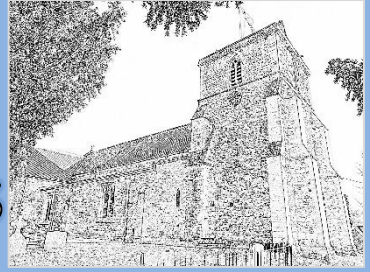


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Editorial

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ... Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.

Romans 13

When will you go to bed on 4th July? How long you stay up for will depend on your tiredness and level of interest.

This month we have a chance to vote for our Member of Parliament, and the leader of the party that can command a majority will form the next government. There is a concern that "voter engagement" is low, meaning that we are not very interested any more. The turnout at the 2019 General Election was 67.3% which was slightly up from 2015. The lowest turnout in a general election was recorded in 1918 at 57.2%, due to the end of the First World War. Between 1922 and 1997 turnout remained above 71%. At the 2001 general election the turnout was 59.4%. People under the age of forty is much less.

Should we be concerned? Voting turnout has been fairly stable since 1918 at between 60% and 70%. The numbers that vote in this country are similar to most other countries.

For the first time at a UK general election, those voting at a polling station will need to show photo ID. Voters should check now if they have an accepted form of ID, and if not to apply for free ID, called the Voter Authority Certificate .

To answer my own question, I am not sure when I go to bed on election night. I do not always stay up all night. Election excitement begins to wane in the early hours! Politics seems to be a spectator sport for most of us. We enjoy the shocks and surprises and the live results when the spotlight is a constituency.

The Christian teaching on governing is clear. We should respect those in authority and admire those who seek it. Most people enter politics for good reasons. Perhaps we should remind them they are God's servants too!

Parish Services and Calendar

July 2024	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 7th July	9.00am Matins 10.30 Family Service	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 14th July	10.30am Holy Communion + Explorers	6.00pm Patronal Festival Evensong	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 21st July	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship + Explorers	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Chapel Anniversary	11.00am Holy Communion Service
Sunday 28th July	10.30am All Age Holy Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 4th August	9.00am Matins 10.30am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	

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

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Elections: How to vote

To vote in a general election you must:

- be registered to vote
- be 18 or over on the day of the election ('polling day')
- be a British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizen
- be resident at an address in the UK or living abroad and registered as an overseas voter
- not be legally excluded from voting

Who can register

You must be aged 16 or over. (so you could be on the register but not entitled to vote at a general election).

You can register to vote if you're a British citizen or an Irish citizen. You can also register if you have permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man - or you do not need permission - and you're a:

- Commonwealth citizen
- citizen of Denmark, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal or Spain
- citizen of another EU country, if you have had permission to enter or stay - or not needed permission - since 31 December 2020, and this has continued without a break

How to vote

Elections are the only time when we put a cross not a tick for something we want. You should use a X. If you put two or more crosses or write your name the ballot paper will not be accepted. Whether your vote is accepted is the decision of the Returning Officer. You can even write a "yes" or draw smiley face against a name of the person but keep things simple put a X.

Who to vote for

You decide. It is a criminal to threaten, bribe or even offer you a cup of tea if you vote for a candidate. It would also be a crime for a preacher to say you must vote for a particular party or candidate for religious reasons.



Election Expressions and Language

Here are words and phrases we use at this time and explanations on how they started.

Parliament

This comes from French meaning a conference or assembly. Dates from around 1300.

Vote

Comes from Latin votum "a vow, wish, promise to a god, solemn pledge, dedication,"

Poll

Again from about 1300, originally meaning a single head, then counting heads, from about 1620s.

Going to the country

A phrase from end of Eighteenth Century meaning to call for a general election and test the mood in the country.

Canvass

This originally meant to sift things in a sheet, and then to examine items carefully, then "solicit votes or test support before an election" (1550s).

Hustings

From about 1720 means a temporary platform from which, previous to the Ballot Act of 1872, the nomination of candidates for Parliament was made, and on which these stood while addressing the electors.

Ballot

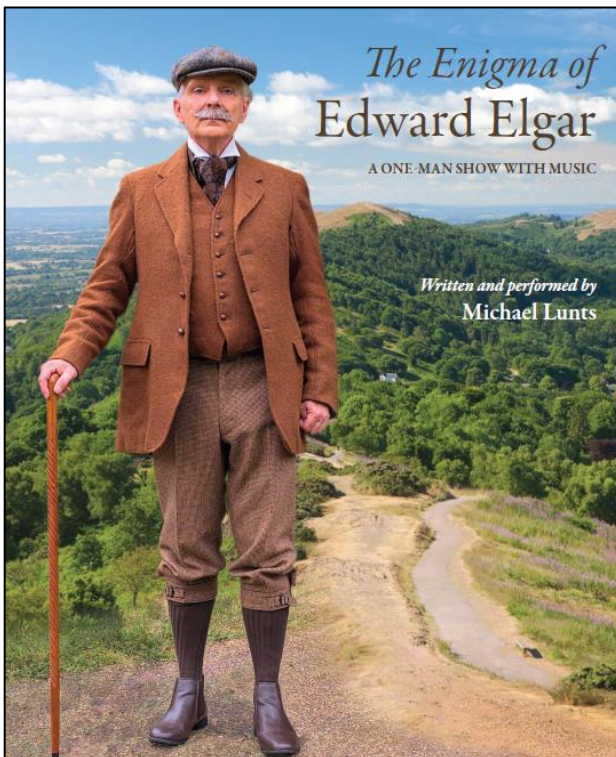
From late Sixteenth Century meaning a box in which balls or pebbles are put to indicate votes.

Mondeo man

After the Ford Mondeo, a family car, popularised by a phrase used at a party conference in 1996, though the vehicle mentioned was actually a Ford Sierra. It means the average voter who wants to better themselves and their families.

Swingometer

Do you remember when television graphics were simple? This was a device consisting of a dial with a movable pointer, used to demonstrate (on television) how a likely or observable 'swing' should influence the outcome of an election. From 1965



We are delighted to welcome back Michael Lunts who has performed at many one man shows in the village over the years. He has kindly offered to do a show in honour of Carole Fryer who passed away earlier this year.

This one man musical drama is about Edward Elgar and features the Enigma Variations and the characters that inspired it, and Salut D'Amour dedicated to his wife.

The show will be in memory of Carole, a stalwart of the History Society, our colleague on this magazine and so much more.

Tickets £10.00 on the door.

For details and information contact David Pickup

Email: david@pickupandscott.co.uk | Tel: 01296 748170

Date: Wednesday 31st July 2024

Venue : Stone Methodist chapel, Eythrope Road HP17 8PG.

Start time 7.30, doors open 7 pm

News from Aston Sandford

The architect G E Street

In past *Letters* I have catalogued the achievements of the well-known Victorian architect Sir George Gilbert Scott, and indeed the whole Scott architectural dynasty, not least because of Scott's family ties with Aston Sandford and Buckinghamshire. But there was another famous Victorian architect, a contemporary of Scott's, who had associations with our county – and that is the leading Gothic Revivalist G E Street, the bicentenary of whose birth is celebrated this year.

George Edmund Street RA (1824 –1881) was the son of a London solicitor. On leaving school he worked briefly in his father's practice, but his father died soon afterwards and young George went with his mother to live in Exeter, where he developed an interest in church architecture, here and in Europe. Within a couple of years he was apprenticed to an architectural practice in Winchester. Some three years later he was working for Gilbert Scott in London. Scott tended to work a great deal through his assistants, and Street worked on the designs of several of Scott's big projects. While still working for Scott, Street's very first commission was the design of Biscovey Church, near Par in Cornwall, consecrated in 1849, the same year in which he set up practice on his own account.



In 1850 Street was appointed (by none other than Bishop Samuel Wilberforce, son of William Wilberforce and known as Soapy Sam) to be the architect to the Diocese of Oxford of which Buckinghamshire had become a part in 1845. In that role he designed or restored some 113 churches in the Diocese. In Buckinghamshire I have identified at least six new churches and some fourteen significant restorations - many of them churches now mostly listed as Grade I or Grade II*.

According to an article in Pevsner's **The Buildings of England: Buckinghamshire** Street's most significant commission in Bucks was the rebuilding of the east end of Chalfont St Peter church in 1852–4, his first use of architectural polychromy (ie the use of bricks of different colours - brown, cream, yellow, red, blue, and black - in patterned combinations). The article also praises the churches at Westcott (1866-7) and Coleshill (1860-61), and the unusual balustrading on the tower of Beachampton, SW of Milton Keynes (1873-4). Closer to home, Street carried out a significant restoration in St Nicholas's Church, Cuddington in 1856-7 – the roof on the south aisle chapel, the porch, the vestry, the east window, the pulpit, the lectern, reroofing, reflooring etc. Pevsner regards the reredos as important as the first of its type by Street.



left: St Nicholas Church, Cuddington

Street's practice was not however confined to the Diocese but extended all over England, Wales and Ireland. He was in due course additionally Diocesan architect to Ripon, York, and Winchester. He also undertook some works abroad. Certainly as far as his church work is concerned, he is regarded as more innovative than Scott himself. But he was not just a church architect, he had numerous commissions for vicarages (including one in what is now Milton Keynes), school houses, cottages, schools, colleges.

Despite being a leading proponent of the Gothic Revival, Street had a strong connection with another Victorian movement, that of Arts and Crafts, and took an interest in details of crafts such as metal work. In 1856–7, Philip Webb was Street's senior clerk and the young William Morris one of his apprentices: both went on to become leading members of the Arts and Crafts movement. Westcott church certainly has an Arts and Crafts look about it. Street himself was high church and for many years was a churchwarden of All Saints, Margaret Street (north of the east end of Oxford Street) designed by another Gothic revivalist architect, William Butterfield, known for his use of polychromy, and built in the 1850s as a "model church" under the supervision of the Ecclesiological Society (which still exists) of which Street was a member. Street is said to have been particularly insistent that all seats in churches should be free of charge, rather than subject to pew rent.

Despite his strong ecclesiastical legacy Street is today remembered mostly for one particular secular building – the Law Courts in the Strand, now known as the Royal Courts of Justice. Selected architects, including Scott, were invited in 1866 to submit designs for the site; the competition was somewhat protracted and it was not until 1868 that it was decided to award the project to Street for both the external and internal design. Scott was bitterly disappointed. However, it was by no means an easy or straightforward project for Street who was meticulous in his execution of any project, involved in every detail (he is said to have done over 3000 drawings for the Law Courts). I have to confess it is not my favourite building – either to look at or work in – but it is nevertheless a remarkable design. Pevsner's *Westminster* pronounces it 'serious and competent...not without sensitivity, attuned as it is to the unfolding oblique views along the Strand....an object lesson in free design...yet not undisciplined where symmetry is abandoned'.

Building finally started in 1873. Sadly the work took its toll on Street, and he died in December 1881 before the project was completed, his death hastened by overwork and worries about the execution of the project. The work was completed by his son Arthur E Street, together with Sir Arthur Blomfield (who had restored St Mary's Princes Risborough in 1867-8) and the buildings were opened by Queen Victoria in 1882. There is a memorial to Street, designed by Blomfield, in the Central Hall. Street (who was married and widowed twice) was buried in the nave of Westminster Abbey, close to the grave of Sir George Gilbert Scott who had died on 1878. Ironically Scott's grave was covered by a memorial brass designed by Street himself.



(Right: Royal Courts of Justice)

Since I drafted the above article, an excellent piece on Street by architectural historian Clive Aslett has been published in the Country Life of 15th May. It is particularly interesting on the subject of what the author calls parsonage houses – and apparently Street built (or altered) 44 such houses, more than any other Victorian architect.

Marilynne A Morgan
Treasurer, Aston Sandford Church

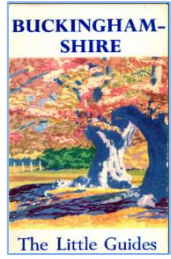
St Peter and St Paul Church Dinton would like some volunteer flower arrangers to join a group of three ladies who currently keep the church looking lovely with flower arrangements. Please ring Rosemary Jackson on 07751 393377 if you are interested.



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Cuddington

Cuddington is a charming village in the valley of the Thame in the W. of the county. The church at N. side of the village, has a chancel and nave with aisles, S. chapel and tower with stair turret at NE corner.



The church is of great interest since the 12th century building was enlarged and altered four times during the 13th century.

The order of the work was as follows:

- c.1220 chancel rebuilt and a N. transept to nave
- c. 1230 S. aisle with arcade of two bays
- c. 1260 N. aisle with arcade of three bays added to existing work.
- 1290 S. chapel.
- 1330 N. aisle widened.
- 15th century W. tower.
- 16th century N. aisle shortened.
- The S. doorway c. 1260.



The font is late Norman.

On the N. side of the church is an interesting old house with the date on the doorway 1609.



Stone Village Library

In the bus stop near the village hall there are now two cupboards that comprise the Stone Village library

Currently, the cupboards contain a selection of books for all ages

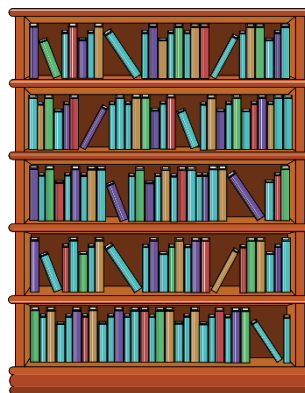
Please feel free to borrow the books as required. Also please return the books when you have finished with them.

I am always looking for more books to keep the library fresh with new titles.

My intention is to try to start a jigsaw library as well.

If anyone has any books or complete jigsaws that are surplus to requirements that they could donate, please contact me using the details below:

Peter Gillespy, mobile no 07914 006623 and email address peter@gillespy.plus.com



The General Election

The Church of England is launching a campaign known as #PrayYourPart – to promote prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens. They also issue a plea to everyone to put “good grace and a commitment to truth and integrity” at the heart of the campaign. Sadly, this week has not shown much of that. A series of daily reflections written by bishops, drawn from the Bible and exploring major themes has just been published. It covers the final three weeks up to polling day starting on 14th June.

You can sign up here to receive the daily reflections by email:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024>

Election Prayer Gathering

Prior to election day we will be gathering in the church to pray for the candidates, for the voters, for the election day itself, for the new government (whoever that is) and for our country. Everyone is welcome to gather with us. We will begin with a reflection from the Bible and then anyone is welcome to pray or share thoughts in an informal way. Others may prefer to sit in quiet contemplation throughout. Tuesday 2nd July at 7:00pm lasting 30-45 minutes.



Afternoon Tea and Homemade Cakes

Stone Village Hall : 3pm to 5 pm

Sundays 30th June

25th August / 29th September/

27th October / 24th November

Proceeds to Action Medical Research

Wildlife Spotlight - Red Kites in the Chiltern Hills

In the 1980s, the red kite, a bird of prey with a distinctive forked tail and reddish-brown body, was on the brink of extinction in the United Kingdom. Its population had plummeted due to poisoning, persecution, and habitat loss. Recognising the situation, conservationists embarked on an ambitious reintroduction program in the Chiltern Hills of Buckinghamshire.



The reintroduction effort began in 1989 as a collaborative project between the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) and English Nature (now Natural England). The initial phase involved releasing a small number of young red kites, sourced from Spain where the species was more abundant. These birds were carefully monitored, and supplementary feeding stations were established to support them as they acclimatized to their new environment. Over the next decade, the program expanded, releasing more birds and fostering natural breeding pairs.

The success of this program has been remarkable. Today, the Chiltern Hills boast a thriving red kite population, with the birds becoming a familiar sight soaring over Buckinghamshire's countryside.

The Chiltern Hills were chosen as the reintroduction site for red kites because:

1. Suitable Habitat

Characterised by a mix of woodland, farmland, and open countryside. This diversity of landscape offers nesting, feeding and roosting. With the surrounding open areas providing a rich source of food.

2. Low Human Disturbance

The region's rural nature ensures that the birds thrive without excessive interference from human activities.

3. Historical Range

Historically, the Chiltern Hills were part of the red kite's natural range before the species faced significant decline. Reintroducing birds to an area where they previously existed increases the likelihood of success.

4. Historical Low Persecution

The Chiltern Hills had relatively lower levels of persecution against birds of prey compared to other regions. There was also strong support from the local community within the Chiltern Hills and a collaborative environment was essential for providing the birds a safe area to establish and grow.

This resurgence has had several positive impacts on the local community and wildlife. Ecologically, the return of the red kite has had a stabilising effect on the local ecosystem. As scavengers, red kites primarily feed on carrion, small mammals, and insects. Their diet helps to keep the environment clean by removing dead animals, which in turn reduces the risk of disease spread. They are also known to occasionally take earthworms and other invertebrates. Red kites nest in large trees, preferring mature woodlands where they can build substantial nests from sticks and vegetation. These nests are often reused and renovated year after year.

Red kites possess exceptionally keen eyesight, a characteristic common among birds of prey. Their vision is much sharper than that of humans, allowing them to spot potential food sources from great heights. A red kite can scan the ground from impressive altitudes and distances, thanks to their large eyes and high number of photoreceptor cells.



Red kites typically soar at altitudes of 100 to 200 meters (about 330 to 660 feet) while hunting. Their eyesight is estimated to be 2 to 3 times more acute than that of a human, enabling them to discern small animals or carcasses from several hundred meters away. In terms of specific distances, red kites can spot prey from up to 500 meters (approximately 1,640 feet) away when flying at their usual hunting altitudes.

The success in Buckinghamshire, has served as a model for similar reintroduction programs across the UK. Today, red kites can be found in several regions, including Yorkshire, the East Midlands, and as far north as Scotland. The birds have demonstrated a remarkable ability to adapt and thrive in diverse landscapes, from rural countryside to urban fringes.



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WE NEED SOMEONE TO HELP WITH MOWING THE CHURCHYARD..... IS THAT YOU?

At church we have 2 self-propelled mowers which are well maintained and a very large amount of grass that needs cutting. Over the next 2 months it will be a continuous job and we need help.

If you can offer to help then please contact s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com or call 01296338163



We will be very pleased to accept any other help that you may be able to give if you can't mow. Refreshment and toilet facilities are available at the church.

☀️ 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 and a Christmas party.

Next event:
Monday 8th July : Tea

Monday 22nd July, 1.30pm - Matinee Cinema
'Ticket to Paradise'. All welcome

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

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

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SJB

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Dinton Beer Festival to be held at the Seven Stars 17th August noon to 6pm

The eighth annual Dinton Beer Festival will be held this year on Saturday 17th August in the garden of the Seven Stars pub, from noon to 6pm.

There will be a selection of real ales, ciders and Pimm's with live music through the afternoon and a barbecue hosted by Steph and her team.



All proceeds will go towards parish projects and we are delighted to report that to date, the Beer Festival has distributed nearly £14,000 with donations from last year's festival covering a new outside tap for the church and repairs to the church flagpole and replacing a fence and young saplings for the parish field.

So, please put the date in your diary and come along to the Seven Stars to enjoy a family day out. We are always looking for sponsors and if you would like to sponsor a barrel or some cider or Pimm's or contribute to the cost of the glasses, please contact Dick O'Driscoll on 07711 731740 or email Dick at odriscoll110@btinternet.com or Den Dunn at Dennis.dunn@btconnect.com

Food Bank Collection

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.

The Parish Council notes with deep sadness the death of Martin Usherwood. Martin served on the Parish Council for some thirteen years, most of them as Chairman. Martin was an eminent Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Stoke Mandeville for twenty-five years, during which time he helped many families in the wider community and throughout this Parish. His contribution to our community was huge and he will be greatly missed.

Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council

A selection of local Facebook pages to follow for local news and events.



Parish and Community News

Search Facebook with @stonedintonparishnews



Stone, Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council

Search Facebook with: @sbhpc



Stone, Buckinghamshire – a local community page

Search Facebook with: @StoneBuckinghamshire



Wyichert Vale Benefice

Search Facebook with: @WyichertValeBenefice



Stone, Dinton & Hartwell – church news

Search Facebook with: @stonedintonhartwell



Diocese of Oxford

Search Facebook with: @dioceseofoxford



Dinton/Ford/Upton/Westlington/Gibraltar

Search Facebook with: Dinton/Ford/Upton/Westlington/Gibraltar

Local ‘Cinema’ dates

Did you know about the local film screenings in Haddenham and Cuddington – several films to see every month and not too far to travel!

See the Village Calendar at the back of the magazine for dates and film titles.



Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council Meetings

The next Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 9th July** in Dinton Village Hall. Meetings are scheduled to start at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified differently on the agenda.



2024 meeting dates

No meeting in August 10th September
8th October
12th November
10th December



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Wednesday: 17th July

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Wednesday: 3rd and 31st July

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MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
August	7 th -21 st	14 th	28 th
September	4 th -18 th	11 th	25 th
October	2 nd -16 th -30 th	9 th	23 rd
November	13 th -27 th	6 th	20 th
December	11 th -25 th	4 th	18 th



WE WILL BE WORKING IN THE CHURCHYARD COULD YOU HELP US?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

10AM TO 1PM

ON THE 3RD SATURDAY IN THE MONTH

Next session is on Saturday 20th July, weather permitting.



We would like to tidy the graves, clear the banks along Bishopstone Road and Churchway, plant some flowers and generally make the churchyard look great!



If you can help then please just come along, you can always make coffee if you want to join us but find the gardening tiring.

If you want a chat about this please contact Sue



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Future dates:

17 th August	21 st September
19 th October	16 th November



SJB

SOCIALLY CRAFTY MEETS
EVERY 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
(excepting Bank Holidays)

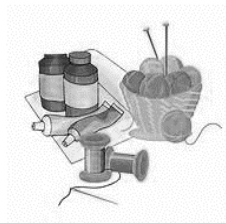
10.30am - 12.30

in St John the Baptist Church, Stone

COME ALONG AND:



- **Make friends**
- **Drink Coffee**
- **Eat Cake**
- **Do Crafts if you want**
- **Learn something new**
- **Share your talents**



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**There is no commitment to come every month
just come when you can and join in.**

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/
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The Chapel with heart, at the heart of the village **WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY @ 11 a.m.**

Village friends and amenities continue to be prayed for week by week,

And following an alphabetical list of village streets –

Roundhill, Sedrup, St. John's Drive and Stonecroft

will be remembered on the four Sundays of June

REMEMBER – there is a postbox in the Chapel porch for an special prayer requests [anonymous if you prefer]

On 21st July the Chapel will celebrate 147 years of witness in our village. Charlie Poole and his friends who were responsible for building the Chapel in 1877 lived in a very different village from the one we know today. It had a village workforce mainly dependent on agriculture for men and domestic service for women. There were many farms and smallholdings, along with the Hartwell Estate of the Lee family and several large houses. The Vicar employed several indoor domestic staff as well as a gardener -plus 'boy' – and a groom for his horses. There was a wheelwright, a bakery, a butcher's shop and several 'ale houses'.

A few years later, in the 1890s, St. John's Hospital [then designated the County Lunatic Asylum] was built and became a substantial employer – as well as nurses and 'attendants' there were workers who staffed the farm with its arable land, heavy horses, pigs and chickens, along with the bakery and laundry.

Many of these workers found a spiritual home in the Chapel and their children swelled the Sunday School until in 1912 a Hall was added as a designated 'Sunday School Room', and the Chapel took on the look we know today.

Post both World Wars, the village grew as Council housing virtually doubled the housing stock, transport to Aylesbury and further afield became easier enabling people to work away from the village.

Another seismic shift was the closure of St. John's and the building of the new estate with its roads and avenues named from the Doctors and Wards of the old building.

Over the years the Chapel has changed too; no longer dark-paneled, but light and bright, no more hard wooden pews but cushioned chairs, a functioning kitchen and accessible toilet. Charlie and his friends wouldn't recognise the place! But still

there is a warm welcome for everyone, as the Chapel's Mission Statement declares:

**This is an inclusive Church which seeks –
in worship and service –
to be a witness and channel for God's love for all people
in our community and the wider world**

**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US ON
JULY 21st**

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in the garden at
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where the obvious theme for the afternoon will be
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.....MAKE**

DO COME ALONG TO



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Visitors who may like to find out more about the local u3a and our many special interest groups are welcome to have a taster visit, before joining, at no cost.

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

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Contact Rosemary Jackson 07751 393377 . Please bring your own equipment.

Music

On Thursday 18th July there will be an Empty Rooms Production in Dinton Church. Diana Jones is a very popular singer and songwriter from Nashville and it will be a real treat to hear her in person.



If you are reading this on July 1st there are
**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN
SHOPPING DAYS**

LEFT TILL CHRISTMAS

(including, regrettably, Sundays)

If you're reading it later in the month, well, do the maths.

There are even fewer shopping days to 4th November, which is the date when the **FAMILY SHOEBOXES FOR CHRISTMAS** are due to be collected for distribution by *LINK TO HOPE* in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova and surrounding countries. I was reminded of this by an email from *LINK TO HOPE* noting that the more time you have to prepare and pack the shoeboxes, the more interesting and probably cheaper it will be. Buying individual items week by week spreads the cost and means less rushing nearer the deadline when we are preparing for our own Christmas buying.

LINK TO HOPE say that it's getting much harder to send items abroad as well as more expensive. We are urged to be very aware of what **NOT** to put in our boxes. Yes, we would love to send special food items or medicine or baby clothes but if they are found in the shoeboxes it could mean a huge fine for the Charity and even the possibility of the whole consignment being turned back.

As before, I will be happy to receive items to pack for you if you wish and each month I'll pass on the suggestions from *LINK TO HOPE* on what to buy that month. In July, let's concentrate on toiletry items. Think shampoo, showergell, toothpaste and brushes, soap, flannels, safety razors. No, not dull, absolutely not – they are really important and you can make it more meaningful and fun by choosing lovely fragrances, tying with a pretty ribbon or making a toiletry bag from colourful scrap material.

Please get in touch with me if you would like further information and/or access the ***LINK TO HOPE*** website yourself for lots of interesting news.

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Moonrakers – Sun 28 July, 6pm-8.30pm

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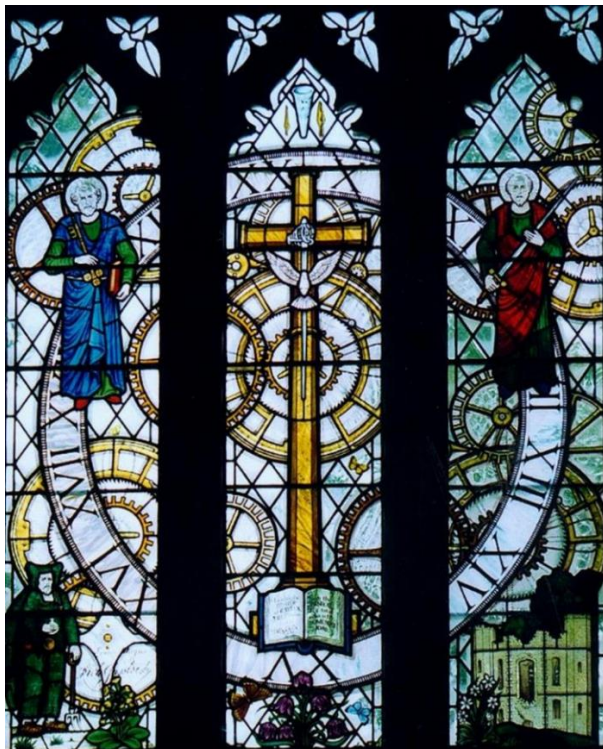
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July 2024	
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2	Café in the Park, Stone, 11am-1pm
3	Simply Walk
4	Cuddington Picture House “The Zone of Interest” (Cert 12A) 8.00pm
5	EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
6	Café in The Park, Stone, 10am-12 noon
7	Church Services
8	Cuddington Sunshine Club Tea 2pm
9	Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Haddenham Screen (Haddenham Village Hall) “Scrapper” (Cert 12A) Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
10	Simply Walk
11	Thursday Club 2pm
12	EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
13	Dinton Churchyard Tidy Up
14	Church Services, inc Patronal Festival Evensong at Dinton church
15	Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone 10.30am-12.30pm
16	Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm
17	Simply Walk
18	Little Wrigglers Group, Stone 9am Cuddington Picture House “National Theatre Live Present Laughter” (Cert 12A) 7pm
19	EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
20	
21	Church Services
22	Cuddington Matinee “Ticket to Paradise” (Cert PG-13) 1.30pm
23	Café in the Park, Stone 11am-1pm Haddenham Screen. “Wicked Little Letters” (Cert 15) Cuddington Picture House “Migration” (Cert U) 2.00pm Fourth Tuesday Fellowship 2.30pm
24	Simply Walk
25	Little Wrigglers Group, Stone, 9am
26	EYAI Community Café, Stone 1-4pm
27	
28	Church Services
29	
30	Café in the Park, Stone 11am-1pm
31	Simply Walk ‘The Enigma of Edward Elgar’ with Michael Lunts, 7.30pm at The Chapel, Eythrope Road, Stone



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