

Dadford and Stowe Parish Magazine

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Santa 'lands' in Dadford !

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New year/New start?

Resolutions for 2019

1. **Stop eating naughty food.** *Carrot cake is not one of my 5 a day!*

2. **Exercise more.** *Up down, up down, up down! Right that's my eyes open!*

These two resolutions are probably found at the top of the list of most people who write these sorts of things each year and for some they repeat themselves over and over again and for others, there really is a life change.

Isn't it strange that generally people find change disruptive and difficult to accept at the best of times and yet when a new year comes by there is a kind of acceptance to, and I quote, to 'make all things new' Revelations 21:5

In the New Testament the original context in which the word 'new' appears is to be interpreted as meaning renewed or restored. To understand this fully we must bear in mind that for old things to be made new, they must first be disintegrated, if you like reduced to their original state in which they existed, in other words the way God created them.

You have to admit that there is something very homely about authenticity, you only have to taste the local fruit, honey and eggs to know that things in their original state are much more pleasant than those that have been remodelled! To become original and to be restored, I think does wonders for the soul as well as the body, but unfortunately in this busy world we are so often caught up with dealing with what is happening around us that we often forget about the care of our inner selves.

So, what can we do to achieve a healthy new year within ourselves?

The most important thing to remember is that Christianity is a religion that declares that as each day passes, we get the opportunity to be renewed again and again.

After all we believe in a God whose Holy Spirit is revelatory in nature, everything transforms in him, so, we really can start anew! But just like our usual new year resolutions we have to work at it too. To receive forgiveness we must pronounce it, in order to become whole, we must become broken. I believe that no matter what darkness is in your life there will always be a lighted place to start.

So, this year why not include on your list ***start everyday with God***, that means listening to him more and less to the world and seeing where this leads you.

In conclusion you may not get any healthier, but I promise that you will certainly have a happier *new you!* Blessings for 2019

*Rev Val
Area Dean for rural Mission*



Parish Council Update

Just saying ... Support your parish council. There's a lot to be thankful for.

Dadford village hall. A fine amenity with very reasonable hire rates. Managed by committee reps from Stowe Parish Council, Stowe Parochial Church

Council and Dadford WI. Bookings: Councillor Sue Boulet, sueboulet@btinternet.com

BART community bus (Buckingham Area Rural Transport). A 16-seater, accessible to users of wheelchairs, walkers, scooters. Bookings: project coordinator Ashley Waite, ashley@fundra.co.uk

Red phone box. A landmark in the middle of Stowe Parish. Bought by Stowe Parish Council in 2017 with parish funds and donations from people in the community.

Public access defibrillator located in the middle of Dadford village opposite the red phone box.

Voneus superfast broadband. On its way.

<https://www.voneus.com/updates/> or contact chief executive, Steve Leighton, steve.leighton@voneus.com

Silverstone Park MEPC. Traffic calming scheme through Dadford linked to the development section 106 fund. Contact commercial director Roz Bird, rbird@mepec.com

Silverstone Circuit, home of British motor racing. Watch this space: following talks during the 2018 season, an innovative comms working group is to be established in November by Silverstone Circuit B2B Brand Manager Rebecca Tarla and Stowe Parish Council Chair Christine Considine. For other regular updates on the circuit and the community, see residents' page of the circuit's website, <https://www.silverstone.co.uk/about/local-community/>

Dadford allotments. Would you like one? Contact Councillor Chris Atkinson, chrisatkinson565@btinternet.com

Street lights. Stowe Parish looks after 15 of these. Any concerns, contact clerk to the council Tony Skeggs, parishclerkstowe@outlook.com

Stowe Parish Council audits, budgets, precepts. Contact clerk to the council Tony Skeggs, parishclerkstowe@outlook.com

Councillors: Chris Atkinson, Jamie Boulet, Sue Boulet (Vice-Chair), Ian Watkins, Steve Williamson,



Dadford Advent Light Trail 2018

"What a wonderful and beautiful festive event in Dadford."

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone that participated in the light trail in any way - it was fantastic and who knew, when we first mooted the idea, how it would catch on.

"What a lovely village we have moved to." - "We have fallen in love with the place - and this last month has really shown what a wonderful set of people live here."

Nearly 1/3 of houses in Dadford (Main Road, High Street, North Hill, the Gorrell) created displays in windows or gardens; 25 - 50 people turned out each night to celebrate with friends and neighbours; the phone box became a chimney with Santa and his elves and the 'real' Santa put in an appearance; the village hall had a Christmas tree outside it for the first time, the lights switched on by the oldest (Ivy) and youngest (Zachery) residents - see below; Buckingham Ukulele Group and Gill Smith led the singing in the village hall for approximately 80 people and over 50 people turned up for the Stowe Parish Church carol singing on Christmas Eve. Lovely people, workshops, music, bubbles, fireworks, garden sculptures, handmade displays, a quiz, food and drink - Dadford was aglow with colour and festivity.

"An overwhelming success."



Well done Dadford for embracing this event - It was great to meet new people and to see everyone working together to create and enjoy such an amazing collection of displays and events.

So many people have asked for "D'ADVENT" to be an annual event, and we are delighted to announce that we will be running it again next year.

We are also currently discussing ideas for year-long community activities for all.

Everyone wants to keep the wonderful Dadford spirit going - so here's to a very happy, healthy and fun 2019.

Maddie Coxhill & Hilary Hawkins

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



The pennies were counted following the school's hugely successful Christmas Market in November and the amount raised totalled just over £3000. What an amazing sum of money that will be used to fund opportunities and experiences to support our children's learning at St. James and St. John. Thank you to everyone involved in its organisation and who attended the event.

Throughout December, there was no question in school that Christmas was approaching! The month started off with a hugely successful Christmas themed storytelling evening at our Akeley site with the school hall decorated to look magical and staff reading Christmas themed stories to the children in return for a donation to the PTFA. We were pleased to invite families considering starting their children at St. James and St. John for a repeat of the event the following week. If you have a child starting school in September 2019 and are considering St. James and St. John then please contact the School Office on 01280 860 272 to arrange a visit!

This month, Year 4 attended the 'Christmas Unwrapped' event in Buckingham where they enjoyed finding out about and completing activities associated with different parts of the Christmas Story.

Our annual Christingle celebration at our Chackmore site was held to raise money for the Children's Society. It was very well attended and provided a reminder of the origins of the tradition and the gift of giving at Christmas. One cannot fail to be moved by the pupils' singing when the Christingles are 'lit' and the lights go out.

The Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity this year was testament to the huge amount of work that went into it by the children and staff. The audience were so impressed with the confidence with which the children spoke and sang – it was a truly beautiful re-telling of the birth of Christ. Well done to everybody involved and thank you to the PTFA for providing refreshments after the dress rehearsal to the grandparents and the performance to parents.

This year we were fortunate enough to take the entire pupil body to see the pantomime 'Robin Hood' in Milton Keynes. The children had an amazing afternoon and did not hold back when audience participation was required! The school was really grateful to the PTFA whose partial funding ensured that costs for parents towards tickets and transport were kept to a minimum.

We are looking forward to all the events we have planned when school starts back for the Spring Term and would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our local area a very happy 2019!

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Church News

A special '**Thank you**' to all those who made the Christmas Services such a success. Especially the children and the helpers at the Nativity Service (see photograph page 7) and those who took part in the Carol Service and provided the mulled wine and delicious mince pies. Services in January and February follow the normal pattern and a new theme 'Mark: The Law v. Love' begins on January 13th.

Advent Trail Teas -Thanks to Loreen and her team who helped provide tea, coffee, mince pies and cakes to the visitors and for her sale of Christmas produce and gifts. An impressive £300 was raised for the Church funds despite the wet weather. A big 'Thank You' also to Hilary, Loreen and Pete for beautifully decorating the Christmas tree, and for the 23rd Advent Trail window depicting Queen Elizabeth II.

A special Remembrance Day Service was held at Dadford cemetery at 10.45am on 11th November to commemorate 100 years since Armistice Day. Our thanks to the bugler from Stowe School.

Activities: Ladies' Bible Study, Young Mums, Lantern and Delta Bible Studies will all resume in January.

Buckingham Food Bank: There is a box for donations and a list of items required at the back of Stowe Church.

The Church Website: There are details of all services and a colour version of this magazine on the Church website
www.stowechurch.org.uk

FAMILY SERVICES

Hilltops and Rooftops

20th January

The 10 Commandments

Deuteronomy 5, 1-22

Thunder, earthquake, fire and lightning surrounded Mount Sinai, God's holy mountain. This was long ago where Moses had seen the burning bush and had been forbidden to step any closer.

Now the Israelites were forbidden to step on the mountain. They were camped at its foot as they rested on their 40 years' journey to the Promised Land. God allowed only Moses to come up the mountain while the people waited in awe and fear at the bottom.

God gave Moses ten words, ten commandments. These words formed a treaty or covenant between God and the Israelites. God made a commitment to guide and provide for the people and they promised to worship and obey Him. These ten words became the legal, moral and religious foundation of the nation.

God made the covenant directly with His people. As His people now, we too observe the ten commandments. We are accountable to God and to each other for living honestly, truthfully and justly.



"What the Lord requires of us is to do what is just, to show constant love and to live in humble fellowship with our God," (Micah 6, 8).

"In the same way," said Jesus, "your light must shine before people so that they will see the good things that you do and praise your Father in heaven," (Matthew 5, 16).

Showing God's unique presence and practical wisdom Jesus summarised the ten commandments to two: *"Love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself," (Matthew 22, 37-40).*

17th February
The Feast of Tabernacles
Nehemiah 8, 13-16a



"Go out to the hills", said Ezra, "and get pine and olive branches, myrtles and palms and make shelters (tabernacles)".

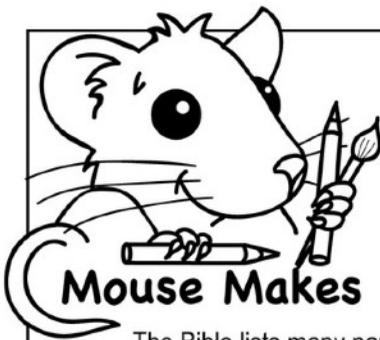
So the people gathered the branches and built shelters on the flat roofs of their houses, in their yards and in the public squares.

They had been reminded that this Feast of Tabernacles had been begun by Moses to mark God's good gifts and provision during their forty years of wandering in the wilderness when the Israelites made temporary shelters as they moved from place to place.

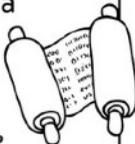
The celebrations began after the fields were harvested and lasted seven days. Ezra's people had not been able to keep the Festival during their years of exile in Babylon and Persia. Now they were back they could thank God for His love and care with great rejoicing. We share that thanksgiving at our Harvest Festivals.

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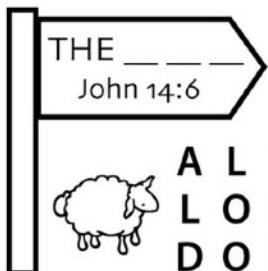
Eight days after their baby had been born, Mary and Joseph named him with the name the angel Gabriel had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.



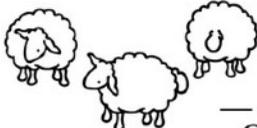
"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins."

Read Luke 2:21-38

The Bible lists many names and titles that were given to Jesus. There are 28 to find in the wordsearch, most are listed below but for some you will have to look up the Bible verses!



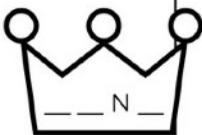
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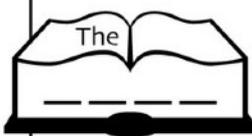
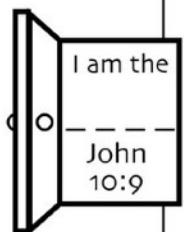
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Revelation 17:14



John 6:35



John 1:1-5

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At Stowe Church a WW1 poem was read during the **Remembrance Day Service** service. It was written in France by Lieutenant Cyril Winterbotham.

The Cross of Wood



God be with you and us who go our way
And leave you dead upon the ground you won.
For you at last the long fatigue is done,
The hard march ended; you have rest to-day.

You were our friends; with you we watched the
dawn Gleam through the rain of the long winter
night,

With you we laboured till the morning light
Broke on the village, shell-destroyed and torn.

Not now for you the glorious return
To steep Stroud valleys, to the Severn leas
By Tewkesbury and Gloucester, or the trees
Of Cheltenham under high Cotswold stern.

For you no medals such as others wear -
A cross of bronze for those approved brave -
To you is given, above a shallow grave,
The Wooden Cross that marks you resting there.

Rest you content; more honourable far
Than all the Orders is the Cross of Wood,
The symbol of self-sacrifice that stood
Bearing the God whose brethren you are.

Lieutenant Cyril WINTERBOTHAM was born on 27th February 1887, in Cheltenham. He was educated at Cheltenham College and Lincoln College, Oxford where he gained a Law degree. He joined the 5th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment and was killed on the 27th August 1916 aged 28 in the Battle of the Somme. His body was not found and he is listed on the Thiepval Memorial.



DADFORD WI
November and December

As our November meeting is our Annual, we make our own entertainment. So after our business, which was soon dealt with and officers elected for the coming year, we sat down to enjoy the evening.



Firstly two members and one husband showed us some very interesting slides of their recent trip to the Holy Land. Very hot and very sandy, but with the best flora and fauna for many a mile. An inspiring look at this far-off land!



Then we sat and listened as Una Robinson told us of her Granny's Apron which I thought you might like to read on page 10.

In December 11 members enjoyed a meal at the Silverstone Golf Club, with good food and good company I understand a good time was had by all and an excellent way to round off 2018.

Do pick up our new programme and join us for more WI fun in 2019. On 10th January we will be having a talk on Fire Safety in the Home and on 14th February our evening is entitled 'It's Valentine'.

Look forward to seeing you soon and a Very Happy New Year.

Best wishes

Loreen.

Grandmother's Apron

I don't think some of today's children know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandmother's Apron was to protect the dress underneath and, because she only had a few dresses, it was easier to wash the apron than the dress. It also used less material to make. It had many uses:

The apron served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. Grandmother stood on the doorstep and waved it for the men-folk to come in from the fields for their dinner.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears and, on occasion, was even used for cleaning out dirty ears!

From the chicken coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished off in the warming oven.

When strangers visited Grandmother those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy children.

When the weather was cold Grandmother wrapped it round her arms, and those big old aprons wiped away many a perspiring brow bent over the hot wood or coal stove. Kindling wood and logs were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables, and after the peas or broad beans had been shelled it carried the empty pods to the compost heap. In the autumn the apron was used to bring in the apples and pears that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road it was surprising how much furniture the old apron could dust in a matter of a few seconds!

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that old-time apron that served so many purposes. As you think of the good old times, remember:

Grandmother used to set baked apple pies on the windowsill to cool. Her granddaughter sets them on the windowsill to thaw!

Health and Safety would go crazy now trying to work out how many germs were on that apron but I don't think I ever caught anything from that apron - except LOVE.



Deciduous trees in winter can be as beautiful as they are in full livery in summer. In the austere months when the tracery of branches and twigs are outlined against the horizon [which Jan Pienkowski had clearly seen and

appreciated] or when they are burnished to a roseate hue or shining green gold by the winter sun they are heart lifting.

A tree's shape in its skeleton form is a way of identifying it when their leaves are gone. If you are not sure about this take a tree that you know and look for its shape and build up an identi-kit. There is another way of identifying trees whether in full leaf or bare: *the bark*.

What do you think of when you think of bark? How would you describe the colour? A greyish/brownish/green or a khaki mix? The texture of the bark's surface can be as characteristic as a leaf. It may be deeply or shallowly corrugated and the corrugations may be straight or spiral. It may be smooth, even shining, or peeling. It may be lumpy. See if you can identify the trees below - if you want colour, email Laurence or see the magazine on-line. All these can be found in Stowe, some not far from the church. *Answers below.*

February sees the start of seed sowing and another chance to plant so that roots have time to establish before the warmer weather. Another reminder to think of wildlife when doing so.

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- Answers to quiz above*
1. Beech
 2. Horse chestnut
 3. Oak
 4. Sweet Chestnut
 5. Yew