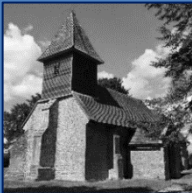


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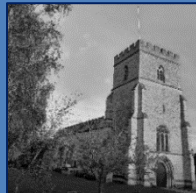
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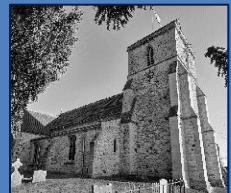
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## Editorial – Queen Elizabeth II

*I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38, 39



Most of us have never known a different monarch. The recent passing of Her Majesty was not unexpected but a great shock to all. We have been comforted by the response across the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world. She was a word leader who was also a servant for all. Her sense of duty and service was grounded on her Christian faith. Yet she was able to be respectful to those of other faiths.

We look back with pride and thanksgiving and look forward to a new era. St Paul reminds us that the love of God is important and that nothing can get in the way, neither death, nor our present worries nor the future.

Advance Britannia as someone once said.

God save the King



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## Parish Services and Calendar

October 2022	St John the Baptist Stone*	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October Trinity 16	10.30am Family Harvest Thanksgiving with Choir	10.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 17	10.30am Family Communion	6.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving (Wine & Nibbles afterwards)	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 18	9.00am Mattins 10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Harvest Service
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Trinity 19	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 4 before Advent	6.00pm Service of Loving Remembrance		11.00am United Service	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 3 Advent	10.30am Family Worship	10.00am Holy Communion	[11.00am Worship	

*Parish News is a community magazine for the residents of **Stone, Dinton, Ford, Upton, Bishopstone, Hartwell and Aston Sandford**. We welcome news, announcements by societies and clubs, and articles on local and other issues. We do not charge for charities or personal notices such as weddings, baptisms or acknowledgments and welcome advertising by local businesses.*

## Letter from Aston Sandford

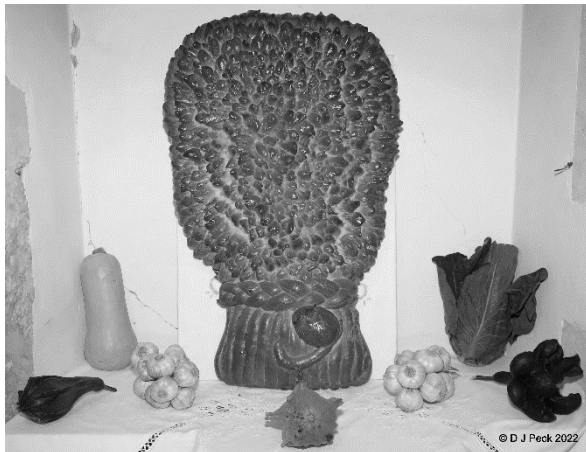
In my piece on Rectors in July this year I mentioned Nicholas Orme's splendid book *Going to Church in Medieval England* (Yale 2021). The book has a chapter called *The Seasons and the Year*. The author points out that between late June and late November there were no religious 'seasons', though there were a number of religious days, including of course that of St John the Baptist on Midsummer Day and St Michael on 29<sup>th</sup> September (the archangels were regarded as beings of light to keep the people safe from evil as the days get darker). In the fifteenth century new festivals were introduced during those months, including the Transfiguration of Jesus on 6<sup>th</sup> August and several feasts of the Virgin. There were however signs that the Church took notice at least of the passing of the seasons. Churches were decorated with flowers in the summer, especially on festival days. Birch boughs were brought into the church on Midsummer Day.

So what notice did the medieval church take of the harvesting of crops? 1<sup>st</sup> August, the feast of St Peter, was known as Lammas Day, and it is widely regarded as the original harvest festival. Orme says that the word *lammas* is an Anglo-Saxon word which seems to have signified the offering of loaves on that day, made from the first grain of the harvest. Indeed the on-line *Oxford Reference* describes the day as a traditional calendar festival in northern Europe, which marked the end of the hay harvest, when stock could be let into the meadows to graze, and the beginning of the grain harvest, while my own copy of the *Oxford Reference Dictionary* published some time ago refers to Lammas Day as an English harvest festival at which loaves made from the first ripe corn were consecrated.

Yet, Orme says, there is no sign that Lammas Day was regarded as a harvest festival (indeed one commentator believed that the name was derived from a feast of lambs), but as an 'offering day', on which Peter's Pence was due. The term Peter's Pence referred to the annual tribute of a penny which every householder of a certain value had to pay to the church, a requirement which originated in Anglo-Saxon times and was not discontinued until the Reformation. Orme also mentions some other days on which crops were blessed – eg apples were blessed on 25<sup>th</sup> July, St James' Day - but it was not known how far such blessings were done in church to harvest produce brought as offerings. Harvest was then a long drawn out event, indeed almost routine work, certainly more so than it was in the nineteenth century when the modern harvest festival began. And Orme points out that, as parish clergy in medieval times claimed one tenth of grain sheaves AND one tenth of all vegetable crops, including those grown in private gardens, harvest was to some extent something to argue about rather than to celebrate.

At Aston Sandford's Harvest Festival, to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October this year, it is traditional to have a Harvest Loaf (including a depiction of a harvest mouse) on display, as you will see in the attached photograph. It is rather nice to think that it is at least possible that its presence is a nod to a custom first established in the medieval period.

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



**A SPECIAL SERVICE OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 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 Chloe at [office@haddenhamstmarys.org](mailto:office@haddenhamstmarys.org)



## Dinton Annual Beer Festival

A record number of people attended the seventh Annual Beer Festival, held in the gardens of the Seven Stars pub in Dinton on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. During the afternoon, the cheerful family-based crowd basked in the fine weather and was entertained by some live music, while enjoying the selection of real ales and ciders on offer. Steph laid on a barbecue and Dinton Wines once again set up their stall selling the award winning locally produced Dinton Folly English quality sparkling wine.

Takings on the day were about £4000, which means we will be able to continue to donate a reasonable amount of money to local causes. During the last year we have donated over £3000 to various parish projects bringing the total donated by the Beer Festival to over £10,000 since the first festival in 2015.

A huge thank you must go to all the volunteers and sponsors, whose hard work and generosity make this event possible. This kindness of spirit, shown by the sponsors and volunteers working together, is what makes the Dinton Beer Festival such a successful and enjoyable community and family occasion.



## Harvest time

Sadly, I have not counted them, but "Harvest" appears in eighty separate occasions throughout the Bible which tells us that it is a significant topic. Harvest was not once a year but, on several occasions, when people marked the changing seasons.

*Three times in the year you shall hold a festival for me. You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread; as I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. No one shall appear before me empty-handed. You shall observe the festival of harvest, of the first fruits of your labour, of what you sow in the field. You shall observe the festival of ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labour.*

Exodus 23:14-17

It was a celebration of thanks for God's goodness and also an opportunity to remember people who were in need.

*When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.*

Deuteronomy 24:19

*Our barns will be filled*

*with every kind of provision.*

*Our sheep will increase by thousands,*

*by tens of thousands in our fields;*

Psalm 144

### **"Our humble, thankful hearts"**

"We Plough the Fields and Scatter" is a favourite hymn at harvest festivals. It was originally a German hymn written by the poet Matthias Claudius, and called "Wir pflügen und wir streuen". It was published in 1782, and set to music in 1800, and later translated into English by Jane Montgomery Campbell in 1861.

She was born in Paddington, the daughter of the curate of St James's Church, Paddington, London, and rector of Little Steeping, Lincolnshire. After her early years in London, she moved to Bovey Tracey near Newton Abbot, and remained there until her death. She was a gifted linguist and German scholar. She also made an early translation of Silent Night. Verse 3 was later revised to make it better suited to the harvest in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*,



Americans would sing, "We plow the fields..." but that does not look right to me although that spelling is used in the King James' Bible. I still half think that "scatter" means run away!

*We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land;*

*But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:  
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.*

*Chorus All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
For all His love.*

*He only is the maker of all things near and far;  
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star;  
The winds and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread.*

*Chorus  
We thank Thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, and food;  
No gifts have we to offer, for all Thy love imparts,  
But that which Thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.*

*Chorus  
We thank Thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, and food;  
Accept the gifts we offer, for all Thy love imparts,  
But what Thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.*



Wheat field near Eythrope, Stone.  
photo by David Pickup

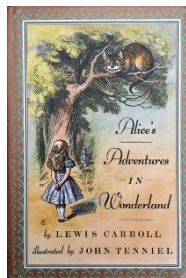
## STONE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Monday October 17, 2022, at 7.30pm

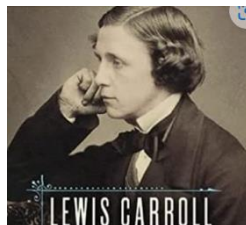
Stone Village Hall

ALASTAIR LACK

### CHARLES DODGSON (LEWIS CARROLL) AT OXFORD



Lewis Carroll is well known throughout the world as the author of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking-Glass." Behind the famous pseudonym was Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, a mathematical lecturer at Oxford University with remarkably diverse talents.



Expert on many aspects of Oxford History, Alastair will tell us about the story of Dodgson's friendship with Alice Liddell, inspiration for the books, and their publication under the pseudonym of Lewis Carroll. Alastair will also give us a picture of life in mid C19 Oxford.

***This is a change of speaker – Phil Storr, who was to speak on the Boer War, had to cancel due to family commitments***

Visitors welcome, £2. Queries to Carole Fryer 01844 885168 or Judith McArthur 01296 749080



## Afternoon Teas

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October : 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Stone Village Hall

Come and enjoy a cup of tea and cake and have a cosy chat with friends old and new

In aid of Action Medical Research



Registered charity in England & Wales (208701)



## Music Concert

**ARC (Americana, Roots & Country)**

My Girl The River, Anna Howie & Kate Ellis

Friday October 7th. St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Dinton.

Doors open at 7.30pm

Tickets £13 in advance or £15 on the door.

Contact details: Mike Trotman Empty Room Promotions

Tel: 01296 748268

<http://www.empty-rooms.com>



# STARVEALL

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*Come and choose your own pumpkin at Starveall Farm*

Come and visit our new pumpkin patch, and hand pick your perfect pumpkin ready to carve or eat this October.

Our pumpkins have been grown from seed and have been carefully guarded by our growing turkeys and geese right here on our farm.

We will be open throughout October and will remain open until all our pumpkins are sold – so be quick!

For further information please telephone Mike on 01296 747549 and keep updated with our latest news on our Starveall Pumpkin Facebook page.

Starveall Farm, Oxford Road, Upton, Aylesbury HP17 8PZ

# LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL



As you can imagine, *Link to Hope* are hoping for an extra generous response to the SHOEBOX APPEAL this year.

## PLEASE HELP

by contributing in cash or kind to bring Christmas joy to those in desperate circumstances in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and Bulgaria.

This is a very practical way to respond to a situation where families are in dire need

### A BASIC SHOEBOX FOR A FAMILY CONTAINS:

- ❖ Soap bars [no plastic containers]
- ❖ Flannels
- ❖ Toothpaste and brushes
- ❖ Brush/comb
- ❖ Warm hat, gloves, socks, scarf [unisex]
- ❖ Safety razors
- ❖ Small soft toy
- ❖ Small plaything, e.g. skipping rope, yoyo, playing cards
- ❖ Crayons, coloured pencils [no felt tips]
- ❖ Chocolate, sweets [long use-by date]

£ £ £ CASH DONATIONS to cover the cost of carriage [£3.00 per box] and to buy additional items ARE EXTREMELY WELCOME

**CLOSING DATE FOR DONATIONS: 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**CONTACT ME, SUE SPINKS, 748369 or royandsue1@btinternet.com for information**

**LOOK ON THE WEBSITE for *LINK TO HOPE* FOR DETAILS OF WHERE OUR BOXES WILL BE DELIVERED**

## 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: 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>st</sup> October

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road –  
**HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: 12<sup>th</sup> October

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 26<sup>th</sup> October

We meet in the morning for 10.30  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
Nights are getting in, mornings are misty  
Autumn's here! So is the coffee or tea!

**Walking for Health with Simply Walk**  
Visit [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk)  
Or call Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367.



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### **WE NEED YOU! NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

Do you have 1-2 hours per month available to help out on a voluntary basis with delivery of the Parish Church & Community News to residents in your area?

For more information, please contact David Pickup on 01296 748170 or email [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk).



Our new 'What's On' diary is a new feature in the Parish Magazine (see inside back cover) to keep you updated with events, classes, meetings, etc in the local community. If you would like your event or class listed (free of charge) please email details to: [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)

## **ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH, DINTON – FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 8<sup>th</sup> October : final churchyard gardening for this year
- 9<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm : Harvest thanksgiving service. Proceeds to Aylesbury Food Bank

## **THE PLANTS IN DINTON CHURCHYARD**

A survey of the plants in Dinton churchyard was conducted in July 2012. Over 100 types of plants (including trees) were identified. The survey in July would not identify many spring flowers – snowdrops, daffodils, aconites, primroses and cowslips. Although none of these are rare, the large number of species is significant. No herbicides are used in the churchyard, except on the cobbled path, thus allowing many plants to grow successfully that will not be found in the nearby fields. The wide variety of plants should result in a wide variety of insects, since certain insects are only to be found on specific plants. In turn, the insects are food for birds and bats. So, the regime of using no herbicides, together with the relatively infrequent mowing of grass (monthly is the norm) has resulted in an environment closely in harmony with nature.

If any readers are interested in wildflowers, Dinton churchyard is a good location to see them. There are too many plants for all to be mentioned, but here are a selected few:

Four types of cranesbill (geranium)



Lesser burdock (bachelors buttons)



Three types of plantain



Common mallow (Billy buttons)



Three types of speedwell (veronica)



Common mouse-ear



Bird's foot trefoil (bacon and eggs)



Stinking iris



Lady's bedstraw



Greater celandine (not a relative of lesser celandine)



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*The Chapel with heart, at the heart of the village*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY @ 11 am** **and especially to HARVEST THANKSGIVING : 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER**

Gifts from garden or storecupboard very welcome:  
to be sold after the Service for WATERAID while enjoying coffee  
and on 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER when Anglican friends share in a united Service

Village friends continue to be prayed for week by week.

During October and following an alphabetical list of village streets we will pray for the families of : Belle Vue, Bishopstone Road, Bittenham Close, Chesterfield Close and Chiltern Avenue.

Please leave any prayer requests in the letter box on the Chapel porch, anonymous if you prefer.

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This month, a message from our Minister, Revd. Keith Edwards

Dear Friends,

Many of you will know that I have entered the Methodist stationing process and will be moving on next August. The way it works is that the Chairs of all the Districts spend two days helping to place Ministers with Circuits and sometime in early November I will know where I am going.

Because of the surprise move of a colleague, my pastoral responsibilities will change in my last year with you and I will have pastoral charge of Thame and Cuddington in addition to the other village Churches I serve.

With such a fluid time in my life, with so much about to change, you might think it could be an anxious time. However, both whilst on my recent holiday relaxing in the Lake District and upon my return, I have been constantly reminded of a favourite Bible passage of mine.

**Jeremiah 29 : 11**

***“For I know the plans I have for you”, says the Lord,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future.”***

It is wonderful and comforting to know that no matter what happens, God has a plan for me, and for you too. I truly put my faith in the knowledge that even where 33 Chairs of District try to place some 70+ Ministers in more than 100 stations, God has a plan. I take further comfort from a recent Lectionary Reading, which confirms to me God’s calling on our lives.

**Jeremiah 1:5**

***“Before I made you in your mother’s womb, I knew you.  
Before you were born, I chose you for a special work.”***

I look forward with joy to the coming year and what it may bring for us all.



**HUNT OUT YOUR CHRISTMAS CRIB SETS!  
READY FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS CRIB EXHIBITION  
SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
@ Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road**



***Book the date now – full details in November magazine.***



**LIVE ON**

TO THE MEMORY OF THE FALLEN  
AND THE FUTURE OF THE LIVING



**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022**

Last year, we marked 100 years of the Royal British Legion, and also celebrated the return of our amazing Poppy Appeal collectors in our local communities. Without them and without you, we wouldn't be able to continue supporting serving and ex-serving men and women and their families. Thank you very much to Fiona Rysdale who has taken over as Poppy Appeal Organiser.

We always need more help with static sales at the shop, places that will host a collecting box such as businesses in the parish and door to door collecting. If you can help by preparing or distributing boxes, please let Fiona know.

National Poppy Appeal launch - 22nd October  
Armistice Day - Friday 11th November  
National Festival of Remembrance - Saturday 12th November  
Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 13th November

**Fiona Rysdale**

Email [therysdales@live.co.uk](mailto:therysdales@live.co.uk)

Telephone 01296 747663 or 07977 415507.

# Café

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**SATURDAY  
1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

**10.00AM – 12 NOON  
including Breakfast Rolls**

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THE LOCAL CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY,  
SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

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# Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL  
www.stonedintonhartwell.com

## **BIG OR SMALL YOUR CHOICE.....**

There are so many things that need doing in the churchyard and boundaries and at present too few people to help to maintain the areas. So, if you could spare a short time every couple of weeks you can choose what you would like to do and we can find a suitable job either

## **BIG OR SMALL YOUR CHOICE .....**



Jobs like:

- Keeping these cobbles brushed and weed free
  - Painting the gates and posts
- Cutting back the weeds along Bishopstone Road
  - Taking Ivy off the walls
  - Brushing the steps to keep them clear
    - Painting the railings

If you can help, please contact: [s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com)  
Any help you can offer will be very much appreciated.

*Thank you*

# STONE WITH BISHOPSTONE AND HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Your Council, Your Services, Your Parish



## Parish Councillor Vacancy

Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish Council have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you would like to help your community and can spare an hour or so a week, you might be the ideal person we are looking for.

The Parish Council meets throughout the year to discuss and plan for the management and upkeep of the Parish. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact the clerk at [clerk@sbhpc.org](mailto:clerk@sbhpc.org)

This is an ideal opportunity to make a difference to your parish by making Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish a better place to live.



## Parish Projects

Have you also noticed the new picnic tables in the War Memorial Recreation Ground and St John's Play Area? We've also installed new swings in St John's play area to replace the existing worn-out ones. The new swings incorporate parent & toddler swingseats so you can enjoy these together. Plus, a new baby-changing unit in the Pavilion!



We're also in discussion about renovating the 5-a-side goalmouths at the War Memorial Recreation Ground which have seen better days.

Do you have a project that you think the Parish would benefit from? Let us know by contacting us on [clerk@sbhpc.org](mailto:clerk@sbhpc.org).

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## Gardening Notes

Phil Shurvell, who has written the Gardening Notes for this magazine for very many years, has decided to step down as our gardening expert. We are indebted to Phil for all his knowledge, expertise and monthly tips and suggestions for looking after our gardens. We are sure, in his 'retirement' he will still be out tending to shrubs and harvesting the vegetable patch.

The Gardening Notes page has been a regular and popular feature and it would be good if someone else would be happy to take over the role and write a few paragraphs each month which could be added to the magazine.

If you've got green fingers and would like to assist, please contact the Editor.

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**

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### **Stone, Buckinghamshire – a local community page**

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

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## Ukraine

We continue to pray for an end to the conflict and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war.

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<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/helping-hand-for-ukraine/making-a-donation-pledge-support/>

## Parish and other websites

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Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council	<a href="http://www.sbhpc.org/">http://www.sbhpc.org/</a>
Jubilee Pavilion	<a href="http://www.sbhpc.org/Jubilee-Pavilion/Jubilee-Pavilion-Home">http://www.sbhpc.org/Jubilee-Pavilion/Jubilee-Pavilion-Home</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>
Benefice Website	<a href="https://www.wychertvale.org/">https://www.wychertvale.org/</a>
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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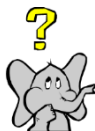
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