

# Dadford and Stowe Parish Magazine

July - August 2022



Bruno enjoying a day at Stowe  
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**This magazine is produced every two months for everyone in Dadford Village and Stowe Parish.**

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	THEME	READINGS	LEAD/ PREACH
<b>Jesus' final teaching and extended prayer</b>					
Jul 3rd	8:00	Said 1662 Communion			***
	9:45	Morning Prayer	2. The Lord Jesus prays for himself	Hebrews 1:1-5 John 17:1-5	L - Gillian Macdonald P - ***
Jul 10th	9:45	1662 Communion	3. The Lord Jesus prays for the disciples as individuals	Ephesians 3:14-20 John 17:6-19	L - Rev Ron Bundock P - Andrew Rudolf
Jul 17th	9:45	Family Service	Peacemakers - Abigail's quick thinking	1 Samuel 25:1-34	L and Talk- Kay Murray
Jul 24th	9:45	Common Worship Communion	4. The Lord Jesus prays for ALL believers collectively	Ephesians 1:15-23 John 17:20-26	L - *** P - Paul Mileham
	18:00	Evensong in Dadford Cemetery Chapel		Psalms 88 Genesis 42:1-25 1 Corinthians 10:1-24	L - Andrew Rudolf P - Gillian Macdonald
Jul 31st	9:45	Mission Morning Prayer			L - Andrew Rudolf P - Tom Harrison
<b>Psalms chosen by the congregation</b>					
Aug 7th	8:00	Said 1662 Communion			***
	9:45	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34	Psalm 34 John 12:44-50	L - Gillian Macdonald P - Andrew Rudolf
Aug 14th	9:45	1662 Communion	Psalm 16		L - *** P - Tony Meredith
Aug 21st	9:45	Family Service	Peacemakers - Solomon judges a difficult case	1 Kings 3: 16-28	L & Talk - Kay Murray
Aug 28th	9:45	Common Worship Communion	Psalm 84	Psalm 84 Matthew 6:25-34	L - *** P - Paul Mileham



## As time goes by!

When I was a child, it seemed that time was endless, summer days were spent playing in the fields behind our house, even wintertime brought joy when the snow and ice came so there clearly was a sense of movement of the seasons, but for some reason I didn't seem to notice. Move forward to my late 30s and then a kind of turbo boost kicked in and my life sped up like never before and seems to get faster as every year passes!

Time is a funny thing, we change, and things change around us, sometimes we are aware and sometimes we are not. Now I am in my 50s and I literally have no idea how I got here!

However, every so often we get a chance to slow down, to step off the 'hamster wheel' of life and start to enjoy a sense of stillness again, but sadly those moments don't come as natural as when we were children, these days we must work hard for it.

Our recent Queen's Jubilee presented a good opportunity to be aware of how much time has passed, the film clips from earlier decades made me think about what I was doing in those times gone by!

I remembered during her Silver Jubilee being sat at a table in the middle of our road dressed up as a 'bandaged mummy' wearing a plastic union jack bowler hat whilst eating jelly and ice cream...ah good times.

And here in my home village of Ludgershall I had the opportunity to go out and participate in our local village celebrations for the first time since the pandemic began!

The sun was shining, there was an amazing 8-year-old cook winning best cake, tractor rides, a place for the children to eat and play and somewhere for the adults too! Music, celebration, and tree planting all created a sense of energy, that new seasons and beginnings were just around the corner. It all felt great and for a little while being able to stop and have some fun was brilliant. I think as we learn to live alongside Covid 19 it's such a joy and a relief to see that some things will always remain steady.

As an adult I've realised how important it is to deliberately seek stillness and slow down time a little, because if you proper slow down, things do eventually stop, the world still carries on its busyness, but the world inside of you doesn't. And I always think that it is this moment that allows us to create deeper relationships with God, because listening out for that still small voice of calm means asking ourselves to be calm too.

I'm not saying that God isn't in the chaos, but I do believe communication is harder when we are in the chaos too feeling tired and overwhelmed. I have recently been taken by the words of the Japanese poet Toki Miyashina who has rewritten **Psalm 23** to express exactly what I'm talking about. Take a moment to pray it through, then let go and let God.

*The Lord is my Pacesetter, I shall not rush;  
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.  
He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity.  
He leads me in ways of efficiency  
through calmness of mind, and His guidance is peace.  
Even though I have a great many things  
to accomplish each day,  
I will not fret, for His presence is here;  
His timelessness, His all importance,  
will keep me in balance.  
He prepares refreshment and renewal  
in the midst of my activity by anointing my mind  
with His oils of tranquility.  
My cup of joyous energy overflows.  
Surely harmony and effectiveness  
shall be the fruits of my hours;  
for I shall walk, in the pace of my Lord  
and dwell in His house forever.*

Blessings and love

**Canon Val Plumb**  
**Area Dean for rural mission**  
**and development**



## DEFENDER OF THE FAITH

*Verses for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee*

How best to offer something new  
About this royal Jubilee?  
One struggles. It's quite hard to do.  
When reigns extend to seventy  
Whole years, things can become a  
blur.  
Some all-defining phrase, maybe?  
Perhaps the Queen's great *cri de  
Coeur*?

**'One Church, one Faith, one Lord  
for me!'**

The nation watched on little screens  
That crowning, back in '53,  
And proudly marked their youthful  
Queen's  
Immense *sang froid* and dignity,  
As mid the pomp and pageantry  
She made a pledge without reserve  
That through her life there'd always  
be

**One Church, One Faith, One Lord  
to serve.**

And ever since, the Lord has blessed  
This country with a faithful Queen,  
Whose firm response to godlessness  
Has been inspiring. So serene  
In wise old age (as once in youth),  
Whenever worldly griefs occur,  
She clings to the Eternal Truth.

**One Church, one Faith, one Lord  
for her!**



The Powers of Darkness didn't miss  
The chance they had to intervene.  
That year she dubbed *horribilis*  
Showed just how vulner'ble the  
Queen,  
And just how cruel the Devil's touch.  
And yet, through all her grief and  
pain,  
She forwards soldiered on. How  
much

**One Church, One Faith, One Lord  
sustain!**

When bells toll out on jubilees,  
Such bells can be - in John Donne's  
phrase -  
Reminders of mortality,  
To solemnize the pomp and praise.  
Yet, for our Queen of many years,  
Triumphant bells toll out a cry  
Of Love Eternal, free from fears:

**One Church, One Faith, One Lord  
for aye!**

*AM*



## **DADFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

It was lovely to see so many friends and neighbours at the Queen's Jubilee events. What a stroke of luck that we had such good weather, it was a very enjoyable affair. Many thanks to all who attended and contributed in so many ways, both before, during and after the event, we would like to thank the following:

**Duncan Wheeler**, for the kind loan of the fantastic tepees and the garden benches, they really helped us to provide comfort and cover.

**Dave Wilson** who loaned us the hay bales; they lent a real country atmosphere to proceedings.

**Ian Horwood** who arranged all the fantastic music and PA system; it made the event really special.

We hope you agree that the hog roast was very tasty, so thanks to **Stuart Hunter** for supplying that old fashioned fayre for us to enjoy.

*A huge thank you to all of you for the truly amazing dishes and cakes that were supplied by all who attended, thank you so much for helping the festivities to go with a bang!*

We received further donations on the day to support our playground project and have almost managed to reach our final target. Many thanks again to all who have contributed to the recent fund raising efforts. It really is such a good cause and you will be able to see the fruits of our labours in the next few weeks. In the meantime, the table tennis table is now available for use including bats and balls, so please feel free to undertake a new hobby.....

Work has now been approved and will begin in the coming months at the Silverstone end of the village to instal another speed hump, we are assured that this one will be more raised than the raised tables that have been provided with the most recent road calming work. We shall also be installing an additional road speed sign which will indicate what speed vehicles are doing as they pass and this will be capable of storing data to indicate the amount and speed of traffic.

For all the latest news please visit our website **[www.stowepc.uk](http://www.stowepc.uk)**

**KW**

**The Big Breakfast** held on Bank Holiday Monday May 2nd in Dadford Village Hall has advanced the total towards the new equipment for the playing field by £500.

This is a fantastic result and huge thanks to all who came, to all who worked so hard, cooking, serving and washing up and to the generous sponsors, the Pullins, the Boulets and the Pranevicius. It is over seven years since the last Big Breakfast was held but the Hawkins and Williams had not lost the knack of producing a full English in record time for the 55 people who took advantage of their expertise.

**CH**



### **National Trust Opening times**

The gardens at National Trust Stowe are open 7 days a week, 10am-5pm. There is no need to pre-book your visit, simply turn up to enjoy.

We've also recently re-opened some of the other properties within our portfolio for the summer season including, Claydon House (Fridays and Saturdays 11am-3pm), Boarstall Duck Decoy (Sundays 11am-5pm) and Long Crendon Courthouse (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 11am-5pm).

## CHURCH NEWS

The church is open all the time and people are welcome to visit, spend time in quiet prayer and attend services. The normal service pattern can be found on the website and on the noticeboards at church. Sometimes we have to change the type of service at late notice due to lack of availability of ordained clergy, but there will always be a service at **9.45 in the church** and *all are welcome to attend.*

It is lovely to hear hymns being sung with enthusiasm again and although there is no requirement for masks, these and hand sanitiser are available for those who wish to use them. Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after every service. The service is recorded when possible and can be watched on YouTube – link available via newsletter.

The **Stowe Coffee Morning via Zoom** still takes place **every Tuesday** morning at 11am.

**Delta Bible Study** group continue to meet fortnightly on a Wednesday at 7.30pm via Zoom, all are welcome.

The weekly **Monday Ladies' Bible Study** meets every Monday at 2pm during term-time via Zoom. All are welcome. The Young Mums group meets fortnightly in term-time at 9.00am on a Monday at The Moors, Chackmore.

**Prayer cells** continue to meet either via Zoom or face-to-face. Do contact Andrew Rudolf 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 food donations.

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**Family Services:  
Peacemakers**

**July 17th  
1 Samuel 25, 1-34**

Abigail's quick thinking

Nabal planned a great feast when the sheep-shearing was over. A churlish, bad-tempered, wealthy man, he dismissed David's request for food with contempt. "Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse?" Nabal could afford to be generous and the laws of hospitality should have prompted him to answer favourably.

Nabal's servants and shepherds were terrified of David's reaction and they were right. David had a personal army of 400 men and he told them to arm for battle and set out at once to attack Nabal.

When the servants told Nabal's wife, the beautiful and intelligent Abigail, of Nabal's insulting reply to David she realised immediately the danger they were in. She lost no time in putting together a practical response. Through her intervention she restrained David from guilt for murderous revenge and changed the course of events.

What was Nabal's reaction when she told him the next day of what she had done?

Proverbs 25, 11-12 - *A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Like an ornament of fine gold is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.*

**August 21st  
1 Kings 3, 16-28**

Solomon judges a difficult case

If the Lord appeared to you in a dream one night and asked, "*What would you like me to give you?*" what would your answer be?

What Solomon asked for was wisdom. Not theological, abstract, philosophical wisdom but the practical morality of daily life. "Give me the wisdom to rule your people with justice and to know the difference between good and evil."

The people looked to the king to discern between right and wrong, to make decisions in disputes. Solomon listened to two despised prostitutes who came to him over a quarrel about babies. It was one person's word against another's. Solomon showed a clear understanding of human nature and an awareness of the power and reality of love. The threat of neither mother having a living child revealed the true mother's feelings.

"When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given they held the king in awe because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice."

In his Letter to The Ephesians 1,17, Paul wrote, "*Ask God to give you the Spirit who will make you wise and reveal God to you.*"

A good idea?

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



Although July is just beginning, the end of the academic year is steadily rolling closer! What a fabulous year it has been! As well as welcoming our new Headteacher in January, we have really enjoyed being able to put on and take part in lots of different activities this year, making the most of the opportunities presented to us.

June was a busy month with, amongst other activities: the year 4 residential to Everdon, a Roman Day for the year 3s, class photos, and Science Week (full of experiments and lots of science fun). We also had a visit from the author Matt Brown to the Chackmore site, where he discussed his story writing process and made us all laugh at his very funny stories.

Early in June, the PTFA held a fantastic Summer Fayre. With the benefit of superb weather, there was a magnificent turnout of pupils, families, staff and those from the wider community too! A fabulous amount of money has been raised which will go towards providing resources and opportunities for the children to enjoy. We'd like to thank all those who attended and, importantly, the PTFA, parents and staff who helped make such an enjoyable event happen.

At the end of June we hope to hold another whole school event - Sports day! We are looking forward to opening the school up so families can attend and enjoy a picnic lunch after.

Peering ahead to the last few weeks of school in July, we are looking forward to welcoming the children into their new classes on the transition day.

The end of the month will also see us say goodbye to Mrs Heald who has been with the school for an amazing 17 years. We thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her the very best for the future!

Finally, as we head into the summer holidays, we wish all our Year 6 pupils good luck in their new schools. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back in their new year groups in September, and to welcoming all our new families into the Foundation stage. We wish all our families a relaxing and safe summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September!



## DADFORD W.I.

In May we gave a warm welcome to **Patricia Forbes** who came to take us on a curry journey.

Living and working on a small island called Herm in the Channel Islands, and running an island hotel for six years, it was obvious that Patricia was passionate about food. Whilst bringing up her young family, Patricia was right hand-man to her husband who was in charge of catering at Leeds Castle in Kent and also London and Whipsnade Zoo.

There was nothing she didn't know about all the herbs and spices that were shown to us and advised how to use them. While explaining the different lentils, flavours and processes she used to create the most delightful curries, the electric wok and pans were producing some extremely tasty dishes for us to sample. Not too spicy, just flavoured to perfection and delighted to take home sample packets.



Patricia went on to tell us of her **British Curry Company**, which produced curry sauces and were stocked in many of the high street stores.

Travelling far and wide to promote her sauces Patricia decided to sell the company as her husband was not in good health. It was an exciting talk. Thank you, Patricia, we look forward to welcoming you back for part two.

In June Daphne Preece, along with her husband Frank, who are both **National Trust Volunteers**, came along to tell us all about **Claydon House**.

Complete with slides they took us through the history of the House from when the Verney family first bought the lease in 1590 up to the present day. Now nearly all the house is open to the public and houses some of the finest wood painted decorations in the country.

With its close connection with Florence Nightingale, we saw the bedroom and rooms she used on her frequent visits to this Bucks estate. The interior was very impressive with the most elaborate 'singing staircase', with beautiful parquetry using 3 different types of wood. It also houses a large collection of period costumes some dating back over 400 years.

With over 30,000 visitors a year it certainly needs its 110 volunteers to keep it in good order. The current custodians run the estate hosting many different events and were very pleased to host the film crew for 'Far from the Madding Crowd'.

A very interesting talk, leaving us determined to find the time to visit this National Trust property right on our doorstep.

On 14<sup>th</sup> July we will be getting fit with some more exercises with Ruth Hawkins and on 11<sup>th</sup> August we will be crafting again with Claire Humphries. Why not come along and join in the fun.

Look forward to seeing you,  
Loren.



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## National Trust Stowe

As summer approaches why not make the most of the longer days and come along to enjoy the garden at Stowe? For those seeking tranquillity, take in the summer scents of Sleeping Wood as our roses appear or rest a while on our benches found in the cooling shade of **Lampport Garden**. For those looking to get out into the wild, release some energy and have some fun splashing in puddles, come and explore our open spaces. And for those with four-legged friends, we love to welcome dogs at Stowe (please keep dogs on leads). With acres of grounds to enjoy, water bowls dotted around the site, and doggy treats available in the shop a day at Stowe is the perfect way to spend quality time with your dog.

Seasonal highlights to admire in the gardens include the *Indian bean tree*, *tulip tree* and *mock orange*, all displaying their delightful summer blooms. Water lilies can be spotted on Octagon Lake, and you may be lucky enough to see them flowering. Keep your eyes peeled for the Cranesbill by Pebble Alcove and the bright Coneflower by the Temple of Concord and Victory.

### A mindful meadow meander

As summer develops through July and August our hay meadows come to life; home to a wide variety of spectacular wildflowers which sway gently in the summer breeze and buzz with wildlife. Pick up a self-guided map that will take you through our wildflower meadows. Take a moment to pause, relax and take in the sounds and scents of nature around you. Spending time in green spaces has been found to reduce stress, anxiety and depression, and we have lots of wonderful green spaces to explore and relax in.

An area not to miss is the **Grecian Valley** which is Stowe's oldest hay meadow and an original garden feature. Its damp, almost marsh-like, nature makes it a haven for bio-diversity, attracting a wide variety of grasses, wildflowers, birds, insects, bees and butterflies. A top highlight from our Senior Gardener, Anna, is the Bee and Pyramid Orchids that are scattered within these meadows.



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## Weekend away at High Leigh Convention Centre, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire 9-11<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Rev Will Pearson-Gee of Buckingham Parish Church has kindly extended the invitation for the weekend away to High Leigh to include people around the Deanery who may like to join them.

For more details on the weekend away go to the *Buckingham Parish Church Website*.

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**Bucks County  
Show 2022,  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>  
September at  
Weedon.**



There will be a hospitality tent at the show to serve teas and cakes to the visitors. This is set up and run by volunteers from the Deanery. Volunteers to help on the day are needed and also offers to make a cake would be appreciated. If you would like to help please let Georgie Christopher know.

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## Stowe Parish Church Rotas

<b>Date 2022</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>
3rd July	Lyn and Ray East	Tamara Kimpton	Kay Murray
10th July	Chris Close-Smith	Liturgy	Tamara Kimpton
17th July	Patricia Forbes	Children	Elsbeth Mullineux
24th July	Philip Bach	Andrew Rudolf	Bernadette Matthews
31st July	Hilary Hawkins	Kay Murray	Gillian Macdonald
7th Aug	Sally Drummond-Hay	Sally Drummond-Hay	Lyn East
14th Aug	Essex Close-Smith	Liturgy	Nancy Pullin
21st Aug	Pat Walton	Children	Bernadette Matthews
28th Aug	Robin and Nancy Shepherd	Gillian Macdonald	Kay Murray
<b>Date 2022</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Prayer-board</b>
3rd July	Hilary Hawkins		Gill Smith
10th July	Loreen Williams	Chris Close-Smith and Venice	Tamara Kimpton
17th July	Margaret Ryley		Gillian Macdonald
24th July	Pat Walton	John and Tamara Kimpton	Lyn East
31st July	Rosie Cowdy		Kay Murray
7th Aug	Diana Wyatt	Lyn and Ray East	John Kimpton
14th Aug	Gillian Macdonald		Gill Smith
21st Aug	Heather Meredith	Nancy Pullin and Hazlewoods	Tamara Kimpton
28th Aug	Hilary Hawkins		Gillian Macdonald