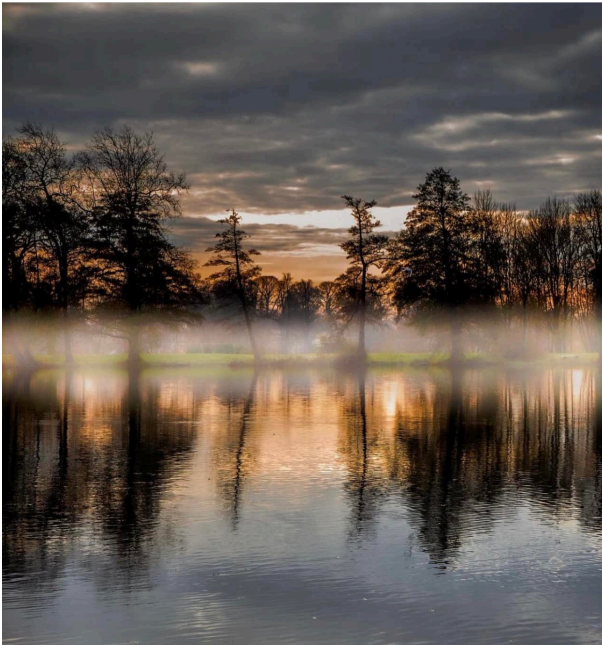


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Dear Friends,

"That was the year, that was. It's over. Let it go."

Not quite what Millicent Martin sang on TV in 1962-63 but it expresses what perhaps we all feel now. Let go of all the anxiety and despair, the uncertainty and unhappiness, of all that happened to us, our families and our country. What comes next?

Voltaire had some sensible, practical advice: "Cultivate your garden," give yourself a project.

A garden is a useful metaphor for thinking about our own plot, what and how we are going to grow to fulfil God's project for us. We need a Handbook for a good start and the Bible is full of wise, encouraging words. By reading the Bible daily we prepare the ground for the good seed to find the right conditions to grow. We dig the soil by turning to the Bible to find helpful advice about growth and nurture and perseverance and we plant the seeds in our hearts and minds. Then we mulch with the wisdom of many writers and thinkers. We pray for wind and weather to nourish the seeds into growth and strengthen that growth in Bible studies and prayer cells, sharing experiences and deepening understanding. We reflect on our life and weed out what is wrong to give space and light to the good and noble.

Jesus, a country man, knew about sowing and reaping, growth and failure, temptation and success. He told many vivid stories to illustrate the importance of cultivating a garden: for example Luke 13, 6-9; Matthew 13, 1-23. The greatest gardener is God. "I am the true vine," said Jesus, "and My Father is the gardener," John 15,1.

There was a craze for autograph books when I was a child and this entry has influenced my life. I hope you find it helpful too:

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-creature, let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

With best wishes for your project,

Gillian

GM



Parish Council Update

We are still awaiting the final outcome concerning the additional traffic calming, these issues require detailed consultation with Bucks County Council and Highways but am sure that we will be able to share with you all the agreed plans in the months to come.

Whilst we have been able to clarify that Bucks County Council are responsible for the maintenance of the footpath and bridge over the brook they have advised that improvements were not deemed necessary at this time.

You may have seen lots of outdoor activity in the village recently, some of our fellow parish councillors and kind volunteers from the village have completed the annual brook and pond clearance, this is essential maintenance that relies on local volunteers to keep our village looking at its very best.

We were extremely fortunate to receive two separate donations of daffodils and as a result we have also planted them around the brook and the pond, many thanks

to our anonymous donor and to Chris and Hilary Hawkins, very thoughtful gifts that the whole village can enjoy in the spring time. Not forgetting our thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that turned up to plant them, we really do appreciate your support .

We have a couple of special villagers to mention, firstly thanks to Chris Atkins for his art exhibition at Stowe school, this was a very enjoyable evening when he sold off his garden 'curios' in order to fund raise for new equipment in the playground area, he managed to raise over £800, so well done, Chris, your efforts will be appreciated by so many in the years to come.

Secondly another thank you to Pete Williams who has constructed a fabulous bespoke bench for all villagers to enjoy around the tree in the allotments, this is such a thoughtful gesture and we hope that many of you will enjoy a little rest on it when you are next passing, thanks for your hard work Pete.



We are certain that many of you have been enjoying Dadvent in the run up to Christmas, such a great event which allows villagers of all ages to get to know each other, thank you to all that have participated.



From all the parish councillors at Stowe, we hope you had a very Merry Christmas and have a safe New Year, let's hope that 2022 is a more promising one for us all!



It was an incredibly sad day when we learnt of the passing of Ivy Cakebread. Ivy was a huge presence on the Parish Council, having been a Councillor for over 30 years and the Chairperson for more than 20 years. There are so many wonderful memories of Ivy, she dedicated so much of her time to Dadford Village and to Stowe Parish. It was an enormously proud day in 2012 when this was recognised as she received an M.B.E. for Community Services to Dadford and Stowe.

Up until very recently, Ivy really enjoyed walking round the village and loved to stop and chat with friends and neighbours that she met along the way. There was always plenty to talk about as she had lived in Dadford her whole life and was often telling people how she was the oldest person in the village. Almost everyone knew Ivy!

It is such a big loss for our community, losing Ivy, and our thoughts are with her daughter Julie, son Paul, and family at this sad time.

SB & KW



Family Services

January 16th

Luke 2, 21 - 24

Jesus is presented in the Temple

Jesus' name was given to Him before He was born. On the eighth day after His birth Mary and Joseph took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.

We ask God's blessing on Maisie Louise and her family as she is brought for baptism today.

February 20th

Genesis 13, 1-12

Uncle and nephew

Abram and his nephew Lot lived in the hill country of Canaan. There they prospered so much that they grew wealthy in flocks and herds. Their possessions were so numerous that their herdsmen complained and bickered about the lack of water and pasture for all the animals. Their quarrels reached such a pitch that Abram sought to make peace between them by offering Lot the choice of where they and their animals should live.

"If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

Lot looked up and saw the whole plain of the Jordan, well watered like the Garden of Eden, and chose that for himself. He set off east while Abram stayed in the hills. Lot selfishly saw the advantages of moving and increasing his wealth.

Abram resolved their differences with his generous offer, relying on God's blessing for his future.

Jesus said, "Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6, 29).

Have you ever had to make the peace? What does it ask of you? Here is a prayer to help you:

St Ignatius of Loyola (1491 - 1556) wrote this prayer:

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to labour and not to seek for rest, to give of myself and not ask for any reward, except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will."

GM

CHURCH NEWS

The **Good News** is that the church is now open all the time and people are welcome to visit, spend time in quiet prayer or attend services.

Normal service has been resumed and all are welcome to attend. Singing is now encouraged and although there is no requirement for masks these and sanitisers are available for those who wish to use them.

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.

Delta Bible Study group have resumed fortnightly on a Thursday via Zoom. Please contact a church warden if you would like the link sent to you.

It is hoped that the **Lantern Bible Study group** will resume fortnightly in the near future.

The weekly **Monday Ladies' Bible Study** meets every Monday during term-time via Zoom at the moment. All are welcome.

The **Young Mums group** meets fortnightly in term-time at 9.00am on a Monday at The Moors, Chackmore. All are very welcome. Please see newsletter for details.

Prayer cells continue to meet either via Zoom or face-to-face. Do contact a church warden if you would like to be part of a prayer cell.

Food bank: (non-perishable) Pasta, Pasta sauce, Soup, Spaghetti, Tomatoes, Peas, Sweet corn, Potatoes – large, Hot dogs, Corned beef, Meat products, Tuna, Biscuits, Fruit juice – large cartons, Cereal – large and small, Rice pudding, jam/marmalade, Custard, tins of Fruit, Tea bags, Coffee, Sugar – large and small would be most welcome, thank you. LONG LIFE plastic bags are still most welcome but no others. Donations gratefully received on Tuesdays 10-12 at The Centre, Verney Close.

There is also a box in Church for any donations.

Please see our website for up-to-date details of services.

www.stowechurch.org.uk

News from Nepal

2021 has been a year of coping with lockdown covid restrictions and then the move back to more normality. Nepal was hit badly in May in Kathmandu by the Delta variant, and they gradually started coming out of lockdown in August with all restrictions lifted in October. Travel to Nepal opened mid-November as they came off the red list.

We now pray and hope for a better 2022. We have two volunteers being sent out, via Christians Abroad, to stay with Pastor David and his wife Maryia and help in the children's home in Kathmandu. Janina and Isabella are both 19 years old Christians and have been planning this trip all year. They have both been working hard to save money, and now have visas and tickets booked for the new year and plan to be in Nepal for three to four months.

Janina and Isabella are both very talented students. Janina hopes to be able to teach the children how to make Jewellery and Isabella is very good at music and singing. They will also be teaching conversational English at a local School. Their trip will also involve travelling to other more rural communities in Nepal, experiencing the culture and helping local families.

Given the current circumstances with the new Omnicom variant we ask for your prayers that they can both get out to Nepal.

The sewing ladies have continued with their training after lockdown, and 4 of them will be ready to start their own business in the new year. Pastor David continues to spread the gospel and last week planted a new church in the Chitwan area. He asks for your prayers that many will come to Jesus.



I hope to get out to Nepal in April and join everyone

Blessings

Jennifer

SOME WONDERFUL THINGS

Tune: 'My Favourite Things'

(A carol that was written in memory of dear Pat Howard)

Birth of a Saviour who came down from Heaven!

Birth of new Hope that all troubles can leaven!

Birth of new Love via our own King of Kings!

Bethlehem's witnessed some wonderful things.

Birth of a Way that exhorts, 'Never wander!'

Birth of a Truth that's inspiring to ponder!

Birth of a Life putting paid to death's sting!

Bethlehem's witnessed some wonderful things.

Ever after,
His disciples,
Full of joy, would sing
Of Heaven awaiting the faithfully true.
That's what this birth
Would bring!

Birth of a Saviour of bold Resolution
Who'd cry, 'Repentance meets sin's
Absolution!

Birth of a movement that gives Joy a fling!

Bethlehem's witnessed some wonderful things

Birth of new Courage for new kinds of living!

Birth of new Guidance for hearts all-forgiving!

Birth of a Faith that such fellowship brings!

Bethlehem's witnessed some wonderful things

Ev'ry Christmas

We're reminded

How He came alone

To bring to our poor world a Saviour and King

For millions to make

Their own!

Birth of a Way that exhorts, 'Never wander!'

Birth of a Truth that's inspiring to ponder!

Birth of a Life putting paid to death's sting!

Bethlehem's witnessed some wonderful things.





DADFORD WI

In November we got together in the Village Hall for our annual meeting, after the usual reports and business was dealt with, a general discussion was had regarding the way forward, and our future. Tea and biscuits were enjoyed, and then one member entertained us with a quiz, 'What year were they born?'. This proved harder than we thought but certainly raised a few laughs.

In December all members brought along some food and we settled into a good chat along with lots of delicious goodies and of course a welcome cup of tea. Our new programme for 2022 is now printed, so if you would like a copy or would just like to come along to one of our meetings, you would be most welcome.

13th January will be a members' meeting with Una Robinson's talk – Semi Detached. This will be followed by several other members giving an insight into their first job. On 10th February we welcome Flo Thornton who will be giving a talk entitled Guinea 2018.

A very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2022
Loreen.

It was with enormous sadness that members learned of the loss of our dear Ivy. I think Ivy had WI and Dadford blood flowing through her veins as her mother, Elsie, was a founder member of our WI back in 1946. Back then villagers said, 'It will never last'. Little did they know that Ivy would cut our 75th birthday cake in September 2021.

Ivy was WI through and through, she joined in the early 1950's soon becoming Treasurer in 1956, a post she held for 19 years. Her role as President was a post she held to the last. In total, a continuous service as officer for 66 years.

Ivy knew so many people from all areas of her life and this enabled her to secure some really different WI trips and outings. Two of the most memorable were a guided tour of the new 'Wing' at Silverstone Circuit, followed by a photograph taken on the winners' podium.

For our 60th Birthday we had afternoon tea on the South Front of Stowe School followed by a trip onto the roof above the Marble Hall for some stunning views of the surrounding countryside.

Ivy always kept in touch with members who had not been well or just needed a friendly chat. Her enthusiasm and dedication for the village, the WI and the National Trust were rewarded when she received the MBE.

The photograph on the Parish Council page shows Ivy planting a tree near to the WI seat on the wildlife area in the village to commemorate the WI's centenary.

DADFORD SEATS: There are numerous seats around the village to rest your weary legs when out for a walk. The latest is in the 'heartland' near the allotments. This creation was expertly made by Pete Williams from recycled wood, mostly from some of the better pieces that were reclaimed from the old fencing around the playing field.



There are many other seats which were provided either by the Parish Council or by Dadford W.I. A sample is shown below and they are waiting to be used. So come along, sit down, breathe the fresh air and take in the surroundings.

CH



*Sometimes I sit and think
Sometimes I sit and look
Sometimes I sit and listen
Sometimes I just sit!*

Anon



At Stowe we've been delighted to be able to safely welcome visitors throughout the year. When summer came with a further easing of restrictions we were thrilled to see more and more visitors venturing out to explore our wonderful gardens and enjoy the bountiful outdoor space that Stowe has to offer.

As winter has crept in with later sunrises and earlier sunsets, our team and our visitors have been treated to some truly magical scenes. One of our garden team members, Sophie Thomas, captured this brilliant photo across the 11 acre lake after Stowe was dusted with a light sprinkling of snow earlier in December.

11 Acre Lake by Sophie Thomas, ©National Trust Images



The winter has brought more than just fantastic photo-ops, though. This year we've been excited to have joined many other National Trust properties in offering Percy's Winter Wander Trail. Our family-friendly trail invites visitors of all ages to join Percy the Park Keeper and his helpers in finding Percy's lost equipment.

With games and selfie-spots along the way and all set against the stunning backdrop of Stowe's landscaped gardens, it's definitely one to schedule in over the holiday!

We're looking forward to the New Year and hope to continue to safely welcome visitors in line with government guidance.

To finish, we couldn't resist sharing another lake-based photo on the front cover taken by one of our fabulous photography volunteers that truly mistified us!

National Trust Stowe will be open from 10am-4pm, 7 days a week. We will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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, Akeley and Chackmore.

Unfortunately, our usual contributor of this section is unwell and in hospital so we wish her all the very best for a speedy recovery, Cara.

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

The **North Buckingham Parish**, belonging to the Diocese of Oxford in the Buckingham Archdeaconry.

**www.nbpchurches.org.uk** for viewing the different villages and places of interest.

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*If anyone would like to submit an article relevant to the Parish please don't hesitate to email me.*

*Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year*

*Lyn*



## Stowe Parish Church Rotas

| <b>Date 2022</b> | <b>Sidesmen</b>               | <b>Prayers</b>              | <b>Refreshments</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Jan 2nd          | Robin and Nancy Shepherd      | Gillian Macdonald           | Kay Murray          |
| Jan 9th          | Loreen and Pat Walton         | Liturgy                     | Tamara Kimpton      |
| Jan 16th         | Chris Close-Smith             | Children                    | Frances Orger       |
| Jan 23rd         | Lyn and Ray East              | Andrew Rudolf               | Lyn East            |
| Jan 30th         | Richard and Essex Close-Smith | Tamara Kimpton              | Elsbeth Mullineux   |
| Feb 6th          | Tamara and John Kimpton       | Gill Smith                  | Bernadette Matthews |
| Feb 13th         | Philip Bach & Patricia Forbes | Liturgy                     | Nancy Pullen        |
| Feb 20th         | Andrew Rudolf                 | Children                    | Tamara Kimpton      |
| Feb 27th         | Robin and Nancy Shepherd      | Kay Murray                  | Kay Murray          |
| <b>Date 2022</b> | <b>Flowers</b>                | <b>Cleaning</b>             | <b>Prayer-board</b> |
| Jan 2nd          |                               |                             | Gillian Macdonald   |
| Jan 9th          | Heather Meredith              | Nancy Pullin and Hazelwoods | Kay Murray          |
| Jan 16th         |                               |                             | John Kimpton        |
| Jan 23rd         | Hilary Hawkins                | Neil and Susan Fraser Smith | Lyn East            |
| Jan 30th         |                               |                             | Gill Smith          |
| Feb 6th          | Loreen Williams               | Pat Walton and Rosie Cowdy  | Tamara Kimpton      |
| Feb 13th         |                               |                             | Gillian Macdonald   |
| Feb 20th         | Margaret Ryley                | Brian and Frances Orger     | Kay Murray          |
| Feb 27th         |                               |                             | John Kimpton        |

| DATE     | TIME | SERVICE                     | THEME                                         | READINGS                                               | LEAD/PREACH                            |
|----------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Jan 2nd  | 8:00 | Said 1662 Communion         |                                               |                                                        | Rev Ron Bundock                        |
|          | 9:45 | Morning Prayer              | Visitors from the east                        | Isaiah 60:1-6<br>Matthew 2:1-16                        | L - Andrew Rudolf<br>P - Keith Croxton |
|          |      | <b>Commission</b>           | <b>to</b>                                     | <b>make</b>                                            | <b>disciples</b>                       |
| Jan 9th  | 9:45 | 1662 Communion              | 1. Its origin                                 | Corinthians 3:1-9<br>Matthew 4:12-24                   | L -<br>P - Andrew Rudolf               |
| Jan 16th | 9:45 | Family Service with Baptism |                                               |                                                        | L - Kay Murray<br>P - Rev Tom Murray   |
| Jan 23rd | 9:45 | Common Worship Communion    | 2. Its early development                      | Isaiah 55:1-7<br>Matthew 10:1-10 +<br>32-33 + 40-42    | L -<br>P - Paul Mileham                |
| Jan 30th | 9:45 | Mission Morning Prayer      |                                               |                                                        | L - Andrew Rudolf<br>P -               |
| Feb 6th  | 8:00 | Said 1662 Communion         |                                               |                                                        |                                        |
|          | 9:45 | Morning Prayer              | 3. Its development after the resurrection     | Luke 24:36(40)-49<br>Acts 1:4-8                        | L & P - Rev Hans Taling                |
| Feb 13th | 9:45 | 1662 Communion              | 4. Its later development - to the Gentiles    | Acts 10:27-35 +<br>25:12-20<br>Matthew 28:16-20        | L & P - Rev Ron Bundock                |
| Feb 20th | 9:45 | Family Service              | Peacemakers - Abram and Lot go their own ways | Genesis 13:1-12                                        | L & P Rev Cathy Pearce                 |
| Feb 27th | 9:45 | Common Worship Communion    | 5. What does it teach us?                     | Acts 8:26-38<br>Philippians 4:14-19<br>Matthew 5:13-16 | L -<br>P - Paul Mileham                |