



# 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: Tree Crown in Autumn by Will Hughes (Heimdallr Drone Solutions)

## Editorial

### “More Than Freedom”

November is a month full of memory from All Souls' and All Saints' Days, fireworks and then of course Remembrance Sunday. This year, which is the eightieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, is an important one as the fewer veterans surviving who knew first hand what the war was like. The two world wars will slip into secondhand memory and then into history. The sacrifices must not be forgotten.

As the King said

“In recalling so much suffering, we must not lose sight of how great was the cause and how sweet the victory. For those heroes of V.J. Day gave us more than freedom; they left us the example of how it can and must be protected.”

*“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We will remember them.”*

Response: “We will remember them.”



**Aircraftman**

**Cyril White**

**RAFVR**

**Corporal**

**Jack Small**

**2 Bucks Batt**

**Sergeant**

**Roley Jefferies**

**1 B Ox and Bucks L**

**Gunner**

**Den Seaton**

**Q Own Ox Hussars**

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## Parish Services and Calendar

<b>November 2025</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>
<b>Sunday 2 November</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Holy Communion 6.00pm Service of Loving Remembrance	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 9 November</b>	10.30am Bishopstone wreath laying 10.45am Open Air service at Stone Recreation Ground 4.00pm Lego Church in the Jubilee Pavilion	10.15am Remembrance Service 11.30am Wreath laying at Ford 6.00pm Choral Evensong for Remembrance Day	10.55am Worship	
<b>Tuesday 11 November</b>	11.00am Informal gathering at Stone Memorial Gates			
<b>Sunday 16 November</b>	9.00am Matins 10.30am Family Worship	6.00pm Service of Loving Remembrance	11.00am Worship	10.55am Remembrance Service
<b>Sunday 23 November</b>	10.30am Family Worship & Joyfull Juniors	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 30 November (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent)</b>	10.30am Holy Communion		11.00am Worship	
<b>Sunday 7 December (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent)</b>	TBC	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	

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

## The Parish at the end of the Second World War

I wonder what peace felt like at the end of the Second World War. The days after Victory in Japan Day would be similar to those before. There were some differences. Local volunteers went to Hartwell House which had been a training camp for American and British troops. The house was used by officers, and the parkland and woodland was full of Nissen huts where the men were housed. The troops used to attend church parade in Stone where the packed services were led jointly by an army padre and the local vicar, accompanied by the sound of bagpipes from Scottish army units.

On VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May the local ladies helped out sewing badges on the uniforms of Prisoners of War who had been flown out of Germany the day before. The men were cleaned, deloused and then given new uniforms before they were sent on leave.

This must have been an exception as returning prisoners of war would have taken months to organise. Some men from Bucks who had been captured at Dunkirk would have been away for years.

There was still rationing which did not end until the 1950s, millions of men and women were abroad and it took until 1947 for them to demobilised. They were given “demob suits” and some money.



The dog track at Hartwell was an Italian prisoner of war camp and there was a camp of sorts at Eythrope but this seems to have been secret. Women were doing work which had been regarded as men’s jobs, teenagers helped out and the school was probably struggling.



There had been an influx of evacuees early in the war but children gradually returned but some were evacuated in 1944 because of the V Rockets. On Haddenham Lower Road past Chilbrough Farm there was a searchlight battery. People grew their own vegetables and kept hens and pigs. Stone school had an allotment garden where staff and children grew vegetables and fruit. There was a Roundhill allotment and a “victory plot” off Chiltern Avenue.

It took years for the country to recover and rebuild after the war but at least there was peace.

# A SPECIAL SERVICE OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.00pm  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STONE

A special evening service to remember before God those who are dear to us who have passed away.

The service will include words of hope from the Scriptures, quiet prayer and well-known hymns. On request we will read the names of those to be remembered as we light a candle for them.

If you would like to know more about the service ring  
Canon Phil Groves on 01296 748390  
To have a person included for remembrance please  
email: [office@haddenhamstmarys.org](mailto:office@haddenhamstmarys.org)



## COME AND JOIN US at 'SOCIALY CRAFTY'

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 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
(except Bank Holidays)  
10.30am to 12.30pm in St John the Baptist Church  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



**LIVE ON**  
TO THE MEMORY OF THE FALLEN  
AND THE FUTURE OF THE LIVING



***Lest we Forget***

## **Remembrance Services**

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

10.15am Remembrance Day Service at Dinton

10.30am Bishopstone - Wreath laying and short memorial service

10.45am Open Air Service and wreath laying at  
Stone War Memorial Recreation Ground

10.55am Methodist Chapel Stone Worship Service.

11.30am Wreath laying ceremony at Ford

6.00pm Choral Evensong for Remembrance Day at Dinton Church

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 11 am**

#### **National Commemoration**

Informal gathering at **Stone** War Memorial Gates





COME AND JOIN THE FUN AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

THERE IS A DIFFERENT THEME EVERY TIME WHEN YOU WILL FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE WHILE HAVING LOTS OF INTERESTING THINGS TO MAKE AND ENJOY. JUST COME ALONG



For further details contact Sue on [s.birrell@stonedintonthartwell.com](mailto:s.birrell@stonedintonthartwell.com)

PLEASE NOTE THE SESSION ON NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL WHERE WE WILL JOIN IN WITH THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND PLANT THE POPPIES WHICH WE MAKE IN CHURCH ON 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER SO PLEASE COME ALONG TO BOTH SESSIONS, YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME.



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2.00pm – Tea & card games in Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse;

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm – Cuddington Matinee Cinema, screening '*Chocolat*' All Welcome

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

# 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!

Suggested donation – £3 per family.  
No need to book – just turn up!



Children remain the responsibility of their adult at all times.



**SJB** Run by SJB Church, Stone – Your local church serving the community

## **DINTON CHURCH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

**First Prize** ~ a Luxury Hamper of Christmas Treats including  
Local Starveall Turkey ~ Quinta de la Rosa Vintage Port ~ Dinton Folly Wine  
Champagne ~ Wine ~ Christmas Pudding & other Christmas Goodies

**Second Prize & Third Prize** ~ Each prize is a selection of  
Christmas Treats ~ Including Wine ~ Christmas Pudding

**Proceeds to Florence Nightingale Hospice & Dinton Church Fabric Fund**

Tickets £5 and in the form of a small envelope. Place £5 in an envelope  
and your details on the back. For more tickets please complete  
more envelopes. Each envelope is added to the raffle drum.

**Envelopes can be obtained from Paddy Lambert ~ 07768 930944  
or Starveall Butchery ~ 01296 747549 ~ or your Local Contact**

Raffle will be drawn after the Christmas Carol Service  
that starts at 6pm on Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>

### **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.

### **Obituary : Cynthia Bush**

Some Upton and Dinton residents may remember Cynthia Bush, who lived with her husband Alfred at 'Fordwich' in Upton for over 30 years. Cynthia passed away peacefully on 24<sup>th</sup> September, a few days after her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. She had moved from Upton to Wendover in 2006, then lived with her daughter Susan and son-in-law John for the last five years of her life.



**ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH, DINTON**  
**A Special Service of Loving Remembrance**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm**

A special evening service to remember before God those who are dear to us who have passed away.

The service will include words of hope from the Scriptures, quiet prayer and well-known hymns. On request we will read the names of those to be remembered as we light a candle for them.

If you would like to know more about the service or to have a name included for remembrance please contact Ian Cairns via email: [ian.cairns@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.cairns@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone 07816 315361



**Afternoon Teas and Homemade Cakes**  
**Stone Village Hall : 3pm to 5 pm**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Proceeds to Action Medical Research

## Letter from Aston Sandford

Recollections of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War as recounted by Val Good, who was born and brought up at The Manor, Aston Sandford.

My parents had come over from Ireland in the 20's and had purchased most of the village of Aston Sandford including the farm. They had 5 daughters and then a son and we all lived in The Manor throughout the war. The farm was a mixture of arable and livestock which included cows, carthorses, pigs, sheep and chickens. We also had bee hives for making honey and made butter from the cow's milk.

The farm buildings were draped in camouflage sheets / netting to try and prevent bombers thinking it was a factory. The village therefore largely escaped damage from bombing throughout the war with one notable exception. On the night of the main Coventry raid (November 1940) a bomb was dropped in one of our fields, northeast of the village of Aston Sandford. It was reported as being the largest bomb that had been dropped in Bucks and was assumed to have been from a bomber unloading a bomb on its way back to the continent. The bomb was time fused, and it went off about 7:00am blowing an enormous crater in the field, the size of which can be seen in the picture showing 6 adults standing in the bottom of the crater. A cow that had been standing near where the bomb landed was killed by the explosion which effectively skinned the poor animal. There were 10 cows killed by the bombs dropped on our farmland.



Another animal which died was Tom the Carthorse who bolted when a bomb exploded and died by falling into another bomb crater.

Val's father Reg was the ARP warden for the village and he ensured that all the residents of the village went down into the cellar at The Manor when there was an air raid. Val remembers that there were lots of sheep wool bales down there to sleep on. This gave a degree of comfort. The plaster ceiling in the cellar came down one night, but luckily the family was not sleeping there that night.

In addition to undertaking farm work the workmen on the farm made wooden rifles, one assumes for use in the Home Guard for training. The fact that Haddenham airfield made aeroplane propellers meant that there was always a lot of wood offcuts from which the rifles could be made and was also a useful source of firewood.

The children were all warned not to pick up any debris out in the fields for fear that it might be unexploded ordnance.

Part way through the war, the farm was allocated about a dozen Italian prisoners of war who were bused each day from their camp near Hartwell. They arrived with the food rations for the day and at the end of the day the children would go round and rescue any leftover food – the prisoners seemed to be supplied with much better food than was available to the residents! They also seemed to have supplies of sweets which were a real treat for the children. The relationship between the Italians and the resident adults and children was described as being very good. One of the farm cottages was occupied by a German Jewish couple who had escaped from Germany before the start of the war. He was a carpenter by trade and made a number of pieces of furniture for The Manor.

During the war, and for some years afterwards, till the river Stan was dredged, the area around The Manor used to flood and so the children had to be taken by tractor or boat to get the bus in Haddenham to go to school.

Later in the war a number of German prisoners of war were stationed in The Manor, but they were never liked and were lazy. They were always blamed when things went missing. Only 1 Doodlebug was thought to come anywhere near, and that dropped somewhere near Kimble/Meadle.

One of the Italian prisoners of war named Tocci came back to the UK after the war and arrived at Aylesbury station. He then phoned The Manor and said “I come back, and will work for you!” He was taken on and lived in a cottage in the village and eventually married an Italian woman, Bianca, who had been employed as a housekeeper at The Manor.

**Information as described to Nick Morgan and Laura Macpherson.**

**\*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:

**November issue** : deadline for receipt of copy is  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**



# Café

IN THE PARK



**HOT & COLD DRINKS, HOME BAKED  
CAKES, LITE BITES AND MUCH MORE  
NO CHARGE FOR REFRESHMENTS  
DONATIONS ARE WELCOME**

**EVERY TUESDAY  
11.00AM – 1.00PM**

**Cakes, cheesy crumpets,  
jacket potatoes with  
toppings and side-salad,  
homemade soup**

**SATURDAY**

**1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER  
10.00AM – 12 NOON**

**Including Breakfast Rolls**

**JUBILEE PAVILION, STONE RECREATION GROUND  
RUN BY ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STONE  
THE LOCAL CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY,  
SERVING THE COMMUNITY**



**For the whole community to meet friends, make new friends or just  
come and enjoy the Park while having a cuppa.**

## OUR FUNDS NEED A BOOST IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUR CHURCHES GOING



The churches of **St John the Baptist, Stone** and **Saints Peter and Paul, Dinton** have been elegant and distinctive landmarks at the heart of our communities for nearly 900 years. Both churches have several unique historical features which attract many visitors and their churchyards provide space for peace and contemplation amidst a variety of wildlife. They have been and remain thriving places of Christian worship.

As grade 1 listed buildings, both churches are expensive to maintain, costing around £5000 per month, for which we receive no central or local government funding. We rely on the committed giving of members of the churches and community to maintain the churches for future generations. If, as members of the parish of Stone, Dinton, and Hartwell, you enjoy and appreciate our churches, whether you have a Christian faith or not, please consider making a financial contribution to their upkeep.

To make a regular contribution by direct debit, we recommend the Parish Giving Scheme for the two churches, which ensures that the full value of your gift, including reclaimed gift-aid if you are a taxpayer goes to the church. Alternatively, one-off gifts are also appreciated.

**We value any contribution, large or small. Thank you**

St John the Baptist

Ss Peter and Paul



You can go to the website for more information about the churches and the way you can help financially and make your gift work harder <https://stonedintonhartwell.com/>

If you prefer to use a paper form you need more information, please contact Richard Smith (treasurer@stonedintonhartwell.com or 07584 246268).



**SOCIALLY CRAFTY  
AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**PRESENTS THE AMAZING**

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND COFFEE MORNING  
SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER  
10.30 – 12.30**

**WE HAVE:**

- |                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| ★Christmas Gifts | ★Cakes for sale              |
| ★Decorations     | ★Tombola Stall               |
| ★Handmade Cards  | ★Presents for special people |

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS  
STOCK, ENJOY A COFFEE AND SUPPORT YOUR  
LOCAL CHURCH.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**





**EXPLORE FAITH TOGETHER AT**

**All Age**

**LEGO CHURCH**

**SING SONGS    LISTEN TO A BIBLE STORY**

**BE CREATIVE WITH LEGO/DUPLO    SAY PRAYERS    EAT FOOD**

**Next Lego Church is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 4pm-5pm  
then 14<sup>th</sup> December  
at The Jubilee Pavilion, Stone, HP17 8PD**



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

## Welcome to Lego Church

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September arrived and so did the wind and sideways rain!! The team of helpers set out the tables with a pile of Lego on each. We were all a bit nervous as none of us had run a Lego Church service before.

Would anyone brave the weather? Yes - in total there were 30 people (including 6 team helpers) came along. Some go to church, some haven't been for a long while and some never been before. We sang 'Big Family of God' and 'Creator God', listened to the God's creation story, created amazing animals with Lego, prayed and then ate pizza and cake!!

By the time you read this we'll have had our second Lego Church on 12<sup>th</sup> October - we hope that those who came will return, bring their friends and learn more about God.

Whatever your age, feel free to come along to any of our monthly Lego Church services



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

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*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 following an alphabetical list of village streets –  
Griffiths Acre, Haggard Street, Jefferies Road, Lee Crescent and  
Long Furlong will be remembered in the five Sundays of November***

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No sun, no moon! No morn, no noon!  
No dawn, no dusk, no proper time of day!  
No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,  
No comfortable feel in any member –  
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,  
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds!  
November!

Poor old Thomas Hood (1799 – 1845) he really did have it in for November, didn't he? He was in fact well-known for his puns and comic verse, so perhaps he wrote this when he was having a bad day.

I really don't agree with him about November, anyway. When I see pale sunlight shining through misty dawns, or glittering raindrop diamonds on spiders' intricate webs, or sparkling hoar frost brightening the leafless twigs, I feel quite cheerful actually.

"No warmth", he says; poppycock! Thick socks in wellies, warm mittens, cosy anoraks and beanies, we can be warm as toast; and there will be 'shine' on our noses: so what?

All right, I give in about the butterflies and bees, but have you seen the lovely moths that flutter around your outside lantern? Pretty as butterflies any day.

No flowers? Nonsense, what about the glorious scented Daphne and Viburnum bushes, and the delicate pink and white Weigela? You're talking through your hat, Thomas.

But the best things about November are the first day and (this year) the last day. The 1<sup>st</sup> November is ALL SAINTS DAY – when we can honour all those who have lived full Christian lives. Many over the centuries have suffered persecution, lived with danger and died for their faith; others have led undistinguished lives, but lives of faithfulness in service to their neighbours in Christ. Some will be known to us – the saints of the church now who love us and nurture us. We give thanks for them all.

And the last day of November this year is ADVENT SUNDAY – when we look forward to the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas, a gloriously happy time. Who says November is bleak? Not me!

## Simply Walk in Stone, Haddenham & Dinton

Come suited & booted for whatever the weather  
To **Simply Walk** for an hour or so in the countryside  
Just come to our walks throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road – **STONE**  
Wednesday: 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November

-  
Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: 5<sup>th</sup> November

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 19<sup>th</sup> November

We meet in the morning for **10.30**  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
If it's mizzle, drizzle, dull or chilly  
Chin up – we're here and there's coffee or tea!

### Walking for Health with Simply Walk

Visit [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk)  
Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812.



## Harvest Festival at St John the Baptist Church, Stone

On Harvest Sunday (28th September) we opened up St John the Baptist Church in the afternoon and welcomed about 30 adults and over 20 children into SJB for a Harvest Event.

Children searched the church grounds for veg/fruit pictures with letters to complete the phrase 'All good things come from God'. Inside little hands reached into boxes to identify a fruit or vegetable by touch and a very tricky quiz stumped even some adults. The highlight - the ingenious homemade animals made from fruit and vegetables – a giraffe called Freya, a fish, a dog, a peacock, a hedgehog, an owl, turtles, a monkey, a crocodile, snakes and lots more - it was like Noah's ark! Well done everyone. I think everyone had a fun afternoon and enjoyed some prizes!

Big thanks to Jo, Rachel, Thelma, Jenny, Richard, Sue, Clive, Terry, Phil, Clare, Fiona, Amy, Liz for baking or helping or both.

*Naomi Corbould*

A selection of photos from the Harvest Event.....





## Parish Council Meeting Dates



The next meeting of the Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council will be held on:

**Tuesday 18 November at 7.30pm in Bishopstone Village Hall**

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please note meeting dates/times may change. If you intend coming to a meeting please check the date, time and venue on the agenda published on any of our noticeboards and our website.



The meeting dates for Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council are as follows:

**11th November and 9th December**

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

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

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 11th @ 2.15 for 2.30pm**

**Amazing Frauds and Swindlers**

**Speaker: Hugh Granger**

While nowadays we worry about scams, mainly via our computers or from telephone call centres abroad, in the past some unbelievable frauds were carried out without IT, but still through persuasion.

Haddenham resident Hugh will talk about the man who sold the Eiffel Tower, the phantom bus passengers, the invisible pig farm and more.

**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)



## School news

The summer holidays proved a useful time to undertake odd bits of refurbishment and decorating at both school sites; The Diocese are funding roof repairs at the Junior site in Dinton. Beginning on the first day of the summer holiday, work is underway and anticipated to be completed by half term, weather permitting! As a Church school we are fortunate to have the Oxford Diocese support with all matters concerning the structure of the school.

Unlike previous years there have been no significant staff changes this year although Mrs Bowman is now the Assistant Headteacher at the Junior site and Mrs Thomas at the Infant site. The new term has started really well, and it is always such a joy to see lots of fresh new faces in Foundation class eagerly and happily starting their schooling by getting to know one another using little songs and rhymes. As this goes to press they are also enjoying practising songs for their whole School Harvest Festival in Cuddington Church on Monday 6th October.

Every school is now being encouraged to consider its impact on the environment and consider ways of reducing emissions, developing resilience to extremes of temperature and giving pupils more access and connection to nature. To start developing a climate action plan, a local sustainability consultant led a staff consultation recently; it is heartening to be part of such a forward-thinking school.

### **USEFUL LOCAL PARISH WEBSITES:**

Parish Church	<a href="https://stonedintonhartwell.com/">https://stonedintonhartwell.com/</a>
Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council	<a href="http://www.sbhpc.org/">http://www.sbhpc.org/</a>
Jubilee Pavilion	<a href="http://www.jubileepavilion.co.uk">http://www.jubileepavilion.co.uk</a>
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>
Wychert Vale Benefice Website	<a href="https://www.wychertvale.org/">https://www.wychertvale.org/</a>
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2	Sunday Church Services
3	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Cuddington Sunshine Club –2pm Tea & Games, in the Clubhouse
4	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am–1pm Haddenham Screen: The Last Showgirl! Cert 15 Doors 7.30pm, Film 8pm
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6	Little Wrigglers in Stone Cuddington Screen: White Bird Cert 12A 8pm
7	Pippa’s Community Café, Stone, 10.30–1.00pm <b>**NEW TIME**</b>
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9	Remembrance Services – see page 7 4pm Lego Church in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone
10	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel
11	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am–1pm Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
12	Simply Walk
13	Little Wrigglers in Stone Thursday Club Meeting 2pm Cuddington Screen: Sorry Baby Cert 15 8pm
14	u3a Meeting, Haddenham Village Hall, 2.15 for 2.30pm Pippa’s Community Café, Stone, 10.30–1.00pm <b>**NEW TIME**</b>
15	Churchyard Gardening at St John the Baptist, Stone 10am Dinton Race Night – Dinton Village Hall, 6.00pm
16	Sunday Church Services
17	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone, 10.30am–12.30pm Cuddington Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema ‘Chocolat’– 1.30pm screening
18	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am–1pm Stone, Bishopstone, Hartwell Parish Council meeting 7.30pm in Bishopstone Haddenham Screen: The Amateur Cert 15 Doors 7.30pm, Film 8pm
19	Simply Walk
20	Little Wrigglers in Stone Cuddington Screen: Four Letters of Love Cert 15 8pm
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23	Sunday Church Services
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25	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am–1pm Fourth Tuesday Fellowship Meeting 2.30pm
26	Simply Walk
27	Little Wrigglers in Stone Cuddington Screen: National Theatre Live The Fifth Step Cert 15 7pm
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30	Sunday Church Services Afternoon Teas at Stone Village Hall for Action Medical Research 3pm–5pm
30	Little Wrigglers in Stone



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