually left. On challenging this we were told that we could not start any earlier in case the present incumbent changed their mind and decided to stay! The latest document that has been signed by Cassa shows that her resignation is irrevocable so that blocks that argument! Can you think of any other organisation which does not start the recruitment process as soon as somebody hands in their notice? I wonder why the church refuses to allow us to start the actual recruitment process now?

Am I being cynical in thinking that the church hierarchy like to force this system on us, so that they can make an income from renting out the empty vicarage? We are not though offered any reduction in the Parish Share for the interregnum period. No wonder the church sticks to such an antique process!!

Nick Morgan – Church Warden

## **u3a General Meeting at Haddenham Village Hall**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January @ 2.30pm**

### **Two Men in a Boat Rowing Two Rivers**

**Speaker: Martin Andrew**

Fans of CS Forester's novels and Ioan Gruffudd's portrayal of Horatio Hornblower on TV will enjoy this true-life tale of jaunts down the rivers Severn and Loire, the first a trial run and the second a re-enactment of Hornblower's escape from the French in 1811.

Martin, who is a Haddenham resident, travel writer and architectural historian, and his friend Richard undertake a training voyage from Wales to Deerhurst before going to Nevers in France near where Hornblower set off. Passing historic towns and chateaux, seeing a wealth of fish and birdlife, the account of the journey is not without incident!

**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)

## Magazine subscriptions for 2026

### 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.)*

You can make your payment via the following methods:

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(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 3).

Thank you,  
David Pickup. Editor



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**\*\*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:



**February issue** : deadline for receipt of copy is  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

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

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along 😊😊

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## COME AND JOIN US



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

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

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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>
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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY at 11 am**

Village friends and amenities continue to be prayed for week by week, and following an alphabetical list of village streets these will be remembered on the four Sundays of January :

Roundhill, St, John's Drive, Stonecroft, Eythrope Road, and The Glebe

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On the last Sunday in January we look forward to sharing a very special Service with Anglican friends from the Parish Church. From the earliest days of the Methodist 'societies', John Wesley invited the Methodist people to renew their covenant relationship with God.

The Service moves from praise to listening to the Word – in scripture, read and preached, and then to the renewal of the Covenant – which is God's promise and our response in penitence and faith. The Service proceeds to the Lord's Supper – Holy Communion – the sacrament which binds all Christians in fellowship with each other to God our Heavenly Father.

This is a wonderful way to begin our year's journey with God, and it reminds us that though we often fail and fall short of our promises, God never does: He is always faithful – a firm foundation in the ever-changing and sometimes frightening world which is 2026.

Everlasting God  
the years go by but you are unchanging;  
In this fragile world  
You are the only firm foundation:  
always loving, always true,  
always merciful and good.

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*Singing the Faith*

# **STONE THURSDAY CLUB**

**Meeting in the Methodist Chapel on the  
Second Thursday each month**

**For the over-60s – especially those who live alone  
or find it difficult to get about –  
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**Contact Dee James 01296 747671 for transport**

**Subscriptions £3 per session**

**FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR –  
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## **Local ‘Cinema’**

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

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**Downton Abbey – The Grand Finale Cert PG Doors 7.30pm**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**NT Live Hamlet Cert12A Doors 7.30pm**

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

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**The Naked Gun Cert 15 Doors 7.30pm**



**WELCOME TO  
FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP  
(non denominational)  
MEETING monthly at METHODIST CHAPEL  
each fourth Tuesday at 2.30 pm**

**TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**  
and as we missed our Christmas celebration meeting



before we enjoy an extra special tea

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**Meet Friends**



**Make Friends**

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Wednesday: 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January

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Wednesday: 28<sup>th</sup> January

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**

Wednesday: 14<sup>th</sup> January

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MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
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February	4th-18th	25th	11th
March	4th-18th	25th	11th
April	1st-15th-29th	22nd	8th
May	13th-27th	20th	6th
June	10th-24th	17th	3rd
July	8th-22nd	15th	1st-29th
August	5th-19th	12th	26th
September	2nd-16th-30th	9th	23rd
October	14th-28th	7th	21st
November	11th-25th	4th	18th
December	9th-23rd	2nd-30th	16th

**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@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)

## **Next Archdeacon of Buckingham announced**

We send our congratulations to the Revd Cassa Messervy who has been appointed the next Archdeacon of Buckingham. Cassa takes up the role in March 2026.

Cassa is currently the rector of the Wychert Vale benefice, having moved here in 2021 and has spent all her time in the Oxford diocese after she was ordained in 2011. She served her curacy in Beaconsfield, before moving to Seer Green and Jordans.

Cassa said: "I was surprised and delighted by my call to this role! It has been a joy to serve in the Wychert Vale Benefice and to see God at work here. I am looking forward to seeing all that God is doing in our deaneries and working with and for the wonderful people of the Buckingham Archdeaconry."

## Parish Council Meeting Dates



### MEETING DATES OF THE DINTON, FORD AND UPTON PARISH COUNCIL IN 2026

Notice is hereby given that the parish council will meet on the following dates, and time specified, in the Village Hall, Dinton.

Any committee meeting are notified separately by agenda notices.  
Agendas will be placed on the notice boards & website

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

**Keith Gray (Keith Gray, JP)**  
**CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

13<sup>th</sup> January

10<sup>th</sup> February

10<sup>th</sup> March

14<sup>th</sup> April

Annual Meeting of the Parish (Council's Annual Report)

12<sup>th</sup> May

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (Election of Chairman)

9<sup>th</sup> June

14<sup>th</sup> July

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST**

8<sup>th</sup> September

13<sup>th</sup> October

10<sup>th</sup> November

8<sup>th</sup> December



### MEETING DATES OF THE STONE WITH BISHOPSTONE AND HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL IN 2026

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Bishopstone Village Hall

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> January : 2.00pm Tea in the Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January : 1.30pm Cuddington Matinee Cinema, 'The Ballad of Wallis Island'**

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

The Christmas Tree at The Seven Stars, Dinton, following the switch-on ceremony in December and an enjoyable and successful quiz.



## **DINTON LUXURY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2025**

The Carol Service at St Peter and St Paul's Dinton on 14<sup>th</sup> December was delightful and a great success with over 100 in the congregation. The raffle was drawn after the Carol Service.

We are exceptionally pleased that everyone's efforts raised a whopping £1470 from raffle envelope sales and a donation, divided equally between the Dinton Church Fabric Fund and the Florence Nightingale Hospice. The church money will go towards the fund to restore the Victorian candelabras which are very fragile and can no longer be used. We will need to find a specialist metal worker to restore them.

Huge thanks go to so many. The three hampers plus a surprise one were brimming with Christmas goodies and heartfelt thanks to the donors of the luxurious and varied contributions. Raffle envelopes needed to be sold and individuals living in Upton, Dinton, Ford, Westlington, Gibraltar and at Starveall Butchery stepped up to the mark and 274 filled envelopes were returned; a great result.

The winners of the first prize hamper were Richard and Sue Smith who live in Stone and have never won anything before. Dinton residents and an Upton resident won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and the bonus surprise 4<sup>th</sup> hamper. All prize winners were thrilled and thanked everyone.

It leaves us to say, very many thanks to you all, especially the buyers of the raffle tickets and once again the Dinton Luxury Christmas Raffle continues..... we have one or more treats in store next Christmas.

Diane Smith and Paddy Lambert



## St John the Baptist Church, Stone

The church in Stone looked resplendent with floral decorations for the Christmas season, thanks to the hard work by the flower team. Here is a selection of photos of the festive flowers.





## **EASY GOING EXERCISES FOR ALL** *Have fun while you exercise – gently!*

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### **School news**

Smart winter uniforms appeared after October half term, and more recently warm coats, hats and wellies as the children are encouraged to play outside in all weathers.

Remembrance Day was respectfully observed at both sites on Tuesday 11th November. The infant pupils helped lay a wreath at the village war memorial in the churchyard.

Children in Need fundraising saw the pupils and staff with crazy hair in assorted colours and styles brightening up a dull November day! Miss Webb recently hosted a parent's phonics workshop, and a governor/parent workshop was also arranged to explain how feedback from the parent survey was helping governors to set the strategic direction of the school this coming year.

Meanwhile much excitement mounts as Olympic gymnast Steve Frew is visiting to inspire our future athletes and run a sponsored PE challenge.

As we write the children are moving towards the end of a very busy term reading Christmas Stories in Advent, rehearsing for their Nativity plays and practising their Carol singing for the Sunshine Club Christmas party. The excitement is already building!

### **Food Bank Collection in Dinton**

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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# Waterperry Gardens



## *What's On this January*



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It also hosts a series of therapeutic leisure groups such as art, singing and social activities

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It costs about £1.2 million every year to run the Centre, £100,000 per month or £5,000 per day.

However, only 6% of that funding comes from the NHS, the rest has to be raised through trusts and foundations, donations, sponsorship or events.

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## JANUARY COMMUNITY DIARY - A guide to what's on around you!

1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
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3	Saturday Café in the Park, Stone 10am-12 Noon
4	Sunday Church Services
5	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Cuddington Sunshine Club: Tea in the Playing Fields Clubhouse 2.00pm
6	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Haddenham Screen: The Naked Gun, Cert 15, Doors 7.30pm
7	Simply Walk
8	Little Wrigglers in Stone 9.00am Thursday Club Meeting 2pm
9	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm **NEW TIME**
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11	Sunday Church Services 4pm Lego Church in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone
12	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel
13	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
14	Simply Walk
15	Little Wrigglers in Stone 9.00am Cuddington Screen: Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale Cert PG Doors 7.30pm
16	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm **NEW TIME**
17	
18	Sunday Church Services
19	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone, 10.30am-12.30pm
20	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Stone, Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish Council Meeting : 7.30pm in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone
21	Simply Walk
22	Little Wrigglers in Stone 9.00am
23	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm **NEW TIME**
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25	Sunday Church Services
26	Cuddington Matinee Screen: 'The Ballad of Wallis Island' 1.30pm
27	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Fourth Tuesday Fellowship 2.30pm
28	Simply Walk
29	Cuddington Screen: NT Live Hamlet Cert 12A Doors 7.30pm
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