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PARISH CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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Front Cover: Stained Glass Window, St John the Baptist Church, Stone. Main photo by Michael Pitt-Payne

Editorial

And Jesus said, "I am the light of the world..."

John 8:12

Thanks as always for the photographs and keep them coming in. We have chosen a photograph of a window this month for the cover. Thanks to Michael Pitt-Payne for that. I like the brilliant and vivid colours. The interesting thing is this light is set in a small window in the oldest part of the church. It is probably Victorian, the age of revival in church glass.

Not many windows in churches are for looking through to see the outside. They are mainly for letting light in and illuminating windows like these. I was thinking of a hymn about light, popular in its day but now mainly known for its title. It was written by a priest who was stuck waiting to go home. It makes the point that we only need to see the next step not the whole journey.

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.

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Parish Services and Calendar

July 2022	St John the Baptist Stone*	St Peter & St Paul Dinton*	Stone Methodist Chapel **	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 3 rd July Trinity 3	10.30am All Age Worship with Choir	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 10th July Trinity 4	10.30am Holy Communion & Baptism	6.00pm Parish Evensong	11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 17th July Trinity 5	9.00am Mattins 10.30am Morning Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 24th July Trinity 6	10.30am Holy Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 31 st July Trinity 7	11.00am Combined Service of Worship at Stone Methodist Chapel			
Sunday 7 th August	10.30am All Age Family Service	10.00 am Holy Communion		
	*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.*

July Gardening Notes

So far this year, although the weather up to the beginning of June has been on the dry side, growth in shrubs and trees has been very vigorous and they will need plenty of trimming and pruning.

Roses will need of attention. As soon as flowers fade, cut back to a bud to keep the bushes trim and ready for new flowers to grow.



Fruit trees grown in restricted forms, which are becoming very popular, will probably need to be gently trimmed to keep tidy and the young fruits thinned if too many still on the bush. Loganberries and similar plants which this year are growing some early new strong growths, should possibly have some shoots removed if there are too many.

Strawberries which one often sees as a mass of plants are much better kept in tidy rows. This does entail a little more effort but is worth doing.

Make sure peas and beans are picked when young and complete the planting out of winter greens and leeks. Beetroot and carrots can be sown now to mature in the Autumn and on the lighter soils can be left in the ground to be used when required, Badgers permitting.

As summer progresses plants grown in containers will require plenty of water, any growing in full sun may need to be watered twice a day, also indoor plants will plenty of attention to keep them healthy.

Whatever the weather, weeds continue to grow and as one old saying goes, (One year's weeds is seven years seeds), so do keep the hoe on the go!

PS

STONE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Monday July 18, 2022

Stone Village Hall at 7.30

Prisoners, Pirates and Volcanoes

Paul's talks, particularly on the Napoleonic Wars, are always well researched and colourful – this time prisoners and how they filled their time are joined by Barbary pirates in the Mediterranean and by the story of a volcanic eruption in the Far East that might have affected the result at Waterloo!



For further information ring Carole on 01844 885168.

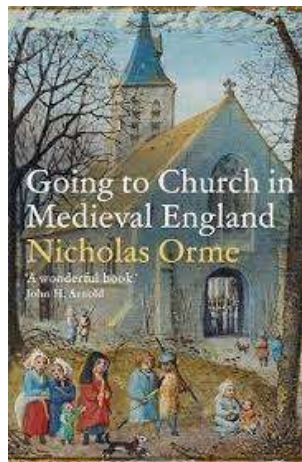
Visitors welcome

Letter from Aston Sandford

Why do we have a Rector?

Why does Aston Sandford have a Rector but other churches in the benefice have a Vicar? Why indeed.

The dictionary definition of a Church of England Rector is 'the incumbent of a parish where all the tithes formerly passed to the incumbent' and of Vicar 'an incumbent of a parish where tithes formerly passed to a chapter or religious house or layman' (both definitions from the *Oxford English Reference Dictionary*).



According to Nicholas Orme's splendid *Going to Church in Medieval England* (Yale, 2021) historically parishes were run by an incumbent, a single clergyman who held the benefice, meaning the rights and revenues that came with the parish. By the early Middle Ages two words had come into use to describe such a clergyman. The basic word was the Latin *rector*, meaning one who had absolute rule over the parish – and of course his benefice and his house were known as a rectory. An alternative word was the Latin *persona*, or parson in English, meaning he was the person locally in charge. However, some rectories were regarded as suitable for clergy who were not obliged to keep residence – and so they had a resident cleric, known as a vicar – from the Latin word meaning vicarious or deputy. Where the patron of the rectory was a religious body – such as a bishop or cathedral or monastery - a deputy cleric or vicar was appointed.

Applying those distinctions locally, the rather complicated medieval history of the Aston Sandford parish does not reveal that the patron was ever a religious body, so that presumably is why we have a rector. Haddenham on the other hand was in the hands of the Prior and Convent of Rochester Cathedral until the dissolution of the monasteries in the sixteenth century, and accordingly historically has had a vicar.

Nicholas Orme's book goes on to explain that mediaeval rectors and vicars were identical in their work, and that vicars were not always less wealthy than rectors. He also explains that many churches were run by chaplains, not by rectors or vicars, because the appropriating body absorbed all the revenues and paid only a modest wage to a chaplain. The word chaplain was also used to describe what we would now call a curate. Chaplains were also employed privately in domestic settings.

Marilynne A Morgan

Treasurer, Aston Sandford Church

This month we feature the one hundredth anniversary of one of the final casualties of The Great War.

**Lieutenant Stewart Gavin STUKELEY
Royal Army Service Corps
Born 1894
Died 22 Jul 1922 Aged 27
Commemorated at Dinton Church**



Photo by Peter Underwood

Last address Yaunde Cameron, West Africa

He attended Dulwich College London. His parents were Edward Charles & Ida Stukeley. His father was vicar of Dinton.

Yaunde is the capital of Cameroon, which had been a German colony but after the ward was divided into French and British mandates that ran the territories to prepare for independence. That did not happen until 1960 when the country was reunited. Stewart may have been a colonial service official.

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David Pickup
Editor**

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Afternoon Teas

Sunday July 31st : 3.00 to 5.00 pm
Stone Village Hall

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The day thou Gavest, Lord, is ended

This hymn is often sung at evening services and hymn was selected to be sung as part of the celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897 It was written by the Anglican hymnodist the Rev John Ellerton (1826–1893) in 1870 for its inclusion in *A Liturgy for Missionary Meetings*. It is often sung to the tune of St Clement and its theme focusses on the worldwide church and its continual offering of prayer and praise to God.



Ellerton's prose writings include *The Holiest Manhood*, 1882; *Our Infirmities*, 1883, &c. It is, however, as a hymnologist, editor, hymnwriter, and translator, that he is most widely known. As editor he published: *Hymns for Schools and Bible Classes*, Brighton, 1859. He was also co-editor with Bishop How and others of the *Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge Church Hymns*, 1871. His *Notes and Illustrations of Church Hymns, their authors and translators*, were published in the folio edition of 1881.

He was born in Clerkenwell, Middlesex, England, to George Ellerton, the head of an evangelical family. He was educated at King William's College on the Isle of Man, and Trinity College, Cambridge, (B.A. 1849; M.A. 1854), where he came under the influence of Frederick D. Maurice. He died in Torquay, Devon, England, aged 66. He took orders in 1850, and was Curate of Eastbourne, Sussex. In 1852, he was in Brighton, and Lecturer of St. Peter's, Brighton. In 1860, he became chaplain for Lord Crewe and vicar of Crewe Green in Cheshire, about thirty miles southeast of Liverpool. He became chairman of the education committee at the Mechanics Institute for the local Railway Company. Reorganizing the institute, he made it one of the most successful in England. He taught classes in English and Bible History. He also organized one of the first Choral Associations of the Midlands.

In 1872, he became Rector of Hinstock, Shropshire. In 1876, he was transferred to Barnes, (then in Surrey), a western suburb of London. The work among a large population broke him down and he had to go abroad for a year, serving as Chaplain at Pegli in Italy from 1884 to 1885. After returning, he took a smaller parish in White Roding in 1886, his last. During his final illness, he was given the honorary title of Canon of St. Albans Cathedral.

*The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.*



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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

Saturday 2nd July from 10am

The beautiful churchyard at St John The Baptist, Stone needs your help.

We would like to:

- trim around the graves
- clear the ivy off the trees, wall and graves
- remove moss from the gravestones
- tidy up the bushes on Churchway & Bishopstone Road
- paint some handrails, grave surrounds and railings
- protect the wildlife by leaving areas of wild flowers but cutting other areas
- enhance the whole churchyard experience for everyone

Would **you** be willing to help?

If so please come along on Saturday 2nd July at anytime between 10am and 4pm with your gardening tools, dressed ready to work and enjoy great company.

We will provide refreshment and a toilet so please come and help.

Even if it's only for a short time it will all help to make the churchyard and surrounding areas look so much better.

If you would like to help financially then please go to our website and make a donation to The Fabric Fund towards the work that is needed which could cost £10,000 or more and every little helps.

Thank you
Sue Birrell
Chairperson
St John The Baptist Fabric Committee
Stone

Parish and other websites

Church	https://stonedintonhartwell.com/
Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council	http://www.sbhpc.org/
Jubilee Pavilion	http://www.sbhpc.org/Jubilee-Pavilion/Jubilee-Pavilion-Home
Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council	https://www.dinton.org/
Dinton News	https://www.dinton.info/
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/



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

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Stone Village Jubilee Fete : June 2022

This year's Stone Fete was a roaring success. From the moment the 'doors' opened to the last rosette given, there was a constant buzz and sounds of enjoyment from all who attended.

It felt like a record year for dog show entries, with all dogs great and small parading and winning as well as the cutest puppy and largest hound.

The tombola proved a huge success with a constant queue and was 'sold out' within the first couple of hours – all the volunteers and over 40 stall holders were on top form.

There was a rush for the special mugs and many a raffle ticket bought.



The donkeys, bouncy castle and hook a duck were amongst the incredibly popular amusements for the children at the fete as well as the jubilee 'make your own wands' provided by the church. A highlight of the day was seeing all the entrants for the Jubilee crown competition – well done to all those who entered.



We were spoilt with ice creams, a sizzling BBQ and cream teas and a busy bar and the evening finished wonderfully with live music from an 18-piece jazz band – roll on next year!

Well done to all those involved in the organisation but also to all those who took part and attended – it was a special day in the village.

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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will lead our worship**

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Thank you to everyone who supported the
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FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

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Meeting in the Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road

TUESDAY JULY 26th @ 2.30 p.m.

Come along to a friendly welcome and an afternoon joining in hymns and prayers with a 'Thought for the Day'

**** and ****

plenty of time to enjoy tea and chat !



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[for the over-60s - especially those who live alone
or find it difficult to get about]

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JULY 14th @ 2 p.m.

EYES DOWN FOR A



AFTERNOON !

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PRIZES ! PRIZES ! PRIZES !**

Afternoon tea to follow, of course

STONE WITH BISHOPSTONE AND HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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JULY 2022

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 9th May at which the meeting dates and the Councillor roles & responsibilities for the year were agreed;

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Parish Council Vice-Chair	Roger Cante

Roles & Responsibilities for upkeep of the Parish;

Human Resources Committee Chair	Roger Cante
Planning Committee Chair	Peter Comben
Finance Lead	Chris Nicholls
Governance Lead	Chris Nicholls
Jubilee Pavilion Lead	Clive Corbould
Grounds Maintenance Lead	Roger Cante
Community Board	Chris Nicholls
Eythrope Road Cemetery Lead	Roger Cante
HS2 Lead	Richard List
Communications & Social Media Lead	Martin Skeet
Speeding Data Lead	Roger Cante
Litter Picking	Perry Harris

Parish Council meeting dates for the remainder of the 2022, all commence 7.30pm;

Wednesday 6 th July	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday 7 th September	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone
Wednesday 12 th October	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone
Wednesday 2 nd November	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone

To contact the Parish Council you can email the Parish Clerk on clerk@sbhpc.org. Alternatively visit our website www.sbhpc.org

At time of writing, we still have one vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to help your community and can spare an hour or so a week, you might be the ideal person we are looking for.

Play Around the Parishes

We have two amazing days of childrens' activities in the Stone War Memorial Recreation Ground.

The Parish Council have arranged for games and activities in the Recreation Ground on **Friday 29th July 10am-12noon** and **Wednesday 24th August 10am-12noon**. Suitable for children aged 1-11 years.

The event is FREE with no need to book – just turn up and play.

Refreshments and toilets are available.

Come and join us!



A **BIG** THANK YOU to everyone who helped and supported **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** events and/or delivered envelopes

I'm happy to report that the total raised was **£1,445.50**

On that happy note, I would like to make a plea for a TAKEOVER BID ! PLEASE will someone volunteer to organise Christian Aid Week in the years to come!

I have been doing my best for 20 years and it needs new blood, new ideas and someone a great deal more 'tech savvy' than this old girl! *[I don't even have a smart phone!!]*



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Celebrating Ceramics – 15th to 17th July

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The Secret Garden Live, New Creations – 23rd July

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Rapunzel, IK Productions – 30th July

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2	Cafe In the Park (see page 17) St John the Baptist Churchyard tidy (see page 13)
3	Church Services (see page 4)
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5	Cafe In the Park (see page 17) Yoga for Over 60's @ Haddenham Village Hall, 11am – midday. Contact Gill at contact@yogaannie.org .
6	Simply Walk – Dinton (see page 10) Stone Parish Council Meeting – Bishopstone Village Hall
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10	Church Services (see page 4)
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12	Cafe In the Park (see page 17) Yoga for Over 60's @ Haddenham Village Hall, 11am – midday. Contact Gill at contact@yogaannie.org .
13	Simply Walk – Stone (see page 10)
14	Thursday Club 2.00pm at Bartletts/Methodist Chapel
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17	Church Services (see page 4)
18	Stone Local History Group 7.30pm (see page 6)
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27	Simply Walk – Stone (see page 10)
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29	Play Around the Parishes (see page 20)
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31	Church Services (see page 4) Afternoon Teas in Stone Village Hall 3pm (see page 11)

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