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Dear Friends,

August, when I'm writing this, is sadly ambivalent, resembling those sunny spells, where the last day has thunderclouds massing! On the cheerful side, August means holidays, relaxation and anticipation of freedom from the daily round and yet to be gloomy-the evenings are starting to draw in, the swifts are

congregating before escaping to warmer climes-all hint at winter's coming. The recent indifferent weather underscores its imminent approach!

Equally, in gardens-on the cheerful side, the autumn brings plums, blackberries and apples to enjoy and thank God for at Harvest, while phlox, hollyhocks, asters and the second flush of roses delight us and yet a nip in the air foreshadows frosts' later onslaught, leaving the beds desolate and woebegone.

This year has shown similar seasons. To be cheerful, vaccines have cut Covid 19 hospitalizations and deaths, while GB's successes in Tokyo have encouraged us all **and yet** on the gloomy side, the uncertainty about another pandemic surge persists, while the Afghan government's collapse after the West's 20 years of hard military and financial slog to create a more free and just society could herald a new dark era there.

As we all age, life has similar seasons of bright spots like additions to our families, successes in work or other spheres and yet gloom can hover, as our bodies and faculties start to creak hinting at our final decay.

Is there a Christian response? Firstly, God planned seasons for us on this earth-“There is a season for every activity under the sun.” Eccl. 3: 1. Is it a surprise that nothing stays the same for long? Indeed, sometimes the change is abrupt, at others barely perceptible. Secondly, as believers we can be comforted that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Heb. 13: 8. His unchanging love for us took him to the Cross to pay our sins’ penalty and keeps Him supporting us. Thus, we can pray to God in the collect “among all the chances and changes of this mortal life may (we) ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help.” **AR**

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The **North Buckingham Parish**, belonging to the Diocese of Oxford in the Buckinghamshire Archdeaconry, was formed as a result of Pastoral re-organisation in 1981. It consists of five former Parishes which were Akeley, Leckhampstead, Lillingstone Dayrell, Lillingstone Lovell and Maids Moreton. From its beginning the Parish was served by one Priest, **Hans Taling**, supported by voluntary help in the form of other (retired) Priests, a Reader and many lay people who offer up their time so generously. Browse the website **[www.nbpchurches.org.uk](http://www.nbpchurches.org.uk)** for viewing the different villages and places of interest.

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# What's been happening at St. James and St. John Church of England Primary School...



*St. James and St. John School is a one-form entry school located in two villages. Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 children are taught at the infant site in Akeley and Year 3 up to Year 6 are taught at the junior site in Chackmore.*

Hello and welcome back to all our families and friends! An especially big welcome to all our new children and their families.

We hope everyone has enjoyed the summer holidays, from the heat wave at the start to the more traditional British summer, including the extremes of weather! For those who have been working, we hope you have been able to enjoy some time with your family and friends.

There has been a lot of work going on at the Akeley site over the summer. Contractors have been busy taking out the very old toilets in the cloakroom area and replacing them with brand new toilets and cubicles over the summer. They have also replaced the lights in the ceiling and put new flooring down. We are sure the children will love them!

The staff have been busy planning an exciting curriculum for the coming academic year. Curriculum overviews will be available on the school website shortly. We are looking forward to more school trips later in the year, along with more group and outdoor work.

Whilst, at the time of writing it is unclear what procedures will still need to be in place, pupils and staff safety remains uppermost in our planning. However, we all look forward to a, hopefully, more 'normal' academic year and all the excitement, learning and opportunities that lie ahead!



## Parish Council Update

We are pleased to confirm that following ongoing feedback and dialogue with the MEPC and the Parish Council, there will be additional traffic calming works completed at the North End entrance to the village. There has been detailed discussion concerning where the additional works should be completed and what can be provided (bearing in mind that we are always working within parameters set by Highways) in order to make our village a safer place to live. We will of course share these plans with you when they have been finalised.

Hopefully you will notice that the village will soon look a little brighter at night with the imminent implementation of new LED street lighting, this is a far more efficient and sustainable use of electricity for the benefit of all villagers. As the evenings start to draw in we hope that this will contribute to a safer environment for us all.

The parish council takes an interest in all aspects of the village and we are currently investigating options

that may be available to us to continue to improve the footpath through the allotments to allow easier access for all villagers. We shall of course keep you informed of any developments.

We hope you are all enjoying the wonderful views that Dadford offers and agree that it is looking especially smart due to the more regular grass maintenance service.

Sadly, we have had a recent spate of thefts in the village, the use of the Dadford Village Facebook page has proven invaluable in allowing us to encourage all villagers to remain vigilant and share any relevant information. Please continue to remain vigilant and ensure that any suspicious behaviour is reported to **Thames Valley Police by calling 101** or online, the community police officer who visited the village recently stressed that this type of information can be extremely useful in preventing or solving crime.



Now that Covid restrictions are easing you might be planning to hold a well-overdue party. If so, you may wish to consider hiring the village hall which has been recently refurbished. There is a large central hall with black-out blinds and hearing loop, fully equipped kitchen, accessible toilet and disabled access. With full central heating and ‘bags’ of character, the hall comfortably accommodates up to 80 people seated auditorium-style or 60 people seated at rectangular tables.

In addition, the hall caters for many different types of events – exhibitions, craft fairs, weddings, wakes, film nights, speaker series, fund raising, art and photographic clubs, sport and fitness, fun and friendship.

The costs are extremely reasonable at £8.00 per hour for commercial events and £50.00 deposit or £4.00 per hour and £20.00 deposit for non-commercial events booked by residents of Stowe parish.

Payable in advance by cheque (please allow two weeks to clear before the event) or bank transfer. If you would like to make a booking, please email Sue Boulet: **sueboulet@stowepc.uk**

Just a reminder that new signage has been erected in the parish hall car park. Please can we ask that it is used for patrons of the village hall, the residents of the Old School House and for parish council



business only. Failure to observe this polite and reasonable request will regrettably leave us no alternative but to introduce additional parking restrictions.

We at *Stowe Parish Council* have an extremely competent and knowledgeable member in our fantastic clerk, Tony Skeggs. If you need to get in touch over any matter please contact Tony at **clerk@stowepc.co.uk**.

Perhaps you have been considering an allotment? It can be very rewarding to grow your own produce and despite the gardening boom during the Pandemic there are some plots available. There are a number of responsibilities which need to be undertaken with allotment management, such as regular maintenance, weed clearance etc, keeping the plot clear of rubbish etc. If you would like further information concerning these terms and conditions, Councillor Hilary Hawkins will always be glad to hear from you. You can contact Hilary at **hilaryhawkins@stowepc.uk**

## CHURCH NEWS

As the country slowly begins to come out of lockdown, we are very pleased to be able to open the church again for most of the week for people to spend some quiet time in prayer or enjoying the beauty of the building. For the moment, therefore, the church will be unlocked on a Sunday morning ready for the service and will remain open until it is cleaned on a Friday afternoon before being locked until Sunday morning. We would still request that those **entering the building wear masks, use the sanitiser provided and to respect social distancing guidelines.**

The normal service pattern has also resumed as far as possible with all welcome to attend services and no restriction on numbers. *Singing is encouraged but with the protection of mask wearing being requested.* Each household is also asked to sit in a socially distanced way whilst in the building where possible.

Coffee and tea will be served after each service in a Covid safe way.

**The Stowe Coffee morning** via Zoom will still take place **every Tuesday morning at 11am.** Do contact a church warden if you would like the zoom link for this event.

We are grateful that Rev Val Plumb is still recording a short Worship at Westfield service which is posted on YouTube every week. In addition, the service in the church is recorded most weeks and can be watched on YouTube.

**From 1st September**, Delta and Lantern Bible Studies will resume fortnightly. Please see the newsletter on the website for details.

The weekly **Monday Ladies' Bible Study** will resume on September 13th at 2pm initially via Zoom. Details in newsletter.

The **Young Mums group** will also meet again once the school terms have started. Please see newsletter for details.

**Prayer cells** have continued to meet via Zoom through these difficult times and will continue to do so either via Zoom or face-to-face. Do contact a church warden if you would like to be part of a prayer cell.

*We are now in the benefice of "North Buckingham with Stowe." Hans is the Rector & he has a Church Secretary to whom people should turn re weddings, funerals & baptisms.*

**Food bank:** The food bank is very depleted and they are in **urgent need** of the following items - biscuits, small bags of sugar, fruit juice and almost anything EXCEPT beans, spaghetti and cereals. LONG LIFE plastic bags are still most welcome.

Donations gratefully received on Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00 at the Centre, Verney Close. *(There is also a box in Church for any donations)*

## **Congratulations!**

*We are delighted to welcome Dan and Dani's (Murray) latest addition ..... Rory George Murray born at 7.28am on Saturday 31st July weighing 8lb 9oz. Brother to Charlie (6), Ollie (4) and Alfie (2). All very well !*





Elizabeth Hilsdon,  
of Boycott Farm, married  
George Wilks in Stowe Parish  
Church on Saturday 24th July.

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Jonathan Druce Thomas **Hall**  
Kim Elizabeth Joan **Hall** (nee Badrick)

“We were due to be married on 20th June 2020 on what would have been Jonathan’s mother and father’s wedding anniversary. They had also been married in this church on this date in 1964 so we were both very sad that with lockdown our wedding could no longer be held on that date, especially as we had waited 4years. We changed the date to *12th June 2021* which would have been Jonathan’s late father’s birthday so that it still had special meaning and we were blessed with beautiful sunshine and we had a lovely day even with restrictions. As Valerie was unable to marry us due to illness, we had Ian and along with Kay, Loreen and Rob did a great job. It was super to hear the organ it was a shame we couldn’t sing the hymns and was very emotional to hear the wonderful church bells played by the bell captain and his team the first time to have been rang since COVID started. Many years ago June Hall had fund raised to get these bells, so it meant a lot to hear them.”





# STOWE STARS

## Family Services

### Harvest

Mark 6, 25 – 33

#### Learning from the birds

“Take a good look at the fields. The crops are now ripe and ready to harvest,” said Jesus. Food for people, animals, birds. Who sent the water? Who sent the sunshine? Who sent the wind? Who provides the basic needs of all His creatures?

So why are we worried about what we shall eat, what we shall drink or what we shall wear? Jesus has reassuring words for us: God knows our needs. Look at His provision for birds who might be considered of less value than ourselves. If we, like Jesus, are concerned foremost with living according to the Kingdom of God and following His pattern in our lives, then food and drink and clothing would look after themselves. We ask for “daily bread” trusting that God knows already what we need before we ask.

We worry about our material security. Jesus wants us to simplify our lives, to look beyond ourselves and our self-centred perspective and

seek the joy, contentment and purpose of living in the Kingdom.

*“Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Do not worry about tomorrow.”*

**October 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 Dig deep**

**Luke 6, 46 – 49**

#### The house in the storm

Who has not built a palace on the seashore with shells and pebbles and a seaweed flag fluttering from a stout stick? *“Look what I’ve made. Look at the work of my hands.”*

Then the tide turns and the waves undercut the foundations and the proud palace is no more.

Jesus told many vivid stories to help His hearers understand what He meant by living in the Kingdom of God. True discipleship is based on following Jesus, seeing the world through His eyes and striving to act as He did. He explained what attitudes of heart and mind His followers must adopt by showing God’s love for the poor and needy and outcast.

The house in the storm was rocked to destruction because it was built on unstable ground.

To lay strong and firm foundations in our lives we must dig deep down to the Word of God and model our lives on Jesus, the cornerstone.

**GM**



## DADFORD

### WI

Well after a very long time without WI we can at last look forward to our first meeting for 18 months.

So on the 9<sup>th</sup> September at the new time of 2.30pm we will meet in the Village Hall for afternoon tea. We will also celebrate our WI's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was back in July.



There will be a lot of catching up with our friends and members, old and new, so if you would like to join us you certainly wouldn't be a newbie on your own. So why not try and join us as we start on a new programme of speakers and activities. You would be more than welcome, just come along and join in the fun.

As no programme has been printed, in case of any further Covid interruptions, to take us to the end of the WI year, which is now April, please make a note of the following dates:

Thursday  
14<sup>th</sup> October,  
11<sup>th</sup> November and  
9<sup>th</sup> December. Start time is yet to be confirmed.

If you want to know more then give Ivy or myself a ring.

Look forward to seeing you on the 9<sup>th</sup> September

Loreen.



National  
Trust

As summer speeds away in front of us, it is so strange to think how much has changed even in the last few months! We now have indoor and outdoor seating in our café, and our shop and gardens are open every day. Following the change in restrictions on 19 July you no longer need to pre-book to visit Stowe, so please come along and see us.

More recently we have also re-opened our bookshop, situated at the New Inn. When you visit you can browse through a treasure trove of second-hand books. We have a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction books. In particular we specialise in gardening, history, travel and art. There is also a large children's section so you'll find something for all ages.



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If you've visited in recent weeks, you might have noticed the path has been closed between the Eleven Acre and Lower Copper Bottom lakes. We have been carrying out important stabilisation work, the first part of a phase of works to repair the cascade.



We have enjoyed a fantastic wildflower season at Stowe, with thriving meadows and a new route for people to enjoy. We mowed a new path, based on historical maps, across Hawkwell Field and into the Grecian Valley, giving people the chance to enjoy a quieter walk and enjoy new views of monuments.



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We are looking forward to some fantastic autumn colour at Stowe. Watching the trees around us turn beautiful golden colours and seeing perfect reflections in the lakes.

The gardens, café and shop at National Trust Stowe are open 7 days a week, 10am-5pm Monday-Friday and the gardens open at 9am on weekends. For more information please visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowe](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowe)

**KL**

**Annual Ride and Stride** on behalf of the **Buckingham Historic Churches Trust (BHCT)** is on **Saturday 11th September**. If you would like to take part please email: [ridestride@bucks-historic-churches.org](mailto:ridestride@bucks-historic-churches.org) Or to find out more go to the website:

**[www.bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride](http://www.bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride)**

Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult. All are welcome.



# Nature Notes

In the past couple of years the amount of wildlife has increased drastically in and around the village. Fantastic you might think, but is it really?

Firstly, there is 'Hettie' the Heron, who is a regular visitor to fishponds around the village, helping herself to valuable koi carp and goldfish alike, not taking into account the overall cost to the fishkeeper. And before you say why don't you ..... I can assure you that all the gadgets and gizmos, the plastic heron, the floating sphere, the motion activated water squirter etc DO NOT WORK.



The little egret is also seen regularly feeding in the brook through the village.

The next regular visitor is 'Billy' badger, who makes a nuisance of himself by emptying the food waste bins. Residents in the High Street have come up with numerous ingenious ways to keep the bins out of reach. 'Billy' and 'Molly' the muntjac are regular visitors to the allotments helping themselves to the delicious fresh offerings such as sweet corn, a big favourite, broad beans and peas, along with some raspberries. Again, allotment holders have come up with fences to deter the intruders, but this doesn't stop the birds flying in for their pick of the fruit bushes.

We also have underground intruders all over the heartland and in gardens alike, namely, 'Mervin' the mole and all his cousins, leaving their telltale heaps of soil everywhere. Another underground dweller is 'Roger' rabbit who is putting in an appearance in a few gardens.

Other visitors, much maligned, are the grass snakes and the adders, both of which are getting more prevalent. If you have a pond then the grass snake will inevitably turn up at some point especially if there are also frogs in situ!

Of course if we look up there are Red Tailed Kites, Buzzards and even a Raven or two.

How many of these would you have seen ten or twenty years ago?

**CH**

## Stowe Parish Church Rotas

| <b>Date 2021</b> | <b>Sidesmen</b>         | <b>Prayers</b>              | <b>Refreshments</b>                                                                                            |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept 5th         | Ivy and Loreen          | Kay Murray                  | Kay Murray                                                                                                     |
| Sept 12th        | Bernadette and Pat      | Liturgy                     | Tamara Kimpton                                                                                                 |
| Sept 19th        | Lyn and Ray             | Gillian Macdonald           | Frances Orger                                                                                                  |
| Sept 26th        | Nancy Pullin and Andrew | Children                    | Lyn East                                                                                                       |
| Oct 3rd          | Robert and Sally        | Andrew Rudolf               | Margaret Ryley                                                                                                 |
| Oct 10th         | Richard and Essex       | Liturgy                     | Kay Murray                                                                                                     |
| Oct 17th         | Tamara and John         | Children                    | Elsbeth Mullineux                                                                                              |
| Oct 24th         | Robin and Nancy S       | Tamara Kimpton              | Bernadette Matthews                                                                                            |
| Oct 31st         | Andrew and Philip       | Sally Drummond-Hay          | Tamara Kimpton                                                                                                 |
| <b>Date 2021</b> | <b>Flowers</b>          | <b>Cleaning</b>             | <b>Prayer-board</b>                                                                                            |
| Sept 5th         | Gillian Macdonald       | John and Tamara Kimpton     | Please note that until a rota is organised several members pray regularly for the requests pinned to the board |
| Sept 12th        | Heather Meredith        |                             |                                                                                                                |
| Sept 19th        | Hilary Hawkins          | Lyn and Ray East            |                                                                                                                |
| Sept 26th        | Ivy Cakebread - Harvest |                             |                                                                                                                |
| Oct 3rd          |                         | Nancy Pullin and Hazelwoods |                                                                                                                |
| Oct 10th         | Loreen Williams         |                             |                                                                                                                |
| Oct 17th         |                         | Neil and Susan Fraser Smith |                                                                                                                |
| Oct 24th         | Margaret Ryley          |                             |                                                                                                                |
| Oct 31st         |                         | Pat Walton and Rosie Cowdy  |                                                                                                                |

| DATE                     | TIME                  | SERVICE                        | THEME                                                                      | READINGS                                 | LEAD/<br>PREACH                                     |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sept 5th                 | 8:00                  | Said 1662<br>Communion         |                                                                            |                                          | Rev Ron<br>Bundock                                  |
|                          | 9:45                  | Morning<br>Prayer              | Remorse                                                                    | 2 Samuel 12:15-23<br>Luke 22:54-62       | L. Gillian<br>Macdonald<br>P. Andrew<br>Rudolf      |
| <b>TEACHING OF JESUS</b> |                       |                                |                                                                            |                                          |                                                     |
| Sept 12th                | 9:45                  | 1662<br>Communion              | Who was he?<br>The Messiah                                                 | Acts 1:22-24 + 32-36<br>Matthew 16:13-17 | L. & P. Rev<br>Ron Bundock                          |
| Sept 19th                | 9:45                  | Common<br>Worship<br>Communion | Why did he<br>come?<br>To heal and save                                    | Isaiah 61:1-3<br>Luke 19:1-10            | L. ??????<br>P. Paul Mileham                        |
| Sept 26th                | 9:45                  | Harvest<br>Family<br>Service   |                                                                            | Matthew 6:25-33                          | L. & T.<br>Kay Murray                               |
| Sept 27th                | <b>HARVEST SUPPER</b> |                                |                                                                            |                                          |                                                     |
| Oct 3rd                  | 8:00                  | Said 1662<br>Communion         |                                                                            |                                          | ????                                                |
|                          | 9:45                  | Morning<br>Prayer              | Why did he<br>come? To set up<br>God's Kingdom<br>shown in the<br>parables | Luke 18:18-19<br>Mark 4:10-20            | L. Gillian<br>Macdonald<br>P. Brian<br>Mugridge (S) |
| Oct 10th                 | 9:45                  | 1662<br>Communion              | What does<br>following him<br>mean?                                        | Ezekiel 36:24-28<br>Matthew 16:21-28     | L. & P. Rev<br>Max Wigley                           |
| Oct 17th                 | 9:45                  | Family<br>Service              | The house on<br>the rock                                                   | Luke 6:46-49                             | L. & T. Kay<br>Murray                               |
| Oct 24th                 | 9:45                  | Common<br>Worship<br>Communion | Where was his<br>work achieved?<br>The cross.                              | Romans 3:21-26<br>Matthew 20:20-28       | L. Rev<br>Ron Bundock<br>P. Paul Mileham            |
| Oct 31st                 | 09:45                 | Morning<br>Prayer              | Mission                                                                    |                                          | L. Gillian<br>Macdonald<br>P. Keith Croxton         |