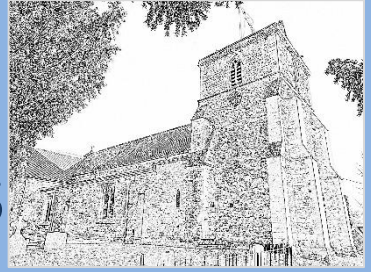


# Parish Church & Community News

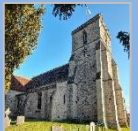


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Parishes within the Benefice of Wychert Vale**



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Front Cover image: Harvest field by H Pickup

## Editorial - “The Church Never Looked More Lovely”

In 1876 harvest festival was celebrated at Dinton Church. There were three services 11 am 3 pm and a special service at 6 pm. All were well attended. The church was beautifully decorated “as usual”. Had a number of clergy taking service, reading lesson and preaching. The music for the service was composed by the vicar’s brother, a clergyman from Manchester.

140 people sat down to harvest tea on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1895 then was a church service. Led by vicar of Dinton, the rector of Halton read lessons and the sermon preached by Vicar of Hughenden. £4 15 shillings and 6d raised for Bucks Infirmary. The church was brilliantly lit and decorated as it always is.

The Rev. Charles Henry Burton was the vicar of Dinton from 1869 to 1879 and the 1871 Census records that he lived in the Vicarage with his wife, Lydia and their four children, Emiline, Ernest, Hilda and Basil. They had a cook, a parlour maid, a housemaid and an under housemaid. He had moved to Buckinghamshire from Liverpool where he had a parish for over twenty years. There are stained glass windows in the church dedicated to Emiline who died in 1871 and his wife who died in 1877.

I wonder if they sang “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” written in 1844 while he was rector of Aston Sandford. In 1861 there had been a number of unofficial revisions of the hymn, including one in Hymns Ancient and Modern, which led to Alford publishing a footnote in Poetical Works stating his disapproval of these revisions that had been made without his agreement.

The first verse is written as a celebration of the harvest, calling for people to give thanks to God for it.

*Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home!*



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## Parish Services and Calendar

October 2023	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 1 October Trinity 17	9.00am** Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving with Choir	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 8 October Trinity 18	10.30am Family Communion	4.00pm Deanery Confirmation Service 6.00pm ** Harvest Evensong	11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 15 October Trinity 19	9.00am Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Family Worship		11.00am Worship	11.00am Harvest Festival Service with Holy Communion
Sunday 22 October Trinity 20	10.30am Family Communion		11.00am Worship	
Sunday 29 October Trinity 21	11.00am United Service - Joint Worship with Anglicans and Methodists at the Stone Methodist Chapel			
	6.00pm Loving Remembrance Service			
5 November 4th before Advent	9.00am** Mattins (BCP) 10.30am Family Worship	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	

\*\* Indicates changes in services/times until further notice. Please see church noticeboards /websites for up to date details.

*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.*

## Obituary

It is with great sadness we share the news that our Parish Clerk Gregory Coulthard passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly on the 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Gregory first and foremost was a family man and loved nothing more than spending time with Angela his wife, his children and his grandson.

Gregory and Angela also job shared the role as clerks working together to improve the life and community in our village.



Gregory left school and went into the finance and banking industry working for Natwest for many years. He was also a keen sports fan and an avid supporter of Sunderland . He was also a very keen bingo player and could be found at St Johns Sports and Social club at their fortnightly bingo evenings.

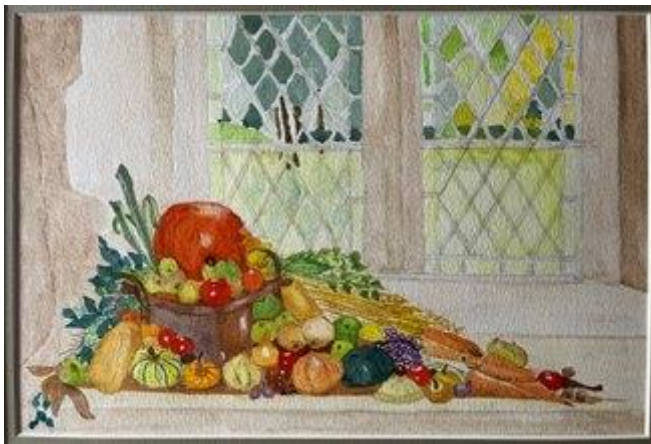
Gregory and Angela moved into Stone in 2015 and soon became part of the village. They both worked on the Parish Council and made a real difference to our village. Gregory also was part of the village fete committee and his professionalism and banking skills made him the ideal treasurer but he brought much more to the team than that and he will be sorely missed by all who came into contact with him.

I have my own personal memories of Gregory when we were endeavouring to put together the octagonal picnic benches in the village. We were like the chuckle brothers and what seemed a simple task became a battle of minds between us and very limited assembly instructions but we got there eventually.

Gregory will be sorely missed by family, friends, Fete team, Parish Council and the local community that he served so well.

Clive Corbould  
Chair SBHPC.

## News from Aston Sandford



*A watercolour of an Aston Sandford Church window decorated for Harvest Festival 2015 by Margaret Watkins (1938 – 2021), by kind permission of Alan Watkins*

### **Harvest Festival Open Day**

Aston Sandford Church will be open from 2 00pm to 4 30pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October so that everyone can admire the decorations for our Harvest Festival the next day. Do please come – parking will be in Manor Courtyard – and enjoy a lovely Autumn display. Admission free – but donations to our Repair fund are always welcome. If you have never been to Aston Sandford before this is a great opportunity to see our little church at its best.

### **Harvest Festival Service**

Our Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11 00am and will be a Communion Service with Hymns. We will of course be singing what is known as the Aston Sandford Hymn, *Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home!* thought to have been written in about 1844 by the Rev Henry Alford, Rector of Aston Sandford 1836-48, but more likely to have been written by his elder son of the same name, writer of other hymns such as *Ten thousand times ten thousand*, and later to become Dean of Canterbury. We like to think it was at the very least inspired by Aston Sandford. After the service there will be refreshments at the Manor.

We invite donations of food (no fresh produce please) and other suitable items which will be taken to the Aylesbury Food Bank.

*The accompanying photos of displays at past Festivals are by kind permission of David Peck.*

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



**A selection of photographs from previous Aston Sandford Harvest Festivals**



# Aston Sandford Church

St. Michael and All Angels,  
Aston Sandford, Haddenham,  
Aylesbury, Bucks, HP17 8LP



Church Open to view  
Harvest Festival Decorations  
Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
2.00pm to 4.30 pm

Aston Sandford has its Harvest Festival on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11 am. The Church will, as always, be extensively decorated by the flower arrangers. This year, to give more people a chance to see the decorated church, it will be open from 2 to 4.30 pm, on the previous day.



Do take the opportunity  
to come and see us.



## Interesting people who have lived in Stone, no10: Slaveowner and anti-abolitionist, MP Sir William Young, Tenant of Hartwell 1801-1807

Anti-abolitionist Sir William, with his family, was the Revd Sir George's tenant at Hartwell from 1801-1807. He was a colonial governor, author, artist and a member of the British parliament. Sir William's family had been super rich sugar plantation owners and he was an ardent anti-abolitionist.

In 1788 his father died and he inherited four sugar plantations, in Antigua, St Vincent (2), and Tobago – together with the hundreds of slaves and a serious debt. (over £11m). He went on an extended trip to the Caribbean, but failed to save his plantations from bankruptcy. On returning home in 1792 he intensified his support of the anti-abolitionists.



In 1801 he leased Hartwell House and brought his second wife and his children there. He clearly enjoyed a country life, hobnobbing with his landlord, the Reverend Sir George Lee and other local gentry, drilling in the Yeomanry, enjoying sport and listening to tenant's problems and complaints – and presumably spending a good deal of time in London in parliament. He wrote an epic poem eulogizing Hartwell and Sir George, who frequently left his Chilterns parish to deal with estate matters at Hartwell and potter round with his tenant.

*“If ought could the comforts of home e’re restore  
HARTWELL’s Manor and Farm, with the care of the Poor  
Open’d grateful delights to my view...  
“But what most engag’d me, the Tenant to be  
was the “landlord” the good and belov’d Sir George Lee  
Descendant of Hampden, a younger son born  
His heirdom to Hartwell seem’d bleak and forlorn...  
but parishioners Cur’ed taught and Fed”...*

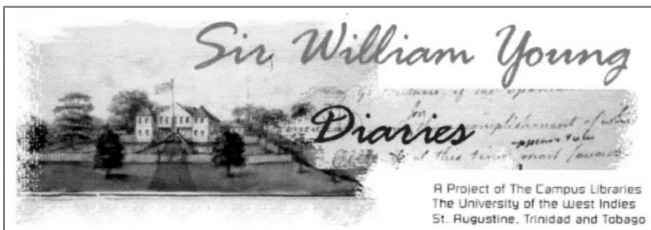
*Lines from Ode to Hartwell by Sir William Young*

From 1784 to 1806 Young was MP for St Mawes, where from 1790 his friend the 1st Marquis of Buckingham was patron. From 1806-7 Young was MP for Buckingham. He was very active in Parliament, speaking on poor law reform, income tax, the slave trade, Ireland, foreign policy and parliamentary reform.

He was one of the 81 vice presidents of the Society for Bettering the Conditions of the Poor and was Secretary to the "Association for promoting the Discovery of the Interior Parts of Africa" He wrote or contributed to a huge number of publications. He was a captain in the Bucks Yeomanry and later a major in the Mid Bucks.

His opposition to abolition remained strong – he was the leading opponent of Wilberforce’s anti-slavery campaign. – he accused Wilberforce of having no experience. In 1806 Buckingham and his faction manoeuvred a governorship of Tobago for Young. With the changing fortunes of the Grenvilles he was no longer acceptable - and bigger plans were in hand for Hartwell. Young was given just a month to prepare to leave Hartwell and set sail from London on the *Thames*, captained by his “near relation” Brydges Taylor on March 10 1807.

Captain-General and Governor of Tobago until his death there in 1815 Sir William kept diaries which were “a historical, statistical and descriptive account of the island of Tobago” with watercolour sketches and maps, now together with memoranda, accounts, invoices, etc, in the Library of the University of the West Indies (there are copies in the British Library).





Dinton Harvest Evensong  
with choir  
Dinton Church  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 6pm

Food donations will go to  
Aylesbury Food Bank

Afterwards join us for prosecco and nibbles



**Are you looking for a new challenge and want to contribute to your local community?  
We are currently recruiting for Advisers in Thame**

**A new adviser training course begins in early October 2023, so apply now!**

**[www.citizensadviceosav.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.citizensadviceosav.org.uk/volunteering)**

*If you would like to discuss this volunteering role, please email:*  
**[recruitment@citizensadviceosav.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@citizensadviceosav.org.uk)**  
**and one of our team will contact you.**

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, STONE**

**GARDENING: SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 10AM-1.00PM**

**COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP US?**



If so you will be able to:

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

## Appeals:

### **Morocco and Libya**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Morocco following the devastating earthquake and with Libya for the dam flood. The Red Cross have set up appeals to provide vital aid. Donations can be made via <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/donate>

### **Ukraine**

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

There are various ways we can all help. The Bucks County Council offers some resources through the following weblink:

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

### **Turkey/Syria Earthquake**

Following the devastating earthquakes in southern Italy and north-west Syria, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected and their families and friends, and to all the rescuers and medical staff. The UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched an appeal to help those affected. The Bucks County Council weblink below provides details on helping:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/support-survivors-of-the-turkey-syria-earthquake/>

## **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](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)



## 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: 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: 11<sup>th</sup> October

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 25<sup>th</sup> October

We meet in the morning for 10.30  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday DINTON! We'll party  
On chocolate biscuits and a 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



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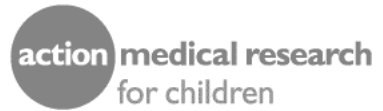


## **Afternoon Teas**

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

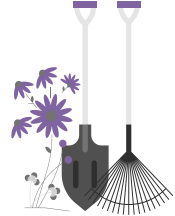


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## **St Peter & St Paul, Dinton**

### **Churchyard Tidy Up – Volunteers Needed**

October 14<sup>th</sup>



From 10am until 12 noon with tasks of mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning etc. Please provide your own tools and equipment. Refreshments at 11am.

If you could give any time to this worthwhile and enjoyable task, please contact Rosemary Jackson on 07751 393377 or simply come along.

## Wildlife Spotlight

### **Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital Foundation**

In this month's Wildlife Spotlight we have spoken to Tiggywinkles who are a big part of the local wildlife community in Buckinghamshire. Here is what they had to say:

Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital is a specialist hospital dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating all species of British wildlife. All British wild animal casualties brought to the hospital are treated completely free of charge and are released through a controlled programme, back to the wild, when they are fully fit. Any animal unable to be released back to the wild is maintained at the Hospital, in as natural conditions as possible.

Tiggywinkles are based in Haddenham (HP17 8AF) and a map showing the exact area we cover can be found on our website here <https://www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk/animal-emergency/>



### **What challenges are you currently facing?**

We don't receive government or lottery funding, so we rely heavily on legacies and donations from the public and a handful of Trusts. We also rely on the generosity of a team of volunteers to help us rescue the animals in need.

### **What projects are you currently working on?**

We are currently expanding the hospital to accommodate a CPD college for visiting Vets and Nurses enabling us to assist vets across the country, in their quest for wildlife treatments, techniques and medicines.

### **How can local people get involved or help your organisation?**

We have various volunteering opportunities that can all be seen at our website here: <https://www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk/volunteer/> these include ambulance drivers, rescuers, and husbandry duties.

### **What is the best thing about your role / organisation?**

We are one of the leading wildlife hospitals in the world, caring for over 13,000 animals every year and passing on skills and knowledge to the next generation of vets and nurses.

Attached is a photo of a recent Hedgehog Patient we have in that is on her last few days of treatment for lungworm. Lungworm occurs when there is an infestation of the lungs with parasitic worms. She was very poorly with it so we immediately put her on a course of treatment for it and she is so far making a fantastic recovery! Her breathing is a lot better, and we are really looking forward to getting her back out into the wild where she belongs.





## A SPECIAL SERVICE OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE



Sunday 29<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 telephone Canon Phil Groves on 01296 748390

To have a person included for remembrance please email Chloe at [office@haddenhamstmarys.org](mailto:office@haddenhamstmarys.org)



**Cuddington Sunshine Club**



Open to Senior Citizens in Cuddington and surrounding villages. Activities include monthly Tea and Card Games in Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse, bi-monthly Matinee Cinema in the Bernard Hall, Coach outings, a Summer Garden Party and a Christmas party.

### Next events:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2.00pm – Tea

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am – 5.00pm Coach outing to Evesham Home and Garden Centre.

For more information phone Angela Wenham 01844 291932.

## Dinton Beer Festival 2023

Reverend Nigel asked his congregation on Saturday to pray that the weather would be kind for Amelia's christening and for the Dinton Beer Festival. The good congregation's prayers were answered, setting up the day for a record attendance at the eight Annual Beer Festival, once again held in the lovely gardens of the Seven Stars pub in Dinton on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August and visited by a host of walkers from Haddenham, all corners of our Parish and others from further away.

Throughout the afternoon, the cheerful family-based crowd enjoyed the fine weather and the live music by two acts, while enjoying the selection of real ales, ciders and the Pimm's tent, which was run as usual by the Dinton Book Club ladies. Steph laid on a barbecue selling her delicious premium hamburgers and sausages and the Seven Stars kitchen provided a special Beer Festival menu for the day. Dinton Wines had their usual stall selling award winning locally produced Dinton Folly English quality sparkling wine. The event provided great fun and enjoyment for all who attended.

On the day the beer and Pimm's tent took in just over £5000, a healthy increase on last year. Whilst we haven't got the final figures yet, we know that we will have in the region of £5000 to distribute to local projects. When added to the donations already made by the Dinton Beer Festival, this means we will have given out nearly £18,000 since we started the Festival in 2015.

A huge and heartfelt thank you goes to all the volunteers from the villages in the Parish and those from farther away, who helped with setting up the event, manning the bars on the day and dismantling everything and clearing away afterwards. As usual, Steph and her staff were on hand to help and again put in every effort to make the day a success.

The generosity of the sponsors who sponsored the real ales, the Pimm's and ciders, the music and the Festival glasses, enable this event to take place. So, a sincere thank you to all the sponsors who make the event possible. As we have said before it is this generosity of spirit, as evidenced by the sponsors and volunteers working together, which makes the Dinton Beer Festival such a successful and enjoyable community and family occasion.



### Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council have two vacancies and are looking for local people who are passionate about the area they live in and can spare a few hours each month to join us. No previous experience is required. If you would like to hear more about becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk on [clerk@sbhpc.org](mailto:clerk@sbhpc.org) for an informal, no obligation chat.

- Make a difference to your village and get involved with your community.
- Have a say about local issues that you care about.
- Influence the way local services are provided.
- Help to decide how local money is spent to improve your community.

### Common excuses for not joining the Parish Council

- *"I'm too young"*. If you are 18 you are old enough.
- *"What's the point of just joining a talking shop, they don't do anything"*. Have you ever been to a meeting? Basing your judgement on watching The Vicar of Dibley is definitely not valid.
- *"I haven't got a planning application in at the moment"*. Putting in for planning has got nothing to do with sitting on the Council, whatever may have happened years ago. In fact, if your own application is discussed by the Council, you must leave the room.
- *"I'm too busy, I couldn't commit to attending every single meeting"*. Meetings are rarely more frequent than one evening a month, and missing the occasional one is perfectly acceptable. Most meetings only take a couple of hours.
- *"I'm concentrating on finding a job or furthering my career"*. Being a local Councillor is a definite plus point to add to a CV. It shows you can make decisions, work in a team, are community minded and pro-active. Prospective employees will be impressed.
- *"I haven't lived here very long and I don't know the area well"*. If you have lived or worked in the Parish for a year you are eligible. Your views as an 'incomer' should be welcomed, as you will probably see things more objectively.
- *"Our Parish Council is full of Old Fogey's"*. Join up and change it then.
- *"I'd look like a fool because I would not know what's going on"*. You will be eased in gently; there is help, advice and more formal training available. The Clerk is the legal officer in the Council, and he or she will explain the rules.



**Haddenham Community Library**  
is Celebrating its

# 10th Anniversary

on Wednesday October 18th 2023

7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

In the Haddenham Community Library



## Cocktails and Crime at a Birthday Party!

Enjoy a cocktail (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) and  
a piece of birthday cake with us!

Crime novels and thrillers are our most popularly borrowed  
adult books, so come and listen to best selling author

**Clare Mackintosh**

born and raised in Haddenham discuss with

**Claire Wilson**

an award-winning literary agent and local resident, what  
goes into making a best seller.

**Admission to this event is FREE but ONLY with a ticket**  
**Tickets are available from the Library**

**This event is not suitable for children and there is a library birthday event  
planned for them later.**



Wychert Vale Benefice  
www.wychertvale.org



## 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

### **SOMETHING NEW IS COMING TO STONE!**

#### **Do you want to:**

- Be in at the start
- One of the first
- A trendsetter
- Just interested
- Enjoy a Coffee and a Chat
- Sit and Knit and Natter or do something different?



#### **IF SO THEN COME TO SOCIALLY CRAFTY**

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 10.30am - 12.30**

**in St John the Baptist Church, Stone**

We hope to run this on the 3rd Monday of each month (excepting Bank Holidays) and can evolve as the need arises.

*Everyone is welcome*

- Make friends
- Drink Coffee
- Eat Cake
- Do Crafts if you wish

*Don't be shy come along and try*

# Stone Methodist Chapel

## Eythrope Road, Stone HP17 8PH

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heegon5@gmail.com



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

**especially on 29<sup>th</sup> October when Anglican friends join us**

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 Haggar Street, Jefferies Road, Lee Crescent, Long Furlong and Manor Farm Close

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

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As you can see from the above heading, we have said goodbye to our long-serving Minister, Revd. Keith Edwards, now serving in the Welshpool and Bro Hafren Circuit and we welcome **Revd. HEE GON MOON.**

Hee Gon shares the following details of his family and faith journey [so far!]

“I have pastoral responsibilities for the Methodist Churches in Chinnor, Cuddington, Haddenham, Princes Risborough, Stone and Christchurch, Thame.

My journey to this pastoral role is a unique one, shaped by my early life as a Buddhist in Busan, South Korea before I converted to Christianity at the age of 16. After completing Bible College and my national service, I served as a missionary in the Middle East and was ordained in the Korean Presbyterian Church.

My ministry with the Methodist Church has taken me to various places, including Exeter, Bedlington, Manchester and Llanelli in Wales. Due to health reasons I spent the last two years in the High Wycombe Circuit as a supernumerary Minister [*that is, one without a specific pastoral charge*]

Returning to active ministry has been both a challenge and a blessing, and I feel privileged to serve as a Minister again. I firmly believe that being a Christian means that God can transform even the mess of our past into a powerful message: He can take our trials and tests and turn them into testimonies. Consequently, my primary focus in ministry is to support individuals in their Christian journey within the Church and community, building upon the foundations that are already in place.

I am committed to nurturing a deeper experience of God's boundless grace in Christ, and ensuring that everyone feels genuinely welcomed in our church.

My wife Deborah previously worked as a teacher for individuals with learning disabilities in Korea, but has since transitioned into the field of social care. Meanwhile my son, Sungsoo, is pursuing studies in computational neuroscience, and my daughter Sungleen, has recently completed her undergraduate degree in English and is exploring further studies.

My personal goals and prayers revolve around maintaining good health through activities such as walking exercising and gardening. Additionally, I hope to witness the growth and fulfilment of my family, our neighbours and our churches as they reach their full potential, all of which we cherish in the presence of Jesus Christ, our Saviour."

We wish Hee Gon a truly happy and fruitful ministry with us

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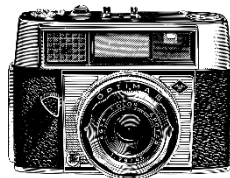
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Meetings scheduled to start at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified differently on the agenda:

10 <sup>th</sup> October	14 <sup>th</sup> November
12 <sup>th</sup> December	

A Food Bank Collection point has been set up at the Seven Stars in Dinton. The box is situated under the tall table on the patio adjacent to the entrance to 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.



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If you would like to mark the birth or other event of your children or grandchildren, you can purchase a plaque to be installed in the Children's Playground in Dinton Parish Field.

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**October 8th 10am-4pm** Why not visit our orchards with a tour of the trees, history and apple juice production techniques. A chance to sample some of the Taste Awards 2023 winners. £3.50 entry. Free for season ticket holders and those who have paid garden entry fee on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**October 21st- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am-5pm** For our younger visitors the garden becomes a magical trail of Halloween surprises. Collect a map and stickers and follow the clues to see who is hiding in the gardens ! A prize at the end from the garden shop. £3 per child who must be accompanied by an adult (garden entry fee applies).

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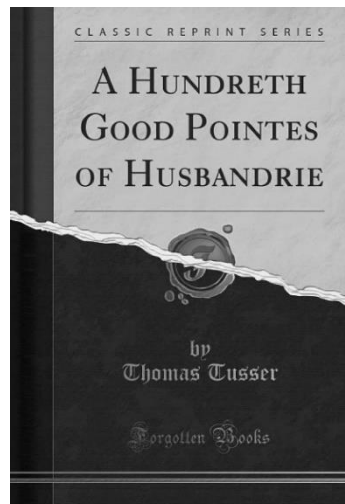
## A hundreth good pointes of husbandrie (1557) by Thomas Tusser.

Some more excerpts from Thomas Tusser's poem from 1557.

- 25 The rye in the ground, while September doth last:  
October, for wheat sowing, calleth as fast.  
Whatever it cost thee, whatever thou geue:  
Have done sowing wheat before Hallowmas eve.
- 26 The moon in the wane, gather fruit on the tree:  
The riper the better, for grass and for thee.  
But michers that loue not, to bie nor to crave:  
Make some gather sooner, else few should they have.
- 27 Or winter doe come, while the weather is good:  
For gutting thy ground, get the home with thy wood.  
Set bauen alone, lay the boughs from the blocks:  
The drier, the les maidens, dablith their dockes.
- 28 For rooting thy ground, ring thy hogs thou hast need:  
The better thou ring them, the better they feed.  
Most times with their elders, the young ones keep best:  
Then yoke well the great knaves, and favour the rest.
- 29 But yoke not thy swine, while thine acorn time last:  
For divers misfortunes, that happen to fast.  
Or if thou loue eared, and vn mauned hogs:  
give eye to thy neighbour, and ear to his dogs.

Taken from *A hundreth good pointes of husbandrie* (1557)  
Thomas Tusser.

It describes the use of pigs (hogs) in forest management. They ate the acorns, scarified the earth and kept the undergrowth in control.



## LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

The first shoeboxes were packed and delivered to Moldova and Romania in 1992; since then over ONE MILLION BOXES have been distributed! Since our first local appeal in 2003, hundreds of boxes have been donated from our villages. Twenty years on the need is greater than ever. PLEASE WILL YOU HELP?



For anyone who is wondering what this is all about:

**Link to Hope** is a Christian charity which collects, collates and delivers packed shoeboxes as Christmas gifts to the poorest people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

Believing that everyone deserves a present at Christmas time, the boxes contain gifts suitable for the entire family: dad, mum, boy, girl, granny and grandpa. The gifts are mostly practical as over the years the Charity has found that recipients really appreciate those items which meet their most immediate, and mostly practical, needs. But there is always a corner of a shoebox for fun –so pop in a toy or game and some paper and crayons too!

The Charity is small, yet established enough to have personal relationships with the individuals in Eastern Europe who work hard delivering your boxes. For transparency, they also carry out spot checks to confirm that the most needy are receiving the boxes. The Charity believes that sending shoeboxes shows love from British people to those in war-torn or poverty-stricken circumstances, regardless of their background, colour, creed or religion.

**As you can imagine with the war in Ukraine ongoing, *Link to Hope* are hoping for an extra generous response to the SHOEBOX APPEAL this year. There are four ways YOU can help:**

[1] Pack your own box for a family which should contain...

Soap bars/Flannels  
Handcream/Lotion  
Toothpaste and brushes  
Brush/Comb  
Candles or Tealights/holders  
Warm hat, gloves, socks, scarf (unisex: adult or child)  
Safety razors  
Small plaything, eg skipping rope, yoyo, playing cards, crayons, coloured pencils (no felt tips), paper/colouring book  
Chocolate, sweets (long use-by date)

**Please DO NOT include:**

*Tea/Coffee/Tinned food of any kind, Biscuits  
Paracetamol or any other medicines  
Clothing other than hats, gloves, scarves, socks etc.  
Underwear or sanitary items*

LEAVE WITH ME (SUE) FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION PLUS £3.00 CARRIAGE COSTS

[2] Bring any of the above items to me (Sue) and our team will collate and pack donations appropriately

[3] Go to the *LINK TO HOPE* website and donate £20 to 'PACK MY BOX'

[4] GIVE ME YOUR MONEY !!!!!!!

£ £ £ 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, tel: 01296 748369 or email  
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## COMMUNITY DIARY – A guide to what’s on around you!

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