

Parish Church & Community News



Stone | Dinton | Ford | Upton | Hartwell | Bishopstone | Aston Sandford
Parishes within the Benefice of Wychert Vale



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Front Cover Image: *Beach Deckchairs by David Deschamps (Pixabay)*

Correction: The front cover image on the July issue was inadvertently credited to Caroline Davis, when this should have been Caroline Curtis. With apologies to Caroline Curtis and with thanks for your lovely photograph of the Egyptian well at Hartwell.

Editorial

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall never be hungry and those who believe in me shall never thirst.'

John 6.35

On 9th August at 6 pm there will be a special evensong to celebrate Lammastide. Lammas (from Old English hlāfmæsse, "loaf-mass") is a holiday celebrated at the beginning of the month. The name originates from the word "loaf" in reference to bread and "mass" in reference to communion. Lammastide falls at the halfway point between the Summer solstice and the Autumn equinox. Some churches processions to local bakeries, which are blessed by clergy.

The first grain harvested was milled and baked into bread and brought into Church to be blessed. It is a festival to mark the blessing of the First Fruits of harvest, with a loaf of bread being brought to the church.

We will have a local bread maker talking about his hobby and there will be a gluten-free alternative.



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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

Church Services in the Parishes

August 2026	St John the Baptist Stone	St Peter & St Paul Dinton	Stone Methodist Chapel	St Michael & All Angels Aston Sandford
Sunday 2 August	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship 4pm Lego Church in the pavilion	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 9 August	10.30am Holy Communion With Joyfull Juniors	6.00pm Evensong for Lammastide	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 16 August	09.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship		11.00am Holy Communion	11.00 Holy Communion at Aston Sandford
Sunday 23 August	10.30am Holy Communion with Joyfull Juniors	9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 30 August		9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	
Sunday 6 September	9.00am Matins 10.30am Morning Worship 6.00pm Evensong at Hartwell	09.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Worship	

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



Please note: St Peter & St Paul's, Dinton will be providing a creche area for parents with young children at the 9.00am services.

How to keep cool in hot weather.

In the world of sport we have got used to hydration breaks, those three minute controversial stoppages to play in World Cup matches. They are opportunities for sportsmen to drink fluids, even in air conditioned stadia, but they are also useful lucrative advertising slots.

How should we keep cool? Years ago a politician argued always wear lots of layers as insulation to keep cool. The usual advice is to keep hydrated (meaning drink water) but do cool drinks cool you down or is it better to have a hot cup of tea? The advice differs depending on whether the advisors sell cold or hot drinks. Some say cold water is better and safer for rapid cooling. It physically absorbs excess body heat and empties from the stomach faster, while hot drinks cause you to sweat more—which eventually cools us down. The other side of the argument is hot drinks are more cooling which sounds strange but may be true. Tea seems to be much refreshing than a sugary drink.

The main risks posed by a heatwave include not drinking enough water (dehydration) and overheating, both of which can be bad for anyone with poor general health or the very young or very old. How do you keep a room in your home cool? Here is scope for another of those family arguments, curtains open or shut. Sun coming in can heat up a room but drawn curtains keep the room stuffy.



In Britain we love weather as it gives us something to talk about. Signs of heatwaves are photographs in the press of someone eating an ice-cream (not me!) When it gets really hot, courts allow barristers to remove their wigs and a reporter goes to the zoo and there are pictures of elephants being hosed down and lions licking an ice cube.

Probably the best advice is to keep out of the sun, if you have to go out carry a drink. Allow more time than usual for anything and look out for each other.

****PRINT DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF THE PARISH MAGAZINE****

If you have articles, adverts, community events, ideas for the magazine, please note print deadline date as follows:



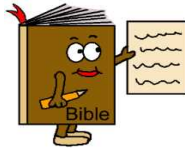
September issue: deadline for receipt of copy is **Wednesday 12th August.**

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Stone Village Hall : 3pm to 5 pm

Sunday 30th August

Future dates:

27th September

25th October, 29th November

Proceeds to Action Medical Research

Letter from Aston Sandford

The East Windows of St Michael and All Angels, Aston Sandford



Given that Aston Sandford's parish church is dedicated to **St Michael and All Angels**, one might expect to find stained glass depicting its patron saint. Surprisingly, however, the two principal East windows are dedicated instead to two women of the early Church: **St Phebe** on the left and **St Dorcas** on the right. Who were these saints, and why might they have been chosen?



St Phebe is mentioned by St Paul in his Letter to the Romans (16:1–2), where he writes: *"I commend to you our sister Phebe... Welcome her in the Lord... for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me."* Paul describes her as a deacon, or servant, of the church at Cenchreae, the port of Corinth. This title suggests that she held an important position within the early Christian community, providing leadership, hospitality, protection and financial support for fellow believers.

Phebe is also traditionally believed to have carried Paul's Epistle to the Christians in Rome—one of the most influential books of the New Testament. In doing so, she may well have explained its contents to those who received it, making her one of the earliest interpreters of Christian teaching. Her story reminds us that women must have played significant and valued roles in the earliest Christian communities through leadership, service and the spreading of the Gospel.

The window on the right depicts **St Dorcas**, who was also known by her Aramaic name, **Tabitha**. Her story is told in the Acts of the Apostles (9:36–42), where she is described as a disciple—indeed, the only woman in the New Testament to be explicitly given that title. Dorcas lived in Jaffa, now part of modern Tel Aviv, and was renowned for her kindness, generosity and practical care for those in need.

She devoted herself to making clothing for widows and the poor, combining practical skills with compassionate service. Those of a certain generation may even remember the name "Dorcas" being associated with the wooden cotton bobbins once used by seamstresses, a reminder of her enduring connection with needlework and charitable sewing.

When Dorcas fell ill and died, the local Christians sent urgently for St Peter. They showed him the garments she had lovingly made for those in need, pleading with him to help. Peter sent everyone from the room, knelt in prayer and then said, "*Tabitha, arise.*" She opened her eyes, sat up and was restored to life—a miracle that inspired many to believe in the Lord.

The windows themselves are memorials to two local women. St Phebe's window commemorates **Elizabeth Jarvis**, born on 7 November 1796 and who died at Field Cottage, Haddenham, on 12 August 1866. St Dorcas's window is dedicated to her sister **Susannah Jarvis**, born in Kingsey on 2 January 1802 and who also died at Field Cottage on 5 May 1872. Both windows were given by their nieces, M. A. Venables and S. D. Wilson.

Although little is recorded about Elizabeth and Susannah Jarvis, one cannot help wondering whether the choice of Phoebe and Dorcas was deliberate. Both saints are remembered not for wealth or status, but for lives devoted to service, generosity and care for others. Perhaps Elizabeth and Susannah displayed those same quiet Christian virtues within Aston Sandford, inspiring their nieces to honour their memory through these beautiful windows.

The next time you visit St Michael and All Angels, take a moment to look beyond the beauty of the stained glass and reflect on the lives they represent. The stories of Phoebe and Dorcas remind us that faithful service, kindness and generosity have always been at the heart of the Christian faith—qualities that continue to enrich our parish life today.

Mary Paterson, Lay Chairman
July 2026

I am indebted for information for this Letter to Bettie Macpherson, Marilynne Morgan and other sources





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Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury
For opening times and to book visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP | 01296 331 441
The Museum is a registered charity with charity number 1153345

DINTON BEER FESTIVAL – 15th AUGUST 2026

The eleventh annual Dinton Beer Festival will be held this year on
Saturday 15th August,
in the garden of the Seven Stars pub, from
12 noon to 6pm.



There will be a selection of real ales, ciders, Pimm's
and crémant bubbly, with music in the afternoon and a barbecue hosted by
Steph and her team.

All proceeds will go towards parish projects and we are delighted to report
that to date, the Beer Festival has distributed over £24,000 including donations
last year to the CET for some community gazebos and £4000 to the
Village Hall Fundraising and a pledge of £2600 to the parish council for
a height restriction barrier to the parish field, which installation should
be carried out in the near future.

So, please put the date in your diary and come along to the
Seven Stars to enjoy a family day out.

We are particularly looking for sponsors this year and if you would like to
sponsor a barrel or some cider or Pimm's or contribute to the
cost of the glasses

Please contact Dick O'Driscoll
on 07711 731740 or email Dick at odriscoll110@btinternet.com or
Den Dunn at dennis.dunn@btconnect.com

DINTON CHURCHYARD: 2026 MONTHLY WORKING PARTIES

A small group of volunteers meets once each month between
March and October with the aim of maintaining and keeping the
churchyard attractive and tidy. We work from 10am until 12 noon
and the tasks are basically the same as for gardens – mowing,
strimming, weeding, pruning etc. We provide our own tools and
equipment. Refreshments are provided at 11am. There is always
plenty of work to do in the churchyard, so all and any help is much appreciated.



If you could give any time to this worthwhile and enjoyable task, please contact Ian
Cairns on 07816 315361 or simply come along.

The planned dates for 2026 are as follows: 8th August, 12th September, 10th October.

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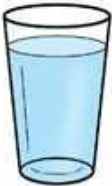
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The Chapel with heart, at the heart of the village

WELCOME TO WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY at 11 am

Village friends and amenities continue to be prayed for week by week,
and on the four Sundays of July we will remember those living in :
Mayflower Close, Meadoway, Oxford Road, Poplars Close and Ravens Forge.

*There is a postbox in the Chapel porch where prayer requests may be left,
anonymous in you prefer*



Maybe by the time this is read, we shall all be wondering when the rain will stop but as I write in mid-July that seems a dim and distant prospect. We survey our parched gardens, our shriveled flowers and vegetables, our brown lawns, all longing for water, and scan the sky for clouds, but there are none. We feel an unexpected affinity with the parched desert lands and we understand a little more clearly their desperate need of water.

Jesus said, [I paraphrase]

“A cup of cold water given to any thirsty one, is given to me”

We have seen this summer how much a simple drink of cool water is a blessing for which to be thankful. How blessed we are that this simple luxury is for us literally ‘on tap’. Let’s remember this blazing summer, give thanks that we can enjoy cool water and – remembering Jesus’ words - give generously to those who are less fortunate.

STONE THURSDAY CLUB

Meeting in the Methodist Chapel on the Second Thursday each month

***For the over-60s – especially those who live alone
or find it difficult to get about – if this is YOU do come along***

***Contact Dee James 01296 747671 for transport
Subscriptions £3 per session***

**PLEASE NOTE:
CHANGE OF DATE FOR AUGUST MEETING
Wednesday 12th August it's 'All Aboard'**



**FOR A VISIT TO THE RAILWAY CENTRE AT QUANTON FOR A STEAM
TRAIN RIDE AND CREAM TEA.**

**THERE MAY BE SPARE COACH SEATS FOR NON-MEMBERS SO PLEASE
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WELCOME TO FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP (non-denominational)

Meeting monthly at the METHODIST CHAPEL
each fourth Tuesday at 2.30 pm

AUGUST MEETING : TUESDAY 25th

As some members are unable for various reasons to join in the Thursday Club outing, Fellowship will meet as usual.

In tune with holiday time, we'll be enjoying a
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PHOTO CALL!!!



If you have any photographs of local scenes that may be suitable for inclusion in a future issue of the Parish Magazine or for the front cover, please send a copy to the editor, David Pickup
email david@pickupandscott.co.uk

Images ideally need to be square (or able to be cropped for a square) and must be of high resolution.

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.

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12 Roundhill, Stone HP17 8RD

Tel: 01296 748170 or email david@pickupandscott.co.uk



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MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
September	2 nd , 16 th and 30 th	9 th	23 rd
October	14 th and 28 th	7 th	21 st
November	11 th and 25 th	4 th	18 th
December	9 th and 23 rd	2 nd and 30 th	16 th



Parish Council Meeting Dates



MEETING DATES OF THE DINTON, FORD AND UPTON PARISH COUNCIL IN 2026

Notice is hereby given that the parish council will meet on the following dates, and time specified, in the Village Hall, Dinton.

Any committee meeting are notified separately by agenda notices.
Agendas will be placed on the notice boards & website

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

Keith Gray (Keith Gray, JP)
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

NO MEETING IN AUGUST
8th September
13th October
10th November
8th December



MEETING DATES OF THE STONE WITH BISHOPSTONE AND HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL IN 2026

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 22 September at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Pavilion in Stone**. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

See schedule below for further 2026 meeting dates:

Tuesday 22 September	7.30pm	Jubilee Pavilion, Stone
Tuesday 20 October	7.30pm	Jubilee Pavilion Stone
Tuesday 17 November	7.30pm	Bishopstone Village Hall

Local 'Cinema'

Cuddington Screen (at The Bernard Hall, upper Church Street,
Cuddington HP18 0AP)

No films listed for August



Haddenham Screen (<https://www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk>)

No films listed for August



Cuddington Sunshine Club



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

Next events:

Monday 3rd August : 2.00pm

Tea and Card Games in the Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

Monday 17th August : 2.00pm

Garden Party Lunch at Tyringham Hall

For more information telephone Angela 01844 291932
or email apdwenham@gmail.com

£5,260 raised for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity



This year's annual Open Gardens event raised the fantastic **£5,260** for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, thanks to the wonderful support of people from Haddenham and beyond.

On the hottest day of the year so far, Haddenham was filled with visitors keen to explore its many distinctive and interesting gardens.



Owners of 17 gardens, ranging in size and style, once again supported the Haddenham Community Support Group (HCSG) in this much-loved fundraising event. Plants were also on sale, and teas were served at five locations.

HCSG would like to express our grateful and heartfelt thanks to all who helped, directly or indirectly. Haddenham has many friends and supporters who know from personal experience the exceptional work of the Hospice.



Garden owners and volunteers enjoying a visit to one of the gardens.

HCSG's next event in support of Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is the Annual Santa Dash, taking place on Sunday 29th November at 11am from the Village Hall.

Once again, St John the Baptist, Stone is taking part in Bucks Historic Churches **Ride and Stride**.

This year it will be on Saturday 12th September.

The church will be open from 9am to 6pm with cream teas, coffee and cake available. Everyone is welcome to come and visit the Church between these times, even if you are not taking part in the Ride and Stride. We would love to see you there.

Ride and Stride is a great day out with the family. If you would like to take part, please contact Stephan Medhurst (email: stephan@stonedintonhartwell.com) or download the relevant documents from the Ride and Stride website.

What is the **Ride and 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 denominations are welcome.

Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route. Seek sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues, so much per church visited or a lump sum.

Ride + Stride is an event like no other. Why not take part this year and find out for yourself what extraordinary things lie behind the churchyard gates of Buckinghamshire's many fascinating and historic churches and chapels?

Ride + Stride is open to walkers as well as horse-riders and cyclists – in fact to anyone using a non-motorised form of transport. (Mobility Scooters are permitted.) It always takes place on the second Saturday of September between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m., and the object is to raise money for the repair and restoration of historic churches and chapels in Buckinghamshire. Half the money raised goes to the church or chapel of the participant's choice, and the other half is added to a general fund which is administered by the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.



Quiz Night

In aid of prostate cancer research

Saturday 17th October

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2	Sunday Church Services 4pm Lego Church in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stone
3	Cuddington Sunshine Club: Tea & Card Games in Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse
4	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm
5	Simply Walk
6	
7	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm
8	Dinton Churchyard Tidy 10am
9	Sunday Church Services
10	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel
11	
12	Simply Walk 'Thursday Club' outing on Wednesday 12 th August (timings to be announced)
13	
14	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm
15	Dinton Beer Festival, The Seven Stars
16	Sunday Church Services
17	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel Cuddington Sunshine Club Garden Party Lunch at Tyringham Hall Socially Crafty, St John the Baptist, Stone, 1030am-12.30pm
18	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm
19	Simply Walk
20	
21	Pippa's Community Café, Stone, 10.30-1.00pm
22	
23	Sunday Church Services
24	11am Easy-going Exercises at The Methodist Chapel
25	Tuesday Café In The Park, Stone 11am-1pm Fourth Tuesday Fellowship 2.30pm
26	Simply Walk
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30	Sunday Church Services Afternoon Teas in Stone Village Hall 3pm
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