

# Dadford and Stowe Parish Magazine

September - October 2022



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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
Sep 4th	8:00	Said 1662 Communion			***
	9:45	Morning Prayer	Psalm 91	Psalm 91 Philippians 4:10-13	L & P - Rev Cathy Pearce
<b>Isaac the little-known Patriarch</b>					
Sep 11th	9:45	1662 Communion	1. Isaac's birth long-delayed	Genesis 18:9-15 + 21:1-6 Luke 1:67-75	L - *** P - ***
Sep 18th	9:45	Family Service with Baptism	Peacemakers - Nehemiah solves a problem	Nehemiah 5:1-19	L & P - Rev Tom Murray
Sep 25th	9:45	Confirmation service at Maids Moreton Church			
Oct 2nd	8:00	Said 1662 Communion			Rev Ron Bundock
	9:45	Harvest Morning Prayer	Harvest	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 John 6:25-35	L & P - Rev Hans Taling
Oct 9th	9:45	1662 Communion	2. Isaac Offered up to God	Genesis 22: 1-19 John 21:15-17	L & P - Rev Chris Murray
Oct 16th	9:45	Family Service	3. Isaac settles quarrels over wells	Genesis 26:1-6 + 19-29 Matthew 5:3-12	L & Talk - Kay Murray
Oct 23rd	9:45	Common Worship Communion	4. God's providence - Isaac's marriage and fatherhood	Genesis 26:1-6 + 19-29 Matthew 5:3-12	L & P - Rev Cathy Pearce
Oct 30th	9:45	1662 Communion	5. Isaac and Rebecca's favouritism splits family	Genesis 27:5-13 + 30-40 + 27:27-28 Ephesians 6:1-4	L & P - Rev Chris Murray



Dear Friends

As we approach the equinox on 23 September, we lose nearly 4 minutes of daylight every day and we seem to be galloping towards autumn. By the end of October the clocks go back, making the days seem even shorter (although of course it makes no difference to the sun and the actual hours of daylight). There is a race against time to complete the harvest in the fields and to prepare

gardens for the winter. Personally I associate September with a usually doomed attempt to finish all the outdoor painting jobs I'd intended to do: ("we have left undone those things which we ought to have done . . . "). This imperative clashes in our house with our desire to gather as many blackberries as we can before Michaelmas. Tradition has it that Satan landed in some brambles when St Michael cast him out of heaven, so Satan spitefully spoiled any blackberries left after that date. Autumn has a distinct air of things finishing, of opportunities slipping away.

However, the academic "new year" starts in September, and Michaelmas on 29 September was traditionally the start of the farming year. The annual accounts were drawn up and labour hired for the year at the Michaelmas fairs - of which our Buckingham autumn fair is a descendant. It is the time when gardeners plan for next spring by planting bulbs, moving plants or planting new shrubs. Seed catalogues appear, and optimism triumphs over bitter experience as we once again order seeds. Perhaps next year what we grow will match the pictures in the catalogues. After this difficult dry summer, many gardens are looking very sorry for themselves and optimism is even more needed than usual.



So, yes, summer has gone and the darkest days of winter are approaching fast, with, this year, the threat of exorbitant fuel bills - but spring *will* come and we need to look forward and plan for next year. It is said that to plant a garden is to believe in the future. After all, God planted a garden in Eden.

**LG**

## **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. Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 children are taught at the infant site in Akeley and Year 3 up to Year 6 are taught at the junior site in Chackmore.*

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 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 a more 'normal' school year, with lots of exciting learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

**CG**

**Dadford Parish Council**

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



## DADFORD PARISH COUNCIL

We trust you have all had an enjoyable summer. Let's hope as Autumn approaches we will have some much-needed rain.

If you haven't had the chance to visit the playground area lately, feel free to don some trainers and have a workout on the new exercise equipment. This equipment was made possible by securing a Bucks County Council Grant and also due to the incredible fund-raising activities organised by **Chris and Hilary Hawkins** and **Chris and Philippa Atkinson**.

Many thanks for all of you who attended, assisted and donated, we are certain that this fabulous new work-out equipment will be enjoyed by many villagers for years to come.

Don't forget to use the new table tennis table which is also now available for use including bats and balls, so please feel free to undertake a new hobby.....

Sadly there appears to have been an increase in dog fouling despite the provision of appropriate waste bins, please ensure that if you are walking your dog to always carry waste bags and clean up after them responsibly.

Some of you may have noticed that there has been an incidence of fly tipping at the Stowe end of the village. This has been reported on the Fix my street website. Please remain vigilant and alert the site of any future issues such as potholes should they arise.

Work has now been approved and will hopefully begin in the coming months at the Silverstone end of the village to install another speed hump. Permission was refused by Bucks County Council road closure department for the works to be carried out in July due to another diversion that was in the area. When it does begin, we are assured that this one will be more prominent than the raised tables that have been provided with the last 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.



## 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 continues to meet fortnightly and will restart on Thursday 15th September at 7.30pm via Zoom, all are welcome.

The weekly **Monday Ladies' Bible Study** meets every Monday at 2pm during term-time via Zoom. The meetings resume on Monday 5th September. All are welcome.

**The Young Mums** group meets fortnightly in term-time at 9.00am on a Monday at The Moors, Chackmore. Please see the Church Newsletter for details of date and time.

**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.

**Harvest Festival service** will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9.45am in the church. The details of the Harvest Meal will be available shortly in the church via the Church Newsletter and on the church Website.

**Food bank:** (non-perishable) Pasta, Pasta sauce, Soup, Spaghetti, tinned vegetables, Tomatoes, Peas, Sweet corn, Potatoes – large, Hot dogs, Corned beef, Tuna, Biscuits, Fruit juice – large cartons, Cereal – large and small, Rice pudding, jam/marmalade, Custard, tins of Fruit, Tea bags, Coffee, Sugar – Donations gratefully received on Tuesdays 10-12 at The Centre, Verney Close. *There is also a box in Church for any food donations.*

# STOWE STARS

## Family Services:

## Peacemakers

### September 18th Nehemiah 5, 1- 19

#### *Nehemiah solves a problem*

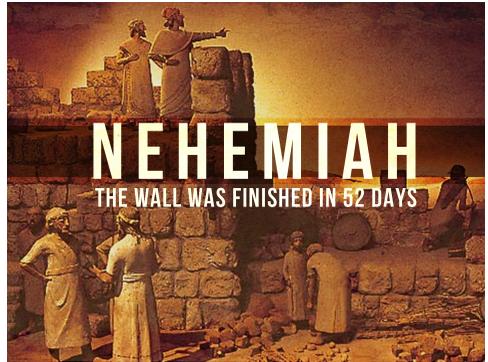
The work was going well. The walls of Jerusalem were being rebuilt. Each group and family had the responsibility of restoring a length of wall.

The person in charge was Nehemiah, a man of prayer who asked God for solutions to problems. Attacked by hostile tribes he organized the workers into two shifts, one to carry on building with a sword by their side and the other half to stand on watch fully armed. *“So we built the wall till it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.”*

Then there was a great outcry. The work on the walls stopped. The workers said they were suffering from bad harvests, punishing taxes and inflated prices. Nehemiah was angry that the richer people were treating the poorer people so harshly. He called a public meeting

and shamed the lenders into behaving with humanity. *“Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses and also the exorbitant sums you are charging them.”*

He reminded them that the land was God’s gift to them to share. With new enthusiasm they returned to the work. *“The God of heaven will give us success. We His servants will start rebuilding.”*



Nehemiah’s prayerful dependence on God gave him the moral authority and leadership skills to solve problems by teamwork. The walls and the community were rebuilt, the spirit of the people transformed and order and stability were established with a proper focus on God.

We can join in Nehemiah’s prayer whenever we are uncertain: *“Oh LORD, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this Your servant.”*

**We can trust Him to answer with what is best for us.**

**October 16th**

**Matthew 20, 20 – 28**

***The best places in heaven***

*“May I ask a favour?”* Mrs Zebedee said to Jesus. *“What is it you want?”* Jesus replied.

*“I want my two sons to sit at your right and at your left in Your kingdom.”*

When the other ten disciples heard about this they were indignant. Jesus called them together and kindly and patiently told them about a kingdom where the most

important people must be servants just as He had not come to be served but to serve and to die for them.

The kingdom of which Jesus spoke was not about power, wealth and status but about freely serving others, loving them even unto death. Power, honour and glory are given to those who put others first, who looked for ways to help and comfort, who are patient and kind, who follow the Servant King.

***Are you serving or being served?***

**GM**



We are delighted to welcome the family of **Jack Anthony Wilks** to Stowe Parish Church for his Baptism on Sunday 18th September at 9.45am

He was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 @ 9.30am in the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

Weighing in at 9lb 4.5 oz we give thanks for the arrival of this very healthy little boy.



The family invite us all to share in this occasion as we welcome Jack into the church family.



## DADFORD W.I.

On a very warm July afternoon we were delighted to welcome back Ruth Hawkins who came to loosen us all up with some stretching, breathing and movement exercises, all from the safety of our chairs.

Ruth showed us how we could improve ourselves with regular routines designed to keep our joints and muscles more flexible. There was lots of laughing, muscles pulled and joints creaking but we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Ruth also told us of her journey earlier in the year when she went to the States to run the Boston marathon, hoping one day to have completed the five main marathons. Many thanks to Ruth for putting us through our paces and we look forward to welcoming her back in the, not too distant future.

On yet another very warm afternoon in August we welcomed Claire Humphries an expert paper crafter from Leckhampstead. With business soon dealt with, we settled down

with paper, glue, buttons and instructions and under Claire's watchful eye we twisted and stuck to our heart's content. We were so engrossed that we hardly noticed how hot it was, but were delighted with our results and all made a beautiful decoration that would look perfect on a gift for someone special.

Claire has visited us several times but sadly for us she is now taking a career change, but we do wish her all the very best for her university studies.



On 8<sup>th</sup> September we will be flower arranging with Helen Dutch and on 13<sup>th</sup> October, Jonathan Humbert will tell us more of the history of Home Farm. Why not come along and join in the fun.

Look forward to seeing you,  
Loren.

*Dear family and friends*

*Hello from Kisoro!*

I felt adequately recovered from my run in with Covid and pneumonia in order to fly back to Uganda about 10 days ago. After spending a night in Entebbe, I made the long road journey back to Kisoro. I arrived feeling far more tired and a little more breathless than I expected and I think that may be related to the altitude – Kisoro is at 2000m. I started back at work on Monday (13<sup>th</sup>). My plan is to work around half-time for a couple of weeks until I am back to full strength.

Part of the plan around my return is a new agreement between CMS and the Diocese of Muhabura (technically my Ugandan “employer”) around limiting my hours of work, especially at night. I’m hopeful that a somewhat less arduous schedule might be better for me and make my presence here more sustainable.

The team at Potter’s Village has kept the show on the road brilliantly while I was away. They definitely don’t need me as much as they used to! That’s great news because it means I can direct more time to other projects, although I will still be doing two days and a night each week at Potter’s Village Medical Centre...and more when one of the clinical officers is on leave.

Even though I’ve only been back for a week, I’ve had a busy time at the

government hospital and squeezed in a visit to the Batwa in Mikingo Village. I received a very warm welcome in both places. I am hoping to do more of this community work over the next few months as Potter’s



needs me less.

*The view from Kanaba, driving over the mountains towards Kisoro.*

Kisoro is currently overwhelmed with refugees who have fled from the conflict just over the border in Congo. The population of the refugee camp is probably almost double the number of people who live in Kisoro town and services at the government hospital have been stretched to capacity. Although I had been a regular visitor to the refugee camp in the past, there are now numerous NGOs involved there, so I am not really needed at the moment. I will continue to look after refugee children who are sick or born prematurely at both Potter’s Village and the government hospital until God gives clear direction on how else I should become involved.

I'm thankful for so many friends who have emailed in recent weeks to enquire about my health, check on my whereabouts and reassure me of your prayers. I am so sorry that I haven't been able to respond to each of you individually. I hope this update will answer your questions.

I've written a few blog posts since I've been back, so please have a look if you're interested in more detail about what I've been doing from day to day ([niccimaxwell.wordpress.com](http://niccimaxwell.wordpress.com)). Please let me know ([drniccimaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:drniccimaxwell@gmail.com)) if you no longer want to receive this update.

That's all for now.

Much love to you all,

**Nicci**

(Dr Nicci Maxwell)

**For your prayers**

*Give thanks for:*

- *a safe return to Uganda*
- *the way that Potter's Village has managed so well without me and for the staff whose confidence and competence are growing*
- *Apophia's successful heart surgery in February – she has recovered well and will return to work very soon*
- *a new workplan which will hopefully limit my nighttime work and be better for my wellbeing*
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*Please pray for:*

- *the overwhelming refugee situation in Kisoro and a swift resolution to the conflict that is causing it*
- *wisdom and direction to know how best to help in the refugee situation*
- *my continued recovery from illness and that I'll be back at full strength very soon*



**Potter's Village Ministries**

Potter's Village Ministries is a Child Crisis and Medical Centre in Kisoro. They provide a temporary home for babies whose mothers have died in childbirth, or who are mentally ill or who have been abandoned, until they can be resettled with either their own, or a foster, family. The Medical Centre provides high quality care for all local children, including premature babies.

We couldn't manage to support the numbers of children we do at Potter's Village without our wonderful sponsors, but we invariably have more children than sponsors. Would you like to join them? You will be assigned a specific child, and will receive a photo and a news update twice a year.

*For more information go to our website [www.pottersvillage.org.uk](http://www.pottersvillage.org.uk)*

## Drought!

Summer? Wow, what a summer! The driest summer for many many years. It was the sort of summer where you could walk across the brook which runs through the village, in only sandals and not get your feet wet. The wildlife pond is now empty although the planting in and around it are still a wildlife haven.



A very sad sight this summer has been the damage to crops. The allotments and gardens have really suffered, with the drought causing poor cropping of vegetables, and flowers blooming for a much shorter time.

Vegetables and fruit will be in short supply which is disappointing for gardeners who had such high hopes after all the time spent preparing and planting earlier in the year. Hedges and trees are already starting to drop their leaves and some will not survive, but we won't know until next spring! Grass is no longer green but it will come back once it 'rains for forty days and forty nights'. Then it will be back to the weekly mow.

## GYM EQUIPMENT AND TABLE TENNIS TABLE



The gym equipment and table tennis table, that were installed in early July, have been well received and used regularly by many villagers and visitors. Please come along and make use of this facility. This project was initiated by Chris and Philippa Atkinson, who along with others, held fund raising events to cover 25% of the total cost. The rest came from a grant from the Buckingham & Villages Community Board. This contribution is recognised on a sign that has been installed, which also gives details of an

App that can be downloaded, to show correct and beneficial use of the equipment. This all complements the fantastic heartland of Dadford.

**CH**

## NATIONAL TRUST at STOWE



**National  
Trust**

Make the most of September by seizing that last of the summer sun. After an action-packed holiday period, take advantage of the quieter mid-week days to see the lakes and glisten and catch up with friends over a coffee in the café. October approaches and brings the delights of autumn, you'll find plenty of autumn colour on the autumn rambles walks to get in your daily steps, get involved with our harvest celebrations and don't miss out on bringing the family along to the Halloween trail.

We're also beginning plenty of exciting restoration projects around the gardens. You'll see teams working at Bell Gate Lodge as we restore the building to its 1805 design as shown in the famous Nattes sketch. The Eleven Acre Cascade is undergoing its next stage of restoration as we strive to get water flowing down the cascade once more. And our paths between the Temple of Friendship and the Palladian Bridge are getting a much-needed upgrade.

### **Everyone Welcome – Heritage Open Day Sunday 18 September**

With free entry to Stowe Gardens, Stowe Parish Church, the Gothic Temple and Stowe House on Sunday 18 September, it's a rare chance to see inside and explore the breadth of some of Stowe's most iconic temples. You'll be able to explore the 250 acres of landscape gardens, visit the Gothic Temple - normally an exclusive holiday cottage for The Landmark Trust, take in the tranquillity of the church, and take a taster tour of Stowe House. You'll also get the chance to see some of our hidden collections from the gardens. Join Rebecca and Adrian in the New Inn Courtyard to learn more from our pop-up archaeology stall.

\*Booking is not required for Stowe Gardens or the Parish Church. Pre-booking is advised for Stowe House and the Gothic Temple (Landmark Trust). Booking details and contacts are available on their websites.

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## Harvest Weekend

We have several orchards across the estate at Stowe and we certainly have an annual bounty of apples. Each year we host a Harvest weekend where our gardeners will sell our homegrown crop, have juice pressing demonstrations and help you identify any heritage varieties you may have from your own garden. Pop along to the New Inn courtyard to celebrate Harvest Weekend with our very own Garden and Parks team on 1 and 2 October 2022. With something for all the family, enjoy Harvest stalls, fairground style games and learn all about our orchards at Stowe.

Witness fresh apple juice pressing and try your luck at some of our apple-themed challenges. You'll also find some apple treats in the cafe and bags of Stowe-grown fruit available for purchase.



**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>
<b>4th Sept</b>	Ray and Lyn East	Gill Smith	Tamara Kimpton
<b>11th Sept</b>	Chris Close-Smith & Gill Smith	Liturgy	Gillian Macdonald
<b>18th Sept</b>	Nancy Pullin	Children	Elsbeth Mullineux
<b>25th Sept</b>	Confirmation Service at Maids Moreton church		
<b>2nd Oct</b>	Hilary Hawkins & Loreen Williams	Andrew Rudolf	Nancy Pullin
<b>9th Oct</b>	Laurence Gibson and Philip Bach	Liturgy	Kay Murray
<b>16th Oct</b>	Tamara Kimpton	Children	Tamara Kimpton
<b>23rd Oct</b>	Robin and Nancy Shepherd	Gillian Macdonald	Gillian Macdonald
<b>30th Oct</b>	Richard & Essex Close-Smith	Liturgy	Elsbeth Mullineux
<b>Date 2022</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>Prayer-board</b>
<b>4th Sept</b>	Loreen Williams	Neil and Susan Fraser-Smith	Kay Murray
<b>11th Sept</b>	Margaret Ryley		John Kimpton
<b>18th Sept</b>	Pat Walton	Rosie Cowdy and Pat Walton	Lyn East
<b>25th Sept</b>	Rosie Cowdy		Gill Smith
<b>2nd Oct</b>		Lyn and Ray East	Tamara Kimpton
<b>9th Oct</b>	Diana Wyatt		Gillian Macdonald
<b>16th Oct</b>		Chris and Philippa Atkinson	Kay Murray
<b>23rd Oct</b>	Gillian Macdonald		Lyn East
<b>30th Oct</b>		Chris Close-Smith and Venice	John Kimpton