

As spring slowly becomes summer the flowers bloom, vegetable seedlings are planted and many of us enjoy pottering in our gardens and hopefully enjoying sunnier weather!

We appreciate having lighter evenings which somehow gives us the feeling that we have more time and schools are busy with traditional May Day dancing and sports days.

Being outdoors in nature is a wonderful reminder of our creator God as we think of how the earth is meant to be: beautiful, wonderfully diverse and above all peaceful and harmonious.

On the 19th May we will be celebrating Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples with wonderful and life changing effect. The Collins dictionary of the Bible defines the Holy Spirit as 'holiness (God) in action in the real world' and I really like that word action! Because God's love for us and all his creation is an active love. He wants to help us and live in relationship with us, and it is through the Holy Spirit that God can inspire, guide and help us in our daily lives. But we need to ask for and accept that help.

I wish you a peaceful and harmonious spring whatever the weather.

Rev Cathy Pearce 01280 821976

I'm available in the Parish Wednesdays and Thursdays, and at Sunday services.

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full", John 10:10



May 12th Family Service - Rogation Sunday

'Rogare' means 'to ask' in Latin. Today we ask God to bless us with good harvests. We *thank Him* for the beautiful world He created. "He formed and made the Earth. He made it firm and everlasting, a place for people to live in", Isaiah 45, 18.

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time of God's choosing. "He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up", Ecclesiastes 3,2. In our Service this morning (outside, weather permitting,) we ask God to guide our decisions as we care for His world, to cultivate it thoughtfully, and to share its gifts joyfully.



June 9th Family Service - The water of life

The garden of Eden Genesis 2, 4-10

What was God's garden like before He sent the rain? Water came up from under the ground. A stream flowed through the garden and watered the beautiful trees which produced good fruit. In the middle stood the tree that gives life and the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is evil. From the stream flowed four rivers which encircled the land. Then God made Man to cultivate His garden and guard it and Woman to help.

What could go wrong?

Temptation and disobedience led to expulsion and God's judgment. "You will have to work hard and sweat to make the soil produce anything." We live with a continuing ache for what has been lost but we follow God's direction to use what we have, to cultivate and guard what He has entrusted us to do.





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.

The second half of the Spring term was relatively short, but one full of exciting opportunities. After half term we took part in the fun of World Book Day, the annual event celebrating reading, books and love of stories. We enjoyed seeing all the costumes the children, and staff, came to school in and finding out about their favourite books. It is always fabulous to be recommended a new book, or two, by the children! The day included lots of activities featuring books and reading and we held a book 'give-away' of donated and ex-school library books. As is customary, all the children received a World Book Day token too.

The start of March was also Mothering Sunday, with the children at both sites creating a card and special bird decoration for their mothers, as well as working towards something equally special for our Mother's Day assemblies.

Following on from this was Comic Relief, which we are always pleased to support as a school, where children and staff could come to school in as much red as possible, as well as having the opportunity to buy a red nose. The children raised a fabulous amount of money in donations, which have been passed to the organisers.

March also included the second round of the Key Stage 2 cooking competition, where our semi-finalists had to design and make an interesting, healthy packed lunch. Congratulations to all our competitors, it was a very hard decision! Three children are now through to the final in the summer term, where they will have to cook and serve a three course meal for the judges.

Also this term, Year 1 and Foundation have been on an exciting trip to the Stables theatre in Milton Keynes and Year 6 have been on a visit to the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford. A mixed team of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a schools netball competition. We are proud of how well they played and the brilliant sportsmanship they showed..

As we reached the end of term, our Chackmore children enjoyed a dance workshop, exploring the meaning of Easter in a different, creative way. The Spring term ended with a whole school day of celebration- our Easter extravaganza, involving crafts, activities and, of course, the message of the Easter story.

Now, we look forward to the May half term, and to the various opportunities that are coming our way. The Year 3s and 4s will be challenging themselves at a dodgeball tournament and the Year 5s and 6s at a hockey tournament. There is a trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park for the Akeley children, as well as a trip to the Roald Dahl museum for Year 3. Just before half term we look forward to the Year 3 and 4 musical production- what an exciting way to end the half term!

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Giving hope to women and children in Nepal - Presentation by Jennifer Metcalfe Sunday 7th April 2024



The talk took us through her journey to Nepal and how the Tailoring group started. We are now on group 4 and over 20 women have been on the course. Many of the women have gone on to run their own business tailoring clothes for families and friends, making and altering garments.



This is a photograph of Sila who has a sewing machine in her shop, and people come in daily to get clothes altered and repaired.

Jennifer also gave us an insight into the children's home run by Pastor David and Maria. They now have 12 children aged between 7 years and 20 years. A key concern is to try and get the older ones work when they finish their education as they move on to support themselves. These children have led very insular lives and often have no friends or family to give them a job opening.



Jennifer will be going back to Nepal again in November and work will continue introducing new tailoring groups in other areas to support the women in rural Nepal.

Dadford WI was formed in 1946 and has met every month since with the exception of Covid. We are a happy, friendly little group with a speaker most months. Our next meeting dates are Thursday 9th May and 13th June. We meet at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. If you would like to join us you would be most welcome. For more information please call Loreen on 01280 817943.

STOWE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - APRIL 2024



Just a reminder that there is a Defibrillator located in Dadford. This is located opposite the Red Telephone Box on the main road. We urge you to take notice of its location while you are walking. Hopefully, it will not be needed but this equipment can be a lifesaver in an emergency and is easy to use even if you don't have First Aid Training.

Our Annual Parish Meeting this year is being held jointly with an information evening that Silverstone Circuit has agreed to hold regarding the F1 British Grand Prix. This will be held at **Dadford Village Hall on Thursday 23rd May 2024 from 4.00 to 8.00 pm**. This is an opportunity for you to liaise directly with your parish councillors regarding any local issues and with Silverstone Circuit. If you have any concerns over this year's event and the impact this may have on you as a resident please join us. We would love to see you and there will be tea and cake too!

If you wish to contact the parish council please email info@stowepc.uk or contact one of the seven councillors in the village, whose details can be found under the [Councillors](#) page.

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Silverstone Residents Pass - Summer 2024

We'd like to remind Dadford residents that they can apply for a 2024 Residents Pass for free entry to many of the racing events at the circuit. It's one Residents Pass per household, which allows 2 adult and 4 child tickets for each event included in the Residents Programme.

To apply for a Residents Pass please complete the form on the Local Community page of our website. Highlights of the calendar are Silverstone Festival - **free for Residents Pass holders on Sunday 25 August**, including live music from Olly Murs and Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championship on **21 and 22 September**.

Formula 1 British Grand Prix Information Drop-In 23rd May - 4pm - 8pm Dadford Village Hall

An Inter-Agency Group (IAG) F1 British Grand Prix Information drop-in session is being held this month:

All village residents and businesses are welcome to come along and find out more about the traffic and operational plans for the British Grand Prix, with attendance planned from IAG representatives of Northamptonshire Police, Buckinghamshire Council, Northants Fire & Rescue and Silverstone circuit.

Recent Events

Dadford Coffee Morning on Saturday March 23rd provided a lovely opportunity to have a chat over a coffee or tea served with a hot cross bun. Also on offer to buy were Loreen's homemade preserves. Thank you ladies for your hard work.

Mothering Sunday - We had several families with children attend. The service was taken by Rev Cathy Pearce and all the ladies were presented with a beautiful posy of daffodils.

Easter Sunday - After the service we were treated to a piece of simnel cake with our coffee, courtesy of a member of the congregation. The Church was filled with stunning displays of flowers ready for the Easter Celebration. Rev Cathy Pearce led the joyful Easter Family Communion - Christ is risen! Each member of the congregation was given an Easter egg.

Holiday Club is making a comeback! From **5th -9th August Buckingham Parish Church** will be hosting a traditional Holiday Club with some other local Churches. This will not be possible without your help, please add the date to your diary and if you can support them in volunteering email Abi on kids@bpcholidayclub.org.uk

Pastoral Visits

If anyone requires a pastoral visit from Rev Hans Taling or Rev Cathy Pearce please contact North Bucks Parish Office – email: office@nbpchurches.org.uk or phone: 01280 814430

Date	Warden/Sidespeople	Prayers	Refreshments
May 5th	Richard and Essex Close-Smith	Liturgy	Lyn East
May 12th	Tamara Kimpton	Rogation Sunday	Tamara Kimpton
		Evensong at Dadford Cemetery	
May 19th	Andrew Rudolf/Lyn and Ray East	Gillian Macdonald	Elspeth Mullineux
May 26th	Gill Smith/Patricia Forbes	Gill Smith	Kay Murray
June 2nd	Laurence Gibson/Chris Close-Smith	Liturgy	Nancy Pullin
June 9th	Nancy Pullin	Family Service	Gillian Macdonald
		Evensong at Dadford Cemetery	
June 16th	Tamara and John Kimpton	Tony Meredith	Lyn and Ray East
June 23rd	Richard and Essex Close-Smith	Kay Murray	Tamara Kimpton
June 30th	Loreen Williams and Hilary Hawkins	Andrew Rudolf	Elspeth Mullineux

Date	Flowers	Cleaning	Prayer-board
May 5th	Gillian Macdonald	Chris and Phillipa Atkinson	Lyn East
May 12th	Heather Meredith		Gill Smith
May 19th	Kay Murray		Gillian Macdonald
May 26th	Hilary Hawkins	Chris Close-Smith and Venice Gordon-Colebrook	Kay Murray
June 2nd	Loreen Williams		John Kimpton
June 9th	Lyn East		Tamara Kimpton
June 16th	Rosie Cowdy	John and Tamara Kimpton	Lyn East
June 23rd	Gillian Macdonald		Gill Smith
June 30th	Heather Meredith		Gillian Macdonald

Date	Time	Service	Lead/Preach	Chalice
May 5th	09:45	1662 Communion	Rev Cathy Pearce	Lyn East
May 9th		Ascension Day	Benefice Service	
May 12th	09:45	Rogation Family Service	Pauline Stanton-Saringer	
	18:00	Evensong in Dadford Cemetery	Andrew Rudolf	
May 19th	09:45	Common Worship Communion	Rev Max Wigley	Andrew Rudolf
May 26th	09:45	Morning Prayer	L - Andrew Rudolf P - Paul Mileham	
June 2nd	09:45	1662 Communion	Rev Cathy Pearce	Lyn East
June 9th	09:45	Family Service	Kay Murray	
	18:00	Evensong in Dadford Cemetery	Gillian Macdonald	
June 16th	09:45	Common Worship Communion	Rev Hans Taling	John Kimpton
June 23rd	09:45	Morning Prayer	L - Gillian Macdonald P - Andrew Rudolf	
June 30th	08:00	Said 1662 Communion	Rev Ron Bundock	
	09:45	Mission - Morning Prayer	L - Andrew Rudolf P - Rose Kemp (Open Doors)	

The North Buckingham Parish is part of the Diocese of Oxford in the Buckingham Archdeaconry. www.nbpchurches.org.uk for viewing the different villages and places of interest and details of services.
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