

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: *Blue skies over St Peter & St Paul Church, by Ruth Jeffery*

Editorial

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Isaiah 40:3

I seem to have spent a lot of time recently, going nowhere very fast. I mean the Oxford Road is frequently blocked or held up, particularly when I want to use it. I am sure it is nothing personal!

Sometimes it is roadworks and other times an accident. We all look and see what is happening. Sometimes the traffic just clears and there is no clue to what the problem is.

Even after covid and the recent fuel price hike, we still want to travel. Perhaps in the future private transport will be seen as more of a luxury than it is now.

In the bible things happen on roads. Think of St Paul going to Damascus, the man helped by the Good Samaritan on the Jericho road or the two people going to Emmaus. We need roads to get to places, whether work, home or an important step in our spiritual journey.



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Church Services in the Parishes

May 2026	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 3 May	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship 4pm Lego Church in the pavilion	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 10 May (Rogation Sunday)	10.30am Holy Communion with Joyfull Juniors	6.00pm Evensong		
Friday 15 May to Sat 23 May	Thy Kingdon Come 7.00-7.30pm Church open for informal prayer			
Sunday 17 May	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship			11.00 Holy Communion at Aston Sandford
Sunday 24 May (Pentecost)	10.30am Holy Communion with Joyfull Juniors			
Sunday 31 May (Trinity Sunday)		9.00am Holy Communion		
Sunday 7 June	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship 4pm Lego Church in the pavilion	9.00am Holy Communion		

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

Rogation Sunday – A Time of Asking

The monthly evensong at 6 pm at Dinton on 10th May will celebrate Rogation Sunday. The word “rogation” means asking. It was an important date in the agricultural year as it gives the opportunity to praise the Creator God, give thanks for our food and those who produce it; to pray a blessing on the communities we share together. Rogation is a time of asking, asking God’s blessings on emerging crops. In times gone by when everything depended on the local harvest, this was vital.

Another tradition was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the Minister, churchwarden, and choir, would walk around the boundary of the parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year.

‘Jesus said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Mark 4:26-29

This parable in the Gospel of Mark, evokes the growth of a seed, night and day, nourished by the soil. Just as the ear of wheat ripens months after its seed was first planted, the seed of the spirit in the heart of a believer will ripen into a life lived fully for God.

Source: The Arthur Rank Centre



Thy Kingdom Come Thursday 14th May – Sunday 24th May



Since the very beginning of the Church the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost have been a special time of prayer. Not just prayer as individuals, but as a community, like those first members of the Church. And that is the purpose behind 'Thy Kingdom Come' as it unites us together in prayer – over one million Christians across 172 countries and more than 85 denominations and traditions.

This year is the tenth anniversary of the first global 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer event, and here at St John the Baptist we have taken part in our own small way from the very beginning. And we will be doing so again this year. The church will be open each evening at 7:00pm from Friday 15th May to Saturday 23rd May for people to gather together in the chancel for informal prayer for half an hour. Also, we are putting together another little book of daily prayers written by members of our church family so we can all join in the same prayers each day from wherever we are.

For further details and updates please see the church website www.stonedintonhartwell.com



COME AND JOIN US



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

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME

Just come along when you can no obligation - just fun!



WE MEET ON THE 3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

(except Bank Holidays)

10.30am to 12.30pm in the church.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Magazine subscriptions for 2026

A reminder that magazine subscriptions are due for 2026

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

We hope that you enjoy the magazine and will wish to continue in 2026. The annual subscription to receive a copy of the magazine at the beginning of each month, delivered to your door, is just £10 per annum (that's for 12 copies!).

(The cost to non-subscribers for individual monthly copies is £1 per month.)

You can make your payment via the following methods:

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If paying by cheque please return payment to your distributor or send to David Pickup at 12 Roundhill Stone HP17 8RD

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If you've received this magazine and are not a current subscriber though would like to receive the magazine each month, please contact David Pickup, the editor (contact details on page 3).

Thank you,
David Pickup. Editor



Letter from Aston Sandford

The mixed fortunes of the Rectory / Old Rectory, Aston Sandford 1920 – 1941



The relief after the ending of the First World War and initial optimism of the early 1920's was short lived. This was a changed world. Many large estates and country houses were no longer sustainable and were being sold off. The Church was also affected, owning many large properties, and amongst the larger rectories being sold off was the one at Aston Sandford in 1928.

The Rev Herbert Edward Cooper was in residence from 1917 to 1928 though vicar of Aston Sandford until 1936. We do wonder what was going on during his stay. In the 1921 census The Rectory is being run as a School, the E J Cove Boarding School with Mrs Elizabeth J Cove as Headmistress, and 4 assistants. 22 children are listed, and some were certainly orphans. According to the Aston Sandford Only book this school was based in London for children whose parents worked abroad, and it moved out into the country for the summer. The age range was 5 - 12 years old. We do not know how often this happened.

In 1928 the sale of the Rectory by private treaty is listed in the Bucks Herald of 13th April and it was bought by a Mr Stuart who found it in a poor condition and covered in ivy. He didn't last long and there are no occupants listed in the 1928 and 1930 voting lists.

In 1930 the property was bought by Major and Mrs Oliphant. Mrs Oliphant is advertising in the Bucks Herald for a cook on the 3rd of October that year. They seemed to be part of the community as Mrs Oliphant was a member of the Aylesbury Rural District Council in 1932 and 1933 and was decorated for her part in local politics. Major Oliphant may have worked for the Colonial Office or was an adviser sent on their behalf to West Africa advising on forestry utilization. They were noted for planting poplars in the garden!

In 1934 The Bucks Herald of 1st June publishes a letter from his friends welcoming Major Oliphant home from West Africa because of his ill health. This must have precipitated the next sale of the property in 1936 by Jackson Stopps. The poplars are again mentioned! They, or their successors are still here today.

The next owner was a Mr Philip Mayne who is a mystery!

By 1938 we have Mr and Mrs Markham in residence. He was American and the facilities of the Rectory were obviously not up to American standards. A remarkable Art Deco bathroom was installed with blue and black glass panels on the walls! They also set to work on the Tithe Barn with a complete restoration. No more wychert walls, hay loft, earth floors and huge barn doors!

Sadly, by 1941 Mr Markham had been diagnosed with a brain tumour and the house was again on the market. Luckily it was spotted by a certain Mrs Macpherson who published the “Aston Sandford Only” book and, as they say, the rest is history!

Laura Macpherson, Church Warden

DINTON CHURCHYARD: 2026 MONTHLY WORKING PARTIES

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 07816 315361 or simply come along.

The planned dates for 2026 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.

9 th May	13 th June
11 th July	8 th August
12 th September	10 th October





EXPLORE FAITH TOGETHER AT

All Age

LEGO CHURCH

SING SONGS LISTEN TO A BIBLE STORY

BE CREATIVE WITH LEGO/DUPLO SAY PRAYERS EAT FOOD

Sunday 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July
4pm-5pm
At The Jubilee Pavilion, Stone, HP17 8PD

 **SJB** Run by St. John the Baptist Church, Stone ****Children must be accompanied by an adult**

At Lego Church in March we heard the story of David and Goliath - how David (a young man) was able to defeat 9ft tall Goliath not by his power but because God was with him. We thought about what giants we are facing in our lives that we can overcome with God's help.

As ever, there were some great Lego creations.

We have run Lego Church for 6 months now and new people are coming each month. After a review it has been decided to move it from the 2nd Sunday to the 1st Sunday in the month. So, the next few dates are: 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, etc.



More Bank Holidays?

Should we have more public holidays? This country has one of the lowest numbers of public holidays in the world, with eight. Only Mexico has fewer with seven. May Day became a bank holiday in 1978 to celebrate the world of work. Other suggestions have included days off for each national patron saint. Another idea was Trafalgar Day in October. We should have had a holiday last year to celebrate the 200th anniversary of railways, but we did not.

Major royal and national events have been marked by extra public holidays. Empire Day was celebrated on May 24th (Queen Victoria's birthday) from 1902 to 1958, designed to foster patriotism and unity across the British Empire. I think we should celebrate Commonwealth Day. Perhaps if we win the Eurovision Song Contest we could have another bank holiday.

In 2021, the Trades Union Congress called for an additional four bank holidays, in order to bring the UK closer in line with other European countries. In 2022, the Conservative government rejected suggestions for a bank holiday to celebrate the England Women's National Football Team winning the 2022 UEFA Women's Euro Championship. In 2024, there were calls for an additional bank holiday in 2025 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, however this was rejected. The government also decided against suggestions for an additional 'Veterans Day' saying, "The current pattern of bank and public holidays is well established and widely accepted. The Government has no plans to change it."



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The SAXONS

Three lives. Three burials. Three extraordinary stories.

28 March – 1 November 2026

The SAXONS is a major new exhibition opening on Saturday 28 March at Discover Bucks Museum exploring Buckinghamshire's Saxon past through extraordinary archaeological discoveries.

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With immersive displays, life-like Saxon characters, and hands-on experiences for families, this exhibition brings Saxon history vividly to life.

Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury

For opening times and to book visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP | 01296 331 441

The Museum is a registered charity with charity number 1153345

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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A Birthday for Tuesday's 'Café in the Park'

Did you know that Tuesday Cafe turned 4 years old on March 17th 2026? Back in March 2022 we started with the idea of giving it a try for 6 months to see what happened..... but then we didn't stop!!

It has helped many people through difficult times in their lives and has become a place of friendship, good food and endless cups of coffee!! Each week sees regulars and first timers come through the door - ages range from under 1 to over 90! Everyone is welcomed and some say 'it is the highlight of my week'.

It has been blessed with magnificent makers, bountiful bakers, smiling servers, happy helpers, willing washing up'ers and lots of lovely customers. Thank you to everyone who plays a part.

Here's a word puzzle someone made whilst having their lunch.



Dare I say 'Here's to another 4 years'!!

Naomi Corbould

Please note there will be no Café in the Park on Tuesday 16th June due to holidays.

Café

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2ND MAY**

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come and enjoy the Park while having a cuppa.**



CHILDRENS CHURCH IN THE CHURCH

We meet every 2nd & 4th Sunday in the month 10.30



DATE	THEME
10 th May	WHO IS GOD
24 th May	TONGUES OF FIRE
14 th June	SENDING OUT THE DISCIPLES
28 th June	WORK AND REST



Children age 4 and over are very welcome
and the older ones can help or do things relevant to their age.



Please come and join us

****PRINT DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF THE PARISH MAGAZINE****

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



June issue : deadline for receipt of copy is
Tuesday 12th May.

**Stone Methodist Chapel
Eythrope Road, Stone HP17 8PH**

Our Minister: Revd. Hee Gon Moon
Email: heegon5@gmail.com



Village contact: Mrs. Sue Spinks
The Harbour, 17 Belle Vue,
Eythrope Road, Stone HP17 8PJ
Email: royandsue1@btinternet.com

The Chapel with heart, at the heart of the village

WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY at 11 am

Village friends and amenities continue to be prayed for week by week,
and on the five Sundays of May we will remember :
Corn Close, Cottage Grounds, Creslow Way, Cromhamstone and Darvil Road
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By what might be called a 'holy coincidence' the Feast of Pentecost this year falls on the 24th May which for Methodists is also Aldersgate Sunday. This is the Sunday when we remember that John Wesley recorded that his heart was "strangely warmed" when he attended a Moravian Service in Aldersgate Street, London.

John and his brother Charles were two of the nineteen children of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. Samuel was the Anglican Rector of Epworth Parish and hugely unpopular with his parishioners, to the extent that they set fire to the Rectory with all the family inside. All escaped with the exception of John, a young boy trapped in a top storey bedroom.

Eventually rescued by the brave action of a neighbour who climbed a ladder and carried him down, John was, his mother declared, "a brand plucked from the burning" and God must have a special life purpose for him. Both John and Charles studied Theology at Oxford University where their ascetic and prayerful lives earned them – and their like minded friends – the title 'The Holy Club'

After obtaining their Degrees, the brothers set sail for America with the intention of preaching the Gospel to the native Americans. Their ship was beset by storms, in danger of capsizing, and there was panic among the passengers and crew. However, the Moravian Christians on board were calmly singing hymns. As John learned more he became envious of their assurance of salvation through faith in God and not through the self denying, aesthetic lifestyle which he had embraced.

The missionary journey was not successful and the brothers returned to London. On May 24th 1738 John recorded in his diary that he attended 'somewhat reluctantly' a Moravian Service in Aldersgate Street. The preacher expounded on

Martin Luther's Commentary on Romans and being justified by faith alone. John wrote "About a quarter to nine while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation. An assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, *even mine*, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

John Wesley began preaching not only in churches but in the open air. He rode over 250,000 thousand miles on horseback and preached over 40,000 sermons. He reached the poor and common people in droves. By the time of his death in 1791 he had 79,000 thousand followers in England and 40,000 in America.

The Methodist Church was born.

And at the Feast of Pentecost of course we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower the first Christians to become the Church of Christ in the world.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

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STONE THURSDAY CLUB

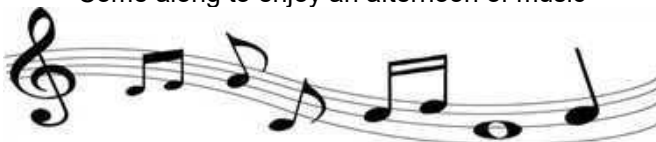
Meeting in the Methodist Chapel on the Second Thursday each month

***For the over-60s – especially those who live alone
or find it difficult to get about – if this is YOU do come along***

***Contact Dee James 01296 747671 for transport
Subscriptions £3 per session***

MAY MEETING : THURSDAY 14th at 2 pm.

Come along to enjoy an afternoon of music



**Songs and poetry
with CHRIS BEATTIE**

and enjoy the usual scrumptious refreshments



WELCOME TO FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP (non-denominational)

Meeting monthly at the METHODIST CHAPEL
each fourth Tuesday at 2.30 pm

MAY MEETING : TUESDAY 26TH MAY

Have you ever noticed how many times in the Bible
we are told not to be afraid?

We'll be looking at some of those

DON'T BE AFRAID!

sayings at our meeting this month

Then time for tea and chat

Our motto is
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Make Friends



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Come suited & booted for whatever the weather
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Just come to our walks throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road – **STONE**
Wednesday: 13th and 27th May

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Wednesday: 20th May

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**
Wednesday: 6th May

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STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON SIMPLY WALK DATES 2026			
MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
May	13 th and 27 th	20 th	6 th
June	10 th and 24 th	17 th	3 rd
July	8 th and 22 nd	15 th	1 st and 29 th
August	5 th and 19 th	12 th	26 th
September	2 nd , 16 th and 30 th	9 th	23 rd
October	14 th and 28 th	7 th	21 st
November	11 th and 25 th	4 th	18 th
December	9 th and 23 rd	2 nd and 30 th	16 th



Parish Council Meeting Dates



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

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

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

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

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

12th May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (Election of Chairman)

9th June

14th July

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

8th September

13th October

10th November

8th December



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

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th May Annual Meeting of Parish Council (please see local noticeboards for details and dates for future meetings)

Cuddington 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. Our Little Owls children shared a lovely Mother's Day Rhyme Time and 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.



The Year 1 and Year 2 pupils had a fantastic visit to Science Oxford, taking part in hands on exploration, watching live science experiments and enjoying a woodland session linked to their science curriculum.

On Wednesday 25th March the Junior pupils enjoyed activities linked to the Easter Story in Dinton Church. The Easter Experience was run by volunteers from both Cuddington and Dinton church and took pupils through the events of Holy week in an interactive, moving and thoughtful way. The following day all the Junior pupils travelled by coach to the Infant site so that the whole school could celebrate Easter together. At the time of writing, all the children and the parents are now enjoying a relaxing Easter holiday.

Old Coins

Keep sending in any foreign or old coins or unwanted gold jewellery. We can convert this into funding for the church. We've raised much needed funds recently from a few obsolete foreign banknotes and jewellery.

You can send to the Editor at :
12 Roundhill, Stone HP17 8RD
Tel: 01296 748170 or email david@pickupandscott.co.uk







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 11th May : 2.00pm

Tea and Card Games in the Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

Monday 18th May : 1.30pm

Cuddington Matinee Cinema : 'Saving Mr Banks'

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



ART EXHIBITION AT ORCHARD VIEW FARM IN JUNE

Bucks Art Weeks is an exciting event showcasing hundreds of artists from across the county

Six artists (Ruth Aslett, Angela George, Helen Green, Chris Jones, Arianna Seraj and Linda Seraj) are excited to be exhibiting at Orchard View Farm.

Our work uses a variety of media, including gouache images of animals and landscapes, kiln-formed glass, atmospheric watercolours, acrylic painting and pencil and charcoal portraits of people and animals, along with surreal acrylic and mixed media images depicting the beauty of nature.

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.

Venue address:

Orchard View Farm
Stockwell Lane
Little Meadle
Bucks
HP17 9UG

Opening Dates and Times:

June 6 th to 21 st 2026	
Mondays and Tuesdays	Closed
Wednesdays and Thursdays	10am - 3pm
Fridays and Saturdays	10am - 5pm
Sundays	10am - 4pm

For info about Bucks Art Weeks and to visit our online Artist Galleries go to bucksartweeks.org.uk. You can also email us: helengreenart2023@gmail.com

Bubble Church???

What is it? Bubble Church is a relaxed, engaging church service especially for families with younger children (or grandparents with grandchildren). It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, 30 min service with action songs, Bible story, puppets and simple prayers.

When? It starts at 9:30am and ends at 10.00am so the rest of the day is free. Come from 9.15am for refreshments. Held on the 3rd Sunday each month - 17th May, 21st June, etc.

Where? Haddenham Airfield Pavilion, HP17 8FH
It is being run by St Mary's Church, Haddenham with a team from a few churches.

Who is it for? It's designed to be engaging for everyone in the family and is a great way to explore faith together.
It isn't just for people from Haddenham - so you are invited. Come as you are. No experience needed. Just turn up and enjoy!

How much? It is **free**. All it costs is your time!

For more details see the posters or **www.bubblechurch.org** and type **Haddenham**.

Booking via the website is helpful but not compulsory!



Local 'Cinema'

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



Thursday 7th May – One Battle After Another Cert 15 7.30pm

Thursday 14th May – Song Sung Blue Cert 12A 7.45pm

Thursday 21st May – Hamnet Cert 12A 8.00pm

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

Tuesday 12th May – Hamnet Cert 12A 7.30pm, Haddenham Village Hall

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**Tuesday 12th May @ 2.00pm
ALSO AGM AT 2.15PM**

**A day in the life of a Metropolitan Police
Crime Scene Investigator**

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2	Saturday Café in the Park, Stone 10am–12 Noon
3	Sunday Church Services 4pm Lego Church in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone
4 (Bank Hol)	
5	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am–1pm
6	Simply Walk
7	Little Wrigglers in Stone 9.00am Cuddington Village Picture House: ‘One Battle After Another’ , Cert 15 7.30pm
8	Pippa’s Community Café, Stone, 10.30–1.00pm **NEW TIME**
9	
10	Sunday Church Services
11	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Cuddington Sunshine Club: Tea and Card Games, Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse
12	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am–1pm u3a Meeting (inc AGM), Haddenham Village Hall, 2.15 for 2.30pm Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council Annual General Meeting 7.30pm Haddenham Screen: ‘Hamnet’ Cert 12A, Haddenham Village Hall, 7.30pm
13	Simply Walk
14	Little Wrigglers in Stone 9.00am Thursday Club, 2.00pm Cuddington Village Picture House: ‘Song Sung Blue’, Cert 12A, 7.45pm
15	Pippa’s Community Café, Stone, 10.30–1.00pm **NEW TIME** 7.00–7.30pm Thy Kingdom Come St John the Baptist church (the church will be open every evening Friday 15 th – Saturday 23 rd May for informal prayer)
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17	Sunday Church Services Bubble Church at Haddenham Airfield Pavilion 9.30am
18	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone, 10.30am–12.30pm Cuddington Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema ‘Saving Mr Banks’ 1.30pm
19	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am–1pm
20	Simply Walk
21	Little Wrigglers in Stone 9.00am Cuddington Village Picture House: ‘Hamnet’ Cert 12A 8.00pm
22	Pippa’s Community Café, Stone, 10.30–1.00pm **NEW TIME**
23	Charity Quiz Night, Stone
24	Sunday Church Services
25 (Bank Hol)	Stone Village Fete 12 noon – 4.00pm
26	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am–1pm Fourth Tuesday Fellowship 2.30pm
27	Simply Walk
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29	Pippa’s Community Café, Stone, 10.30–1.00pm **NEW TIME**
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