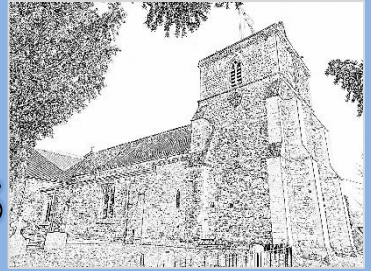


# Parish Church & Community News



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



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Front Cover Image: Sunrise over the Vale– by Dee James

## Editorial

*He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.*

*Luke 24 46 to 48*

I wonder what we did before the computer and the internet age. Now we can communicate with anyone anywhere and we end up with countless meetings. I have just come out of a day of four different computer calls talking to people as far apart as Portugal and Bishopstone Road. Guess which connection was better!

Well I suppose we used to go round and see people to talk to them. The advantage of travel is it gives you time to think and prepare for the next meeting.

The good news about Jesus spread by word of mouth following the first Easter. Within days it was big news in Jerusalem and within years it had travelled around the eastern Mediterranean, then Rome and Spain within St Paul's lifetime. By AD 300 there were millions of believers.

It was successful because it was based on personal stories that appealed to everyone, Greek, Jewish or even British barbarian.

We are "witnesses to these things".. Easter straddles the months this year. In the period after Easter it is our job to pass on the good news.

### **Carole Fryer**


We were very sorry to learn of the passing of our friend Carole. She was such a hardworking and kindly natured neighbour and known to many through her work with the History Group, church, drama and of course as a valued member of the editorial group for this magazine.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Carole's funeral is taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> February.



## Parish Services and Calendar

<b>March 2024</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>
Sunday 3 March Lent 3	9.00am Mattins 10.30am Holy Communion with Explorers	**9.00am Holy Communion	11.00 Cafe Church	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service	6.00pm Evensong	11.00 Worship	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship with Explorers	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00 Worship	11.00am Holy Communion Service
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	10.30am Family Communion		11.00 Worship	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Good Friday  	10.00am Walk of witness from Stone school 10.30am Good Friday service with Easter Garden making	2pm Good Friday Service		
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Easter Day	10.30am Easter Sunday Family Communion		11.00 Easter Celebration	11.00 Easter Service
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April			11.00 Holy Communion	

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

## News from Aston Sandford

I have never spent Easter abroad, but since retirement Nick and I have usually spent time in France either just before, or mostly just after, the Easter period. It is interesting to compare traditions.

In France Easter, *Pâques*, is an important church festival – and even an more popular secular celebration. It seems that the word *Pâques* is derived from '*pascha*' or Passover, from which our word 'pascal' is also derived. (Our word 'Easter' is perhaps ultimately derived from the Latin word *alba* meaning dawn). I have seen it suggested that the word '*paque*' is derived from a Latin word meaning food, but I have found no confirmation of that.

Holy Week (*semaine sainte*) begins, as of course here, with Palm Sunday (*Dimanche Rameaux* – a *rameau* is a small branch). What we know as Maundy Thursday, Maundy apparently being derived from the Latin *mandatum* meaning 'commandment', is known in France as *Jeudi Saint*, or Holy Thursday. Good Friday, *Vendredi Saint*, is not a public holiday, except in parts of eastern France – Alsace is particular rich in Easter traditions.

On Easter Sunday, *Dimanche de Paques*, bells are traditionally rung in full flight to announce the good news of the Resurrection, having been silent since Maundy Thursday ( a tradition going back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century). There is a French tradition of 'the Flying Bells' – legend has it that on Maundy Thursday the bells head to the Vatican where they are blessed by the Pope and fly back in time for Easter Sunday.

There follows the eight day period of celebration of the Easter Octave, ending on Low Sunday, known in France as *Dimanche Quasimodo*, the name apparently coming from the opening words of the liturgical mass for the day, meaning 'in the manner of'. Strictly speaking the Eastertide period, known in France as *Temps Pascal*, begins on Easter Sunday and continues for the 50 days until Whit Sunday. Easter Monday (*Lundi de Pâques*), which is a public holiday, is seen as the 'eighth day' which prefigures a peaceful and radiant eternity, hence the name of Radiant Monday (*le lundi radieux*).



As here food plays an important part in the Easter celebrations. Lamb is the traditional meat, and Easter eggs and other chocolate items such as rabbits increasingly feature.

Indeed rabbits are particularly popular Easter decorations in France, though this one, spotted some years ago, is perhaps an unusually large size!



In recent years Easter Egg hunts or equivalent have become popular – well known gardens, such as those in the Dordogne Department at Eyrignac and at Marqueyssac, have well publicised and popular events.

Aston Sandford's Easter Service will be on Easter Sunday at 11 00am. Join us to see our beautifully decorated church. Rabbits will definitely feature.

*Joyeuses Pâques!*

**Marilynne A Morgan**  
Treasurer, Aston Sandford

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### **Parrot fashion**

Has anyone else seen green parrots in the parish? I thought I was imagining it until I met a keen bird watcher who had also seen them. They have a distinctive sound and flight.

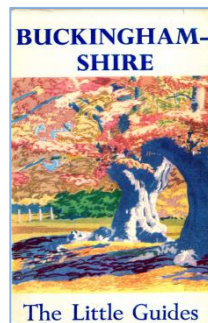
They are now common in London and I have seen them in Birmingham.



# BUCKINGHAMSHIRE THE LITTLE GUIDES BOOK

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## STONE

A straggling village on the road from Aylesbury to Thame and Oxford. The parish also contains the hamlet of Bishopstone to the Southeast.



The church stands on an artificial mound, with a delightful view to the south. It is cruciform, with nave, north aisle, two transepts and chancel, and is a building of some interest. The tower at west end is decorated with a good cornice of masks, and doorway and window at west, which are also good; it is terminated by gables. The south porch is decorated but the doorway is late Norman, and very attractive, having two columns with small capitals and zigzag arch. The piers and arches of the north aisle are apparently contemporaneous with the doorway. The chancel with an east window of three lancets; the south transept has a window of the same character, but that with two lights in the north transept is later and shows very well the transition to the decorated style. Some decorated windows have been inserted in the south wall of nave, and perpendicular in the north aisle.

The Norman font is remarkable. Among interlaced bands, having a small bead ornament, appear human heads, animals and fishes. It was placed here in 1845 and originally belonged to the church of Hampstead Norris, Berks.



Four small brass effigies, in fairly good condition, are in the nave, just below the chancel steps. Those on left looking W. represent William Gurney (1472) and his wife, Agnes. The inscription to whom is a palimpsest, the reverse side being inscribed to Christopher Thorpe, who died in 1514.

Important Roman remains were found in wells, which had been filled in, when making excavations on the site of the County Mental Hospital on the Thame road. Saxon relics have also been found at Bishopstone. The latter place, as well as Upper and Lower Hartwell, are attractive hamlets within the parish and contain charming groups of old cottages.

## BISHOPSTONE

Considerable hamlet, with some good houses, farms and cottages in Stone parish.



### ☀️ 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 events

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm, Tea and Card Games  
Matinee Cinema (Bernard Hall) : Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm "Dream Horse" (PG)

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



## Christmas Quiz Answers

Answers to the quiz that appeared in the December issue as follows:  
Well done to all those who took part.

1. Dave, a stray cat who adopted the team, was the member of the England Football squad who was neutered and put in quarantine after the end of the tournament in Qatar.
2. Jacinda Ardern, was the New Zealand Prime Minister, who resigned as “there was nothing left in the tank”.
3. Nichola Sturgeon MSP resigned because it was “the right time”.
4. On the same day as number 3 above, Larry the Downing Street car celebrated 12 years at 10 Downing Street.
5. The song *Delliah* was not sung at a major sporting event as it was thought to encourage domestic violence.
6. A meteor becomes a meteorite when it hits the ground.
7. It was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023 of The Good Friday Agreement which was described as “700 days of failure and one day of success”
8. Barry Humphreys passed away this year. He was well known as Dame Edna Everidge.
9. In June theatre goers were warned that certain themes might be distressing as the new production of *The Sound of Music* referred to Nazi Germany.
10. Ronald Blythe was the writer of the book which became a film called *Akenfield* who died this year aged 100. He wrote several books of diaries which are well worth a read.
11. Barbenheimer was the combined named for two hit films which were in cinemas at the same time, *Barbie* and *Openheimer*. I have not seen either.
12. The following lines were **sung** by Sinéad O'Connor who sadly passed away this year,  
*“Went to the doctor, guess what he told me, guess what he told me  
He said, “Girl you better try to have fun, no matter what you do”  
But he’s a fool.  
‘Cause nothing compares, nothing compares to you”*  
Thanks to several readers who pointed out she did not write this.
13. Nigel Farage allegedly had his bank account closed or “unbanked”
14. Saying the word “mate” as “maaate” means asking a person to reflect on what they have said. For example unintentionally causing offence by saying or writing something inappropriate. I get it a lot.
15. The Emperor Claudius was the only person mentioned in the bible who visited Colchester.
16. A garage apostrophe means the incorrect use of that symbol for example “Book your MOT’s here”

17. Tian Tian is a Giant Panda and had been loaned to a Scottish zoo for twelve years in Scotland.
18. With a fine disregard for rules someone picked up a ball and invented Rugby in 1823.
19. Mike Yarwood, the impersonator famous in the 1970s, gave his name to Yarwoodism. It means making up a catch phrase or characteristic in an impression that the subject never in fact said, for example “silly billy” for Denis Healey or Edward Heath’s shoulder shake when he laughed. These things take on a life of their own. Lord Healey began to use that phrase himself.
20. 42 is the answer to life, the universe and everything according to the *Hitch-Hiker* books.

## Extra hands needed.....

Would you like to help put this magazine together?

We are seeking a volunteer to join our editorial team and help with preparing the magazine for print on a monthly rota basis. You’ll need a PC/Laptop and a good working knowledge of Microsoft Word. The editorial team meet once a month over Zoom and magazine content is submitted through the team via email.



If you’d like to join us please contact the Editor, David Pickup

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# Wildlife Spotlight

## Garden Birds in Spring

Looking after garden birds in spring is an important and rewarding activity. As the weather warms up and nature comes alive, there are several things you can do to provide a safe and welcoming environment for our feathered friends. Here are some tips on how to look after garden birds.

1. Provide food: In spring, birds are busy building nests and raising their young, so they need plenty of energy. Offer a variety of bird foods, such as seeds, suet balls, and mealworms. Ensure that the feeders are clean and replenish them regularly. Avoid using old or mouldy food, as it can be harmful to birds.

2. Offer water: Fresh, clean water is essential for birds to drink and bathe. Place a shallow bird bath or provide a water source like a small pond or fountain. Make sure to clean and refill it regularly to prevent the spread of diseases.

3. Create nesting sites: Many birds start nesting in spring, so providing suitable nesting sites can attract them to your garden. Install bird boxes or nesting baskets in different locations, facing different directions and at varying heights. Research the nesting requirements of different bird species to provide appropriate nesting spaces.

4. Plant bird-friendly flowers and shrubs: Choose native plants that provide food, shelter, and nesting materials for birds. Plants like sunflowers, honeysuckle, and lavender are attractive to birds. Avoid using pesticides or chemicals in your garden, as they can be harmful to birds and other wildlife.

5. Avoid excessive pruning: Spring is a time of growth, and birds may use shrubs and trees for nesting. Avoid excessive pruning during this season to provide suitable nesting habitats for birds.

6. Keep predators away: Birds face threats from predators, such as cats and squirrels. Place feeders and nesting boxes in safe locations, away from areas where predators can easily access. Install baffles or squirrel guards on bird feeders to deter squirrels.

7. Monitor bird activity: Spend time observing the birds in your garden. Take note of the species that visit and their behaviour. This can help you understand their needs better and make appropriate adjustments to your garden setup.



8. Join citizen science projects: Participating in citizen science projects like the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch can contribute to bird conservation efforts. By recording the birds you see in your garden, you can help scientists monitor bird populations and understand their distribution.

9. Provide shelter: Birds need shelter from harsh weather and predators. Plant dense bushes, shrubs, or trees that can offer protection and cover. Consider leaving areas of your garden wild and untidy, as this can provide natural shelter for birds.

10. Be mindful of nesting birds: If you discover a bird's nest in your garden, keep a respectful distance and avoid disturbing it. Disturbing nesting birds can cause stress and may lead to them abandoning their nests.

By following these tips, you can create a bird-friendly garden and contribute to the conservation of garden birds.

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## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STONE



### COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP US?

If so you will be able to:

- Work on a specified area of the churchyard in your own time
- Use your own equipment or ours depending on how you feel
- Be part of a team who care and are appreciated
- Help with conservation and encouragement of wildlife
- Enjoy doing something your church and community need.

Details of gardening in 2024 will be published nearer the Spring.

### A plea from Dinton to local dog walkers!

To dog walkers around Dinton church. Please do not put your dog waste in the brown garden waste bins because the Council refuse to take them. There is a dog waste bin by the Parish field.





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**Thank you  
David Pickup  
Editor**



## "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" by William Wordsworth.

I heard this poem read at a funeral recently. It is about enjoyment of the simple surprises of nature.

*I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.  
Continuous as the stars that shine  
and twinkle on the Milky Way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
tossing their heads in sprightly dance.  
The waves beside them danced; but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:  
A poet could not but be gay,  
in such a jocund company:  
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought  
what wealth the show to me had brought:*

*For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.*



The inspiration for the poem came from a walk Wordsworth took with his sister Dorothy around Glencoyne Bay, Ullswater, in the Lake District. He would draw on this to compose "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" in 1804, inspired by Dorothy's journal entry describing the walk near a lake at Grasmere in England:

*When we were in the woods beyond Gowbarrow park we saw a few daffodils close to the water side, we fancied that the lake had floated the seed ashore and that the little colony had so sprung up – But as we went along there were more and yet more and at last under the boughs of the trees, we saw that there was a long belt of them along the shore, about the breadth of a country turnpike road. I never saw daffodils so beautiful they grew among the mossy stones about and about them, some rested their heads upon these stones as on a pillow for weariness and the rest tossed and reeled and danced and seemed as if they verily laughed with the wind that blew upon them over the Lake, they looked so gay ever glancing ever changing. This wind blew directly over the lake to them. There was here and there a little knot and a few stragglers a few yards higher up but they were so few as not to disturb the simplicity and unity and life of that one busy highway – We rested again and again. The Bays were stormy and we heard the waves at different distances and in the middle of the water like the Sea.*

—Dorothy Wordsworth, *The Grasmere Journal Thursday, 15 April 1802*  
Source Wikipedia

## ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH SERVICES – St Peter & St Paul, Dinton

### Saturday 2nd March

No Service- Fr Iulian away for a week

### Sunday 3rd March

- 10:30- Divine Liturgy
- 12:30- Social Hour

### Tuesday 6th March

- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- Supplication Canon of the Mother of God

### Saturday 9th March

- 07:30- Divine Liturgy
- 12:00- Parish School for Children
- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- Vespers

### Sunday 10th March

- 08:00- Matins
- 09:15- Divine Liturgy
- 11:30- Social Hour
- 14:30- Baptism

### Tuesday 12th March

- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- Supplication Canon of the Mother of God

### Saturday 16th March

- 07:00- Matins
- 08:00- Divine Liturgy
- 12:00- Parish School for Children
- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- Vespers

### Sunday 17th March

- No Service

### Monday 18th March- The Beginning of Great Lent

- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- The Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete- First Part

### Tuesday 19th March

- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- The Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete- Second Part

### Wednesday 20th March

- 17:00- Confessions
- 18:00- The Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete- Third Part
- 19:30- The Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

### Thursday 21st March

- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- The Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete- Forth (Final) Part

### Friday 22nd March

- 17:00- Confessions
- 18:00- The Akathist Hymn- First Part
- 19:00- The Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

### Saturday 23rd March

- 07:00- Matins
- 08:00- Divine Liturgy
- 12:00- Parish School for Children
- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- Vespers

### Sunday 24th March

- 08:00- Matins
- 09:15- Divine Liturgy
- 11:30- Social Hour

### Monday 25th March- The Annunciation

- 20:00- Vesper united with Divine Liturgy of Sf John- 🐟 Fish Allowed

### Tuesday 26th March

- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- The Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

### Thursday 28th March

- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- The Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

### Friday 29th March

- 20:00- The Akathist Hymn- Second Part

### Saturday 30th March

- 07:00- Matins
- 08:00- Divine Liturgy
- 17:00- Confessions
- 19:00- Vespers

### Sunday 31st March

No service- Anglican Easter

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## Introducing 'Little Wrigglers'

In last month's Parish News we announced that a new '**Baby/Toddler and Their Adults**' group was being planned and we asked you all three questions.

Here are the answers:

### 1) Can you help us on a Thursday morning?

We now have **3 leaders** and **6 helpers** who have offered to help – some weekly, others fortnightly or monthly.

Thank you to all of them – it isn't too late to sign up if you would like to join us.

### 2) Could you donate some toys?

Wow – what a response we had – thank you. Lots of people contacted us and we are in the process of collecting them. Bishopstone Village Hall have offered toys and mats from their Toddler Group – a big thanks to them. Again – it's not too late – do get in touch if you have any toys to donate.

### 3) Can you think of a name?

We had lots of names suggested – many along the lines of Little Stones or Pebbles. When we tried to find a bold, colourful, fun, exciting logo of a stone – it was all a bit grey, dull and boring! We discussed other ideas with some families at Café in the Park (the right demographic!) – including Little Smilers, Little Hands and Tiny Feet, Little Fish.

The clear favourite name and logo was '**Little Wrigglers**' and here is the logo we'll be using on posters, etc.



When not in black and white(!) each segment has a different colour and pattern making it a jolly, fun, exciting, happy logo – which is exactly what we want the '**Little Wrigglers**' group to be.

We are planning to start on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9.00am!**

But it isn't too late to get involved. Please get in touch with Naomi on [naominz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:naominz@hotmail.co.uk)

Thanks again

Leaders - Naomi, Jo and Anne

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



**Wychert Vale Benefice**

Search Facebook with: @WychertValeBenefice



**Stone, Dinton & Hartwell – church news**

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**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, 12<sup>th</sup> March** in Dinton Village Hall. Meetings are scheduled to start at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified differently on the agenda.

### 2024 meeting dates

9 <sup>th</sup> April	10 <sup>th</sup> September
14 <sup>th</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> October
11 <sup>th</sup> June	12 <sup>th</sup> November
9 <sup>th</sup> July	10 <sup>th</sup> December
No meeting in August	

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am**  
*There will be a litter pick in Dinton, starting from the Village Hall. Volunteers welcome!*



## Starveall Farm Butchers

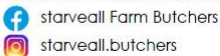
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## EASTER BISCUITS

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### Ingredients

100g (3 ½ oz) Unsalted butter, softened  
75g (2 ¾ oz) Caster Sugar, plus a little extra for sprinkling  
200g (7 oz) Plain flour, plus a little extra for rolling out  
50g (1 ¾ oz) Currants  
1 large Egg (separated)  
1 Lemon (finely grated zest only)  
1 or 2 tbsps Milk

1. Preheat the oven 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. Line three baking trays with baking paper.
2. Put the butter and sugar in a bowl and beat until well combined and fluffy. Add the egg yolk and lemon zest. Sift in the flour and mix well. Stir in the currants and enough milk to make a fairly soft dough.
3. Knead the dough on a floured work surface and, using a rolling pin, roll out the dough until 5mm/¼in thick. Using a 6cm/2½in fluted cutter, cut out 24 rounds. Transfer to the baking trays using a palette knife and bake for 8 minutes.
4. Lightly beat the egg white using a fork.
5. Remove the biscuits from the oven and brush the tops with the beaten egg white. Sprinkle over caster sugar and return to the oven for 5 minutes, or until pale golden brown and cooked though. Leave to cool on the trays for a few minutes, then carefully lift onto a wire rack to cool completely.

*(Taken from Mary Berry's 'Easter Feast')*



# STONE WITH BISHOPSTONE & HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Annual Parish Meeting

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** commencing at 7.30pm at the Jubilee Pavilion in Stone. Come along to find out what your Parish Council have been up to over the last year and what plans are in place for the next year.

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## **Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish Council Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer Vacancy**

### **About us and the role**

Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell are looking for a Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer who will be responsible for the administration of the Council. The role is part-time with work mostly being done from home with some work required in the evenings for monthly Council meetings. You will also be required to occasionally meet and liaise with people within the Parish, so it is necessary for you to be within reasonable travel distance.

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March	6 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
April	3 <sup>rd</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
May	1 <sup>st</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
June	12 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
July	10 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>
August	7 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
September	4 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
October	2 <sup>nd</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
November	13 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
December	11 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>



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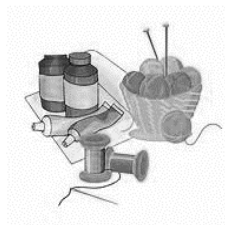
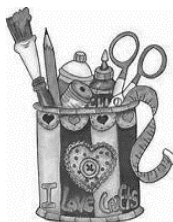
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## *The Chapel with heart, at the heart of the village* **WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY @ 11 a.m.**

Village friends and amenities continue to be prayed for week by week,  
and following an alphabetical list of village streets –  
Churchway, Corn Close, Cottage Grounds, Creslow Way and Cromhamstone  
will be remembered on the four Sundays of March.

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

This year we seem hardly to have left Christmas and Epiphany behind when the  
Season of Lent and – at the very end of the month – Easter celebration, is upon  
us. So here, giving us thoughts for this month are some poems to take us  
through Lent to Easter.

First, from Timothy Dudley-Smith, his meditation on the temptations of Jesus in  
the wilderness:

Christ, our Redeemer, knew temptation's hour  
in desert places, silent and apart;  
and three times over met the tempter's power  
with God's word written, hidden in his heart.

He will not ask the fickle crowd's acclaim,  
nor flaunt the Sonship which is His by right,  
nor seem distrustful of the Father's Name  
Who bids us walk by faith and not by sight.

He makes not bread what God has made a stone,  
He at whose bidding water turns to wine;  
we are not meant to live by bread alone  
but as God speaks the word of life divine.

He seeks no kingdom but by cross and grave,  
for love of sinners spurning Satan's throne;  
his triumph seen in those he came to save  
Who, to his glory, worship God alone.

And so to Good Friday, and Jesus on the Cross. Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander's  
simple words, so well known and loved

There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified who died to  
save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains He  
had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us He hung and suffered  
there

He died that we might be forgiven, he died to  
make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by  
his precious blood

There was no other good enough to pay the price  
of sin,  
He only could unlock the gate of heaven and let  
us in.

.O, dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too,  
and trust in His redeeming blood and try His works to do.

Arriving at **EASTER DAY**, we join in Charles Wesley's joyful and triumphant message:

**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY: ALLELUIA!  
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LOVE'S REDEEMING WORK IS DONE: ALLELUIA!  
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**HAPPY EASTER !**

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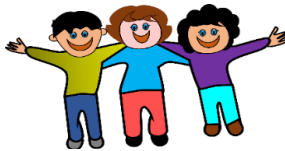
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**COMMUNITY DIARY – A guide to what’s on around you!****March 2024**

1	World Day of Prayer service at the Methodist Chapel 2pm EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
2	Café In The Park, Stone 10am-12.00 noon
3	Church Services
4	Sunshine Club, Cuddington
5	Café in The Park, Stone, 11am-1pm Haddenham Screen (Youth & Community Centre) “The Miracle Club” (12A) 7.30pm
6	Simply Walk
7	Cuddington Screen (Bernard Hall) “The Lesson” (Cert 15) 8.00pm
8	EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
9	
10	Church Services – Mothering Sunday
11	
12	Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Dinton Ford & Upton Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
13	Simply Walk
14	Thursday Club 2pm Cuddington Screen (Bernard Hall) “One Life” (Cert 12A) 8.00pm
15	EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
16	Litter pick in Dinton – 9.30am from the village hall
17	Church Services ‘Appassionata’ concert, 4pm Waterside Theatre
18	Socially Crafty, St John The Baptist, Stone, 10.30am-12.30pm Cuddington Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema (Bernard Hall) “Dream Horse” (Cert PG) 1.30pm
19	Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Haddenham Screen (Youth & Community Centre) “Wonka” (PG) 7.30pm
20	Simply Walk
21	Cuddington Screen (Bernard Hall) “NT Live “The Motive and the Cue” 7.00pm
22	EYAI Community Café, Stone, 1-4pm
23	
24	Palm Sunday Church Services
25	
26	Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Fourth Tuesday Fellowship 2.30pm
27	Simply Walk
28	
29	Good Friday Service at Dinton Church
30	
31	Easter Day Church Services



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