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# Parish Church & Community News



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



## USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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Front Cover Image: Swan with cygnets on the Wendover Arm Canal by Nigel Harper

## Anniversaries

*Buy ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

I wonder why some significant anniversaries and other events are still celebrated and others are not. I hope I am wrong, but I do not sense a great sense of celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VE Day and probably VJ Day will have less attention. They are both important but perhaps people are more worried about what is going on in the world today or is it just we do not have an extra Bank Holiday?

It is understandable that we are concerned about current events, but history is important as it explains where we are today and how we got there. Ascension Day is on Thursday 29 May and is a church festival. Jesus rose from the dead and after forty days went into heaven. It encourages us to look up to heaven and also look around at the world we live in.

*GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.*

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### PRINT DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING ISSUES:

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

**June issue** : deadline for receipt of copy is Monday 12 May.



## Parish Services and Calendar

May 2025	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton*	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
<b>Sunday 4 May</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Holy Communion + Explorers	09.00 Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 11 May</b>	10.30am Family Service	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 18 May</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship with Explorers		11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Communion Service
<b>Sunday 25 May</b>	10.30am All Age Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 1 June</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Holy Communion + Explorers	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	

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

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## God Bless You All – VE Day



*“God bless you all. This is your victory. In our long history, we have never seen a greater day than this. Everyone, man or woman, has done their best.”*

On Thursday, May 8th, 2025, Aylesbury will celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, marking the end of World War II in Europe. London will have a series of events and celebrations, including a Westminster Abbey service, a flypast, and a concert, to honour the Second World War generation.



Victory in Europe Day is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8 May 1945; it marked the official surrender of all German military operations. Several countries observe public holidays on the day each year.

Adolf Hitler had committed suicide on 30 April during the Battle of Berlin, and Germany's surrender was authorised by his successor, Reichspräsident Karl Dönitz. The act of military surrender was first signed at 02:41 on 7 May in SHAEF HQ at Reims, and a slightly modified document was signed on 8 May 1945 in Karlshorst, Berlin at 22:43 local time.

Upon the defeat of Germany, celebrations erupted throughout the Western world, especially in the United Kingdom, in North America and in USSR. More than one million people celebrated in the streets throughout the UK to mark the end of the European part of the war. In London, crowds massed in Trafalgar Square and up the Mall to Buckingham Palace, where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by their daughters and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, appeared on the balcony of the palace before the cheering crowds. Churchill went from the palace to Whitehall, where he addressed another large crowd,

*“God bless you all. This is your victory. In our long history, we have never seen a greater day than this. Everyone, man or woman, has done their best.”*

Churchill asked Ernest Bevin to come forward and share the applause. Bevin said, "No, Winston, this is your day", and proceeded to conduct the people in the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow". Later, Princess Elizabeth (the future Queen Elizabeth II) and her sister Princess Margaret were allowed to wander incognito among the crowds and take part in the celebrations. The 2015 film *A Royal Night Out* was inspired by Elizabeth and Margaret mingling with the public that night.



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**SOCIALLY CRAFTY MEETS  
EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.

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**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 events:

Monday 12 May 2.00pm: Tea & card games in Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse  
Monday 19 May at 1.30pm : Cuddington Matinee Cinema 'One Life'

All Welcome

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

## Cuddington and Dinton CofE School News

Little word games, rhymes and songs are the fun part of learning to read and write and the children have enjoyed writing their own poems this term. A talented group of pupils represented our school in the Thame Partnership Poetry Slam grand final that took place at John Hampden School, with judges from Lord Williams' English department. The polished performances of our poets were highly commended.

Children at the infant site have been making the most of the sunny weather and enjoying their new much improved outdoor play area. They are looking forward to sowing some seeds and learning about different pollinating insects and the importance of worms and beetles in the soil. Little Owls have also had the treat of new play equipment and furniture provided by Bucks Early Years funding carefully chosen to enhance the children's mental and physical wellbeing.

Comic Relief fundraising was embraced with gusto as the School Council reps had decided everyone should use their own clothes to dress as the job they wanted to be when they were grown up. There were some very interesting outfits as well as a good number of sportsmen and women and Mrs Wilde explained why she wanted to be an Archaeologist! We are all sad to say goodbye to Mrs Roberts, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, who is moving on to lead a new autism unit at a Bucks school. We are looking forward to welcoming our new SENDCO, Mrs Collier, after the holiday. She will bring a wealth of experience and has already enjoyed several hand-over days with Mrs Roberts.

It's been a long term and all the children and the parents are looking forward to a relaxing Easter holiday.



## STONE THURSDAY CLUB

Meeting in the Methodist Chapel on the second Thursday of each month is for the over-60s – especially those who live alone or find it difficult to get about – if this is *YOU* do come along  
Contact Dee James [747671] for transport

Subs are just £3.00 per meeting



**Come along on THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May for an afternoon of FUN EXERCISES WITH JEAN**

**You will find that the main muscle you will exercise will be your LAUGHTER MUSCLE as we bend and stretch, puff and play – all VERY gently – until it's TIME FOR TEA**

Members of the Thursday Club enjoyed a 'crafty afternoon' at their April meeting, decorating large egg-shaped cards to an Easter theme, with a huge selection of pretty trimmings. Thanks to Josie for her hard work in preparing and providing all the goodies.



## Letter from Aston Sandford

### Tribute to Mrs Elspeth Mary Ellis

*A well-attended Service to celebrate the life of Mary Ellis was held at St Michael & All Angels, Aston Sandford, on 20 February. Born in California and brought up in many different parts of the world, Mary died on 2 February 2025 aged 96.*

*Mary Ellis had been a regular member of Aston Sandford congregation for over 40 years many of which were with her husband Tom. She actively contributed to the life of the church in many ways including being our Deanery Synod Representative for 4 years in the late 1980's. She was one of the talented flower arrangers until the time came that she was no longer able to attend church regularly. Mary's wonderful life and character are evidenced in the tribute below written by her daughter, Sue Ellis.*

She absorbed many things from her early years – an abiding interest in different cultures, a willingness to embrace new experiences, and a resilience of spirit that was to stay with her for the rest of her life. She was also impervious to every creepy crawly my brother Ian brought home as a small boy to try and scare her. Mum was always going to be unphased by such things, given that her own childhood pets had included an orphan orangutang and a baby crocodile. The only beasts to which she would give no quarter were garden pests of the mollusc variety, which were either ruthlessly dispatched or invited to expire in a slug trap filled with premium Belgian lager.

Mum's interest in flora and fauna started young; she studied advanced biology and botany with a view to reading medicine at Cambridge, but her plans had to change after serious illness, so she joined the Scientific Civil Service instead. This is how mum arrived in Buckinghamshire, joining Forest Products in Princes Risborough in the late 1940s. Her job at Forest Products was to control, classify and catalogue all incoming research material and in many ways, it's a career she never left. Her thirst for knowledge was remarkable, her intellectual interests extensive and she remained a master of print media.

Princes Risborough of course was also where mum met Tom Ellis and theirs was a long and happy marriage. This is when mum changed her first name as well as her last – dad just found it too hard to say "Elspeth", so she used her middle name instead, thereafter becoming 'Mary Ellis.'

They moved to Canada in 1957. Dad's job was to look after the discipline, morale and welfare of Air Force personnel. Mum's job, unacknowledged at the time but just as vital, was to perform a similar leadership role with the Air Force wives.

Mum fearlessly met the challenge head-on, always impeccably styled, ahead of the crowd with cutting-edge technology and time-saving gadgets, tips and tricks assiduously gathered from her many lifestyle magazines. She remains the only person I know to have ever produced a full Christmas dinner for four using only her microwave....

When our family came back to the UK in 1972, mum was able to find her tribe again - and the place she found it was Haddenham. Mum adored Haddenham and she threw herself enthusiastically into village life, joining any number of clubs, societies, and associations to feed her hungry mind, to learn new things and visit new places. She continued to work while Ian and I were growing up, eventually retiring in 1992. In the 90s and noughties, we experienced some terrible blows as a family, with dad's death in 1995 and Ian's just a decade later. Mum bore these losses with fortitude, leaning into her village circles and finding new projects, redesigning her kitchen and bathrooms from scratch and joining tai chi and meditation classes in her 80s. There was always the solace and joy she found in her garden. She continued to roam to cultural destinations, adding all the time to her formidable trove of knowledge.

In her later years, when she became less mobile and more wobbly, Mum was able to lean into the quiet, steadfast kindness of her friends, her wonderful neighbours and carers, whose support meant she could live in her own home well into her 95<sup>th</sup> year.

In her last few weeks, mum was clear-eyed about her death – she was at peace and she was ready to go. Her curiosity about the world and all the people in it remained undimmed. It's hard for me to think of her now as resting – instead, I shall picture her pottering with purpose in an eternal garden - with perhaps the occasional trip to Robert Dyas – where she will be held in the love we have for her, and the love of those who have gone before, and surrounded always and forever, by her beloved owls.”

Mary was interred with her beloved husband, Tom, and their son Ian, next to the Canadian maple tree Tom planted in Aston Sandford churchyard.

*With thanks to Sue Ellis and David Peck for their assistance in putting this together.*

**Marilynne A Morgan**  
**Treasurer, Aston Sandford Church**



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Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council	<a href="https://www.dinton.org/">https://www.dinton.org/</a>
Dinton News	<a href="https://www.dinton.info/">https://www.dinton.info/</a>
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Oxford Diocese (The Church of England serving the people of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire)	<a href="https://www.oxford.anglican.org/">https://www.oxford.anglican.org/</a>
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## SAVE THE DATE

### **‘Handmade Oxford@ - International Crafts Festival 12-14 June 2025 at Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, OX33 1LA**

Get ready to mark your calendars, because from Thursday 12 June to Saturday 14 June, Handmade Oxford returns to breathtaking Waterperry Gardens. Now in its fifth year, this much-loved craft festival has become a highlight of the Oxfordshire summer, celebrating creativity, inspiration, and the finest handmade treasures from across the UK.

Located in Waterperry Gardens – venue for the BBC series Make it at Market, season 2 and 3 – this annual festival of crafts will showcase ceramics, jewellery, sculpture, fashion, furniture, homewares, art and textiles. The three-day show will also include a full roster of craft demonstrations, learning workshops and live music alongside artisan food from local producers.

“In only four years, Handmade Oxford has grown into a key fixture in both the Oxfordshire, and national, craft calendars. The fifth annual Handmade Oxford will be bigger than ever, while staying true to its core mission to celebrate the very finest in UK craft and design.”

***FREE PRIZE DRAW*** : We have a pair of complimentary tickets to give away for the Festival. Please email [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk), stating your name and contact number, by 29th May and we’ll pick a winner at the end of the month.

## California Brook

*By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.*

Psalm 137:1-3

In a previous edition we looked at Bearbrook and this time we have another local watercourse: California Brook. It seems an odd name for a stream. There was and still is a place in Aylesbury called California and once there was a California Farm which probably gave its name to the area. The stream takes the excess water out of the end of the Aylesbury Arm of the Grand Union Canal at the Walton Street Basin and discharges into Bearbrook to the west of the railway station.

The area may be named, possibly indirectly, after the U.S. state of California. The name of the original farm was therefore most likely changed to California at some point before 1840. At that time California was not a US state, but part of Mexico. I discovered that there was an urban myth that the area was named after visiting American servicemen during the Second World War; however, 19th-century maps give a much earlier date.

There is also a place called California in Norfolk and another in Birmingham. It was common to name places after well-known areas around the world for example Gibraltar near Dinton. There is a Botany Bay in north London.

The area could be named after a person or have some link to the Gold Rush in 1840s when the word was proverbially used to refer to get rich quick schemes. There was a lot of coverage in the Aylesbury local press in the mid Nineteenth Century about people who had made fortunes in California.

Until the arrival of the railway in Aylesbury in 1863, California meant the farm and related buildings that stood in the area. With the arrival of the railway, some cottages were constructed to house railway workers and the location became known as the Hamlet of California. In 1867, the printing and publishing firm, Hazell, Watson and Viney, opened an inkworks in a disused silk mill in the hamlet. In 1878, this was moved to purpose built premises on the Tring Road (currently the site of Tesco). The area was home to the "California Industrial Estate" until 2005 when it was demolished to make way for a new housing estate, renamed the "Grand Central" due to its proximity to the centre of Aylesbury.

The stream has had its problems probably because it was near industry and the town. After the opening of the Bourg Walk Bridge the brook needed some developments.

Hedges and trees surrounding the brook were very overgrown and branches were hanging into the water meaning floating debris got caught. The brook was clogged with other items that at some time had been deposited in the stream. The earliest local newspaper reference to California as a place in Bucks dates from 1850. California Brook is first mentioned in the press in 1905. The newspaper accounts are about spending £20.00 on cleaning the brook which was needed then and again in the 1920s.

Our local waterways are not exotic like those of Babylon but have historical connections.



*Above: Postcard circa 1910 of California, Aylesbury – courtesy of Aylesbury Remembered (www.aylesburyremembered.com)*

## A reminder that magazine subscriptions are due for 2025

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

We hope that you enjoy the magazine and will wish to continue this year. Due to rising print costs we have taken the difficult decision to increase the annual subscription to £10 per annum. This covers 12 issues January to December and represents good value at less than £1 per issue, delivered to your door. (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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If paying by cheque please return payment to your distributor or send to David Pickup at 12 Roundhill Stone HP17 8RD

(Please include a note of your name and address with cheques so we can reconcile payments made.)

Please let me know of anyone else who would like to take the magazine:

Name.....

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Email/telephone (optional).....

**Thank you, David Pickup. Editor**



# Little Wrigglers

At the  
Jubilee Pavilion  
Stone HP17 8PD



**For 0-5yrs and their adults**  
**Every Thursday** (term-time only)  
**From 9.00am-10.30am**

- free play
- Bible story
- snacks
- singing and more!

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Wednesday: 21<sup>st</sup> May

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Wednesday: 7<sup>th</sup> May

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<b>STONE, HADDENHAM &amp; DINTON SIMPLY WALK DATES 2025</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>STONE</b>	<b>HADDENHAM</b>	<b>DINTON</b>
May	14 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
June	11 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
July	9 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>
August	6 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
September	3 <sup>rd</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
October	1 <sup>st</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
November	12 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
December	10 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>

## DINTON CHURCHYARD : MONTHLY WORKING PARTY

A small group of volunteers meets once each month between March and October with the aim of maintaining and keeping the churchyard attractive and tidy. We work from 10am until 12 noon and the tasks are basically the same as for gardens – mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning etc. We provide our own tools and equipment. Refreshments are provided at 11am.

There is always plenty of work to do in the churchyard, so all and any help is much appreciated.

If you could give any time to this worthwhile and enjoyable task, please contact Ian Cairns on 07816315361 or simply come along.

The planned dates for 2025 are set out below. They are held on the second Saturday of each month unless the weather is bad, or we have holiday or other commitments.

10 May	9 August
14 June	13 September
12 July	11 October

### 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.

### SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Dinton Village Picnic Ball  
Tickets : [debbie@starbankhouse.com](mailto:debbie@starbankhouse.com)

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Dinton Beer Festival

**Echoes of Swing  
Big Band in Concert**

**Friday 27th June 2025**

Dinton Parish Church, Buckinghamshire, HP17 8UG  
Music from 8.00pm to 10.00 pm



Adult Tickets £15.00. Children free. Sold at the door.  
Tickets online [www.gettickets.com/event/651357/](http://www.gettickets.com/event/651357/)  
Cash bar available on the night.

A Big Band Charity Concert supporting ASC Foundation to  
build a school in Malawi.



## Meeting dates for Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council

20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone



Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell  
Wychert Vale Benefice

Do you have some time to give to take up a voluntary position in your community? The parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell is seeking someone to be our Parochial Church Council treasurer. You will work as part of a team with our book-keeper and members of our finance group. A more detailed role description can be found on the Stone, Dinton and Hartwell website <https://stonedintonhartwell.com/category/news/> Please feel free also to discuss the role informally with Richard Smith on 07584 246268 or Revd Phil Groves on 07875 438244

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### 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.



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

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 @ 2.30pm**

**VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
with refreshments**

**Winston Churchill; man, politician, leader**

**Speaker: Andrew Baker**

Churchill is seen as the man who won the war. This vivid portrait considers his decisive leadership but also his early life, marriage, wit, friendships, enthusiasm, moods and, not least, his stature as a human being.

Andrew Baker taught in Grammar Schools for over 40 years and is the author of a best-selling book on Contemporary British Politics. He now works as a freelance lecturer.

**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)

**GENTLE CHAIR EXERCISES FOR ALL**

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

**No need to book – just come along  
£3.00 PER SESSION –  
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**Have fun – keep fit – GENTLY!  
Ring Josie : 748031 (after 4pm)  
for further information**



**WELCOME TO  
FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP  
(non denominational)  
MEETING at 2.30pm each Fourth Tuesday  
At The Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road**

**On TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> May  
We will be following the old radio programme format:  
A Story, A Hymn and A Prayer  
Before enjoying time for chat over tea.**

**MEET**

**FRIENDS**

**MAKE**

**FRIENDS**



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soup, jacket potatoes with  
toppings and side-salad  
homemade soup

**SATURDAY**  
3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2025

10.00AM – 12 NOON

Including Breakfast Rolls

**JUBILEE PAVILION, STONE RECREATION GROUND**  
**RUN BY ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STONE**  
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For the whole community to meet friends, make new friends or just  
come and enjoy the Park while having a cuppa.

# Stone Methodist Chapel

Eythrope Road, Stone HP17 8PH

Our Minister: Revd. Hee Gon Moon  
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# CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025 : 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> MAY

I'm longing to say 'Thank you' to someone who will organise this year's CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



It is truly not too onerous a job, but I am old and tired and the job really needs someone with fresh enthusiasm and new ideas. There is enormous satisfaction in knowing that the work you put in makes a real difference to the lives of needy people across the world.

Please email me, Sue Spinks, if you can assist or would like further information.  
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**ART EXHIBITION AT ORCHARD VIEW FARM IN JUNE**

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**Why not come along and make a day of it?** Orchard View Farm is a lovely friendly venue. Chat with us about our work, look around the rare breeds farm, browse in the farm shop and have tea and cakes or a meal in the café.

<b>Venue address:</b>	<b>Opening Dates and Times:</b>	
Orchard View Farm	June 7 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2025	
Stockwell Lane	Mondays and Tuesdays	Closed
Little Meadle	Wednesdays and Thursdays	10am - 3pm
HP179UG	Fridays and Saturdays	10am - 5pm
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3	Saturday Café in the Park, Stone 10am-12 Noon
4	Sunday Church Services
5	11am Chair Exercises at The Methodist Chapel
6	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm
7	Simply Walk
8	Thursday Club 2pm Cuddington Screen 'Juror #2' Cert 12A 8pm
9	
10	Dinton Churchyard Tidy Up
11	Sunday Church Services
12	11am Chair Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Cuddington Sunshine Club -2pm Tea and Games, Cuddington Playing Fields
13	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Haddenham Screen 'A Complete Unknown' Cert 15 7.30pm
14	Simply Walk
15	Little Wrigglers 9.00-10.30am Cuddington Screen 'Maria' Cert 12A 8pm
16	Pippa's Community Café, Stone Village Hall 2-5pm
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18	Sunday Church Services
19	Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone, 10.30am-12.30pm 11am Chair Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Cuddington Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema 'One Life' Cert 12 1.30pm
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21	Simply Walk
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