

Dadford is no doubt well-known throughout the country due to its proximity to Silverstone, well known throughout the country because of its proximity to a certain racetrack, but what of the tributaries from which it takes its name?

According to A Dictionary of British Place Names (OUP) 'Dodeforde 1086' unsurprisingly describes this entry as the 'Ford of a man called Dodda'.

According to Ordnance Survey three watercourses or tributaries meet at Dadford Bridge. From the west, one arises in a copse east of Wood Green, flowing north then east to join a longer tributary arising north of Parkfields.

Before joining that western tributary, where it turns west it is joined by a third stream. That one arrives anticlockwise by Thatcham Ponds Farm from woodlands to the north.

At the bridge, the stream is finally joined by another water, this time from the reservoir uphill from the north east.

Once beyond the bridge the now enlarged stream passes lowlands to the west of Stowe, passing west of Buffler's Holt before joining the Great Ouse north west of Buckingham Golf Course.

The routes can be followed using this link;

<https://explore.osmaps.com/route/6197646/chackmore-water-stratford-radclive?>

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In England, we take rivers & streams for granted, though we can be taken aback when they flood! In the parched deserts of the Bible, they are hugely attractive as a source of life and refreshment-

"He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul." Ps. 23: 2.

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At a recent Family Service we said farewell to the Johnson family who had worshipped at St Mary's, Stowe. Though we are sad to see them go we pray that they will be happy in Northern Ireland and that the boys will enjoy their new schools.

We wish them well and pray for God's blessings.



1st October 2023 @ 9.45

The Bishop of Oxford, the Rev Stephen Croft, will be joining us at St Mary's, Stowe to share Communion with us.

Everyone is welcome.

From the beginning of July 2023 **Services** will follow the pattern below:

1st Sunday - 9.45am - 1662 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday - 9.45am - Family Service

3rd Sunday - 9.45am - Common Worship Communion

4th Sunday - 9.45am - Morning Prayer

5th Sunday - 8.00am - Said 1662 Communion

9.45am - Mission Morning Prayer

This will be reviewed in the autumn. Do please let the PCC have any comments or thoughts you have about the new system once it has been in place for a month or two.

For more information see Stowe Parish Church website: www.stowechurch.org.uk



*Sincere congratulations
and best wishes to
Polly and George Wheeler
following their marriage
at St Mary's, Stowe, on
12th August 2023*



The Bells at Stowe

Our church has six bells, five of which were made between 1654 and 1665 by James and Richard Keene of Woodstock. The treble by Taylors was added in 1988 as a tribute to the long-time tower captain Bill Yates. They are rung regularly but the third bell has always been what is known as odd-struck. An odd-struck bell rings unevenly, making it difficult – and tiring – for the whole band to maintain an even rhythm. Over the years various attempts have been made to improve this by fitting tapered washers or inserting wedges between the crown and the headstock, but to no avail. We feared considerable expenditure to put it right: after all, the bell is out of guarantee and the maker is no longer in business!



In April this year we asked advice from Whites of Appleton. They told us they could make a modified clapper bolt, fitted with an adjustable staple unit. In effect, this provides adjusters known as twiddle pins inside the crown of the bell, enabling the clapper bush to be moved to and fro. Their provisional estimate for this work was less than £1000 provided we removed the clapper from the bell and delivered it to their workshop in Appleton, near Oxford.

Stowe shares a regular practice at Maids Moreton with ringers from there and Buckingham. The same evening at the practice we discussed this estimate. We began to assess whether we could finance the work from existing funds held by the three towers, without asking for help from Stowe PCC. By pure serendipity, the practice was also attended that night by a visitor – John Thorogood.

John had been taught to ring by Bill Yates around 60 years ago while a pupil at Stowe School. Our jaws dropped when John told us to send the whole bill to him. He remembered how difficult the bell was to ring; he had gained a great deal of pleasure from ringing over the years, and would be happy to “put something back”.

This generosity enabled us to ask Whites to proceed at their earliest convenience. The modified clapper was refitted to the bell in early June. It took just over two hours, rather than the half hour or so that James the bellhanger had expected. We had to refit and remove the clapper several times, tweaking the position with a tapered washer inserted sideways (i.e. “East-West” instead of “North-South”) and turning the clapper through 180 degrees, before the strikometer – the “Griffometer” – showed we had finally got it right. The photograph shows the clapper in situ: note how one twiddle pin is screwed almost right in, and the other almost right out. The photograph to the right shows the Griffometer in situ: the readings show that the timing of the hand and backstrokes differ by only 1 millisecond. The bell now rings true for possibly the first time in its 369 years.



Thank you, John, and thank you Whites!

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Family Services at Stowe Parish Church. September 10th - Sitting with Jesus

A basket of buns and fish
John 6, 1-14

Stories of Jesus' miracles of healing spread throughout Galilee and great crowds followed Him, to be healed or to witness the healing. One day Jesus crossed the Lake of Galilee to its northern end, near Bethsaida. He climbed a hill and sat down in a grassy place.



A large crowd of about 5000 people came towards Him. Jesus noticed their tiredness and hunger. He asked His disciple Philip, the local man, to find somewhere to buy food. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was more practical. He had

noticed a boy with provisions for a picnic and brought him to Jesus. Jesus told everyone to sit down and took the boy's basket.

Jesus did as all Jewish heads of households did - He blessed the offering and gave thanks to God. Everyone shared the boy's picnic of five loaves and two fish.

When everyone had eaten the disciples collected twelve baskets of leftovers. Everyone was amazed at this miracle and wanted Jesus to stay but He did not want their adulation.

Jesus wants what we can bring Him, our love, our faith, our thanks and our praise.

October 8th - Harvest The fruit of the tree

Luke 6, 43-45

Do bad things come from good sources? Jesus challenged the people sitting around Him on the mountainside to think about this. Each tree has its characteristic fruit. If we think of ourselves as trees what sort of fruit do we produce?

How closely we follow Jesus determines what is in our hearts and minds, the quality of our fruit. Jesus expects us to love our neighbours as ourselves, forgive our enemies, be loving, gentle, patient, not angry, giving more than we are asked. True discipleship is seeing the world through Jesus' eyes, striving to act as He did. Trees take a long time to grow, enough time for us to choose all that will produce the best quality of fruit. Good people produce good fruit out of the treasure of their hearts.



DADFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Councillors are Sue Boulet (Chair), Jamie Boulet, Ken Edwards, Hilary Hawkins, Lyn Stanbrook, Steve Williamson and Kim Wood (Vice Chair). You can find all the contact details for our councillors on our website www.stoweipc.uk. You can contact all of the councillors and the clerk on the same email address which is info@stoweipc.uk or you can call our Clerk, Tony Skeggs, on 01296 428392.

Dates of meetings, agendas, minutes of past meetings, council policies and relevant documents can be accessed at www.stoweipc.uk. In addition to the website, we occasionally post on the Dadford Village Facebook page for notices that we receive.

If there any issues you wish for us to discuss at meetings, please do let us know.

July saw Silverstone Circuit have record crowds for the British Grand Prix with 480,000 visitors over the 4 days. This event obviously has an impact on all the surrounding villages. Representatives from Stowe PC attend regular Community Liaison Group Meetings along with the other local parish councils. Any feedback you may have, good or bad, regarding not only the Grand Prix but any events held at the Circuit would be welcomed and will be communicated back.



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



Autumn, and the new academic year has started...although the weather may not always be in agreement!

Firstly, a big 'Hello' and 'Welcome back' to all our pupils and their families! An especially big welcome to all the new children and their families who have joined the school, including our new Foundation Stage intake. We'd also like to welcome Miss Clarke to our teaching team at the Chackmore site, teaching Year 3. We are sure they will all settle in very quickly!

We hope everyone has enjoyed the summer holidays. For those who have been working, we hope you have been able to enjoy some time with your family and friends.

'Meet and greet' sessions will take place close to the start of September so that children can share their new learning spaces with their parents, and parents get the opportunity to meet the teachers.

The staff have been busy planning an exciting curriculum for the upcoming academic year and curriculum overviews should be available to parents and on the school website shortly.

We are all looking forward to another exciting school year, bursting with fun and interesting learning opportunities both in and outside the classroom.

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DADFORD WI

In July we warmly welcomed Emma Bradley and fellow member Lynne Gibson who both work for the service 111.



They came to explain more about how this organization works and the area that their unit covers, being Berks, Bucks, Oxon and Hampshire.

We were surprised that over the 4 control rooms all on different sites, they handle some 4,000 calls a day increasing at a weekend to between 5000 and 6000. Also, strangely, that there is a spike in the a number of calls when it's a full moon! The busiest time can be 6am. We were also shocked at the amount of abusive, time wasting and misdirected calls that were received but thanked them sincerely for helping to provide this vital service.

In August we again welcomed a fellow member, Joyce Jeffs, a very competent artist to take us through a fascinating procedure to create a wonderful mono-chrome water colour. We wet the paper, added paint, twisted it this way and that, scraped it with a blade and surprisingly produced a delightful result.

We really had great fun and wonder if there's a 'Constable' waiting to be discovered. Thank you Joyce for such a fun afternoon.

Join us on 14th September when we will be arranging flowers with Helen Dutch and on the 12th October we will learn all about the Poppy Appeal with Mark Randall.

Look forward to seeing you

Loreen

A very interesting and informative talk.

Date 2023	Sidesmen	Prayers	Refreshments
Sep 3rd	Robin & Nancy Shepherd	Liturgy	Gillian Macdonald
Sep 10th			Tamara Kimpton
Sep 17th	John Kimpton	Tony Meredith	Bernadette Matthews
Sep 24th	Hilary Hawkins	Kay Murray	Elsbeth Mullineux
Oct 1st	Richard & Essex Close Smith	Liturgy	Lyn East
Oct 8th			Nancy Pullin
Oct 15th	Lyn & Ray East	Andrew Rudolf	Tamara Kimpton
Oct 22nd	Chris Close-Smith	Tamara Kimpton	Kay Murray
Oct 29th	Patricia Forbes	Tony Meredith	Gillian Macdonald

Date	Flowers	Cleaning	Prayer-board
Sep 3rd	Loreen Williams	John & Tamara Kimpton	Kay Murray
Sep 10th	Rosie Cowdy		John Kimpton
Sep 17th	Pat Walton	Lyn & Ray East	Tamara Kimpton
Sep 24th	Diana Wyatt		Lyn East
Oct 1st	Gillian Macdonald	Nancy Pullin/Hazelwoods	Gill Smith
Oct 8th			Gillian Macdonald
Oct 15th	Heather Meredith	Neil & Susan Fraser-Smith	Kay Murray
Oct 22nd			John Kimpton
Oct 29th	Hilary Hawkins	Rosie Cowdy & Pat Walton	Tamara Kimpton

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Sep 3rd	09:45	1662 Communion	Rev Cathy Pearce
Sep 10th	09:45	Family Service	Kay Murray
Sep 17th	09:45	Common Worship Communion	Rev Hans Taling
Sep 24th	09:45	Morning Prayer	Gillian Macdonald / Andrew Rudolf
Oct 1st	09:45	1662 Communion	Rev Stephen Croft & Rev Cathy Pearce
Oct 8th	09:45	Harvest Family Service	Kay Murray
Oct 15th	09:45	Common Worship Communion	Rev Hans Taling TBC
Oct 22nd	09:45	Morning Prayer	Gillian Macdonald / Andrew Rudolf
Oct 29th	08:00	Said 1662 Communion	Rev Cathy Pearce
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