

Dadford with Stowe Parish Newsletter

January - February

May the New Year 2023 bring joy, peace and happiness to you and your family.

Now the days are shorter and night falls in early, we see many going by the light of their LED torches. In particular joggers can be seen running, in groups or on their own, with a LED light attached to their forehead or their front to guide them on their path. Others use a LED light to walk over dark footpaths at night, using the light to know where they are going, for their own safety.

Not only people use a LED light to shine on their path, but we see also many dogs walking with a LED light, attached to their collar, so they can be seen by traffic and by the dog owner. Besides these uses, there are many other ways in which we use a LED light to guide us in what we are doing, all for our own good.

For some reason, the Christmas star has become one of the most recognisable images of the Christmas season. We see it frequently on Christmas cards, in the shops, and in our homes. Perhaps it reminds us all of the power of light shining in the darkness.

May the way we all use our LED lights to guide and to protect us, be a reminder of how the light of that star wants to guide us to Christ as the true Light shining bright in darkness. That Light of that star is still shining today and it is for our own good to follow the star. By it we are led to the real content and meaning of Christmas: Jesus Christ, born to us, as God's gift of reconciliation between Him and us.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year,

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Carol Service - Wednesday 14th December at 7pm

It was a cold night and snow lay round about, but a good number of Stowe Church family braved the elements. The Church was very welcoming: beautifully decorated and the Christmas tree resplendent and the crib lit up. The Bible readings were well read and we all enjoyed singing the carols. Rev Hans Taling conducted the service and his wife, Trudi, played the organ. After the service we enjoyed the warm mulled wine and mince pies.

Thank you to all who made this possible.

Family Services at Stowe Parish Church - Pause for thought..

January 15th - The best places in heaven - Matthew 20, 20 - 28

Mrs Zebedee had a favour to ask of Jesus: that her two sons James and John should sit next to Jesus in His Kingdom. Their other friends were indignant and protested. Jesus replied that greatness does not consist of commanding others but of doing things **for** others. In God's Kingdom Jesus is King and Servant.
So what does that make us?

February 19th - Dispute resolved - Acts 6, 1 - 6

Three thousand people from all parts of the Roman world heard Peter speak of Jesus' death and Resurrection at the Feast of Pentecost and were baptised. They immediately began to share their possessions and their resources. The Greek Jews complained that the food distribution was not reaching them. The disciples appointed Stephen and six others to oversee that everything was shared fairly. They served the needs of the people in Jesus' name.

Whom have you helped today?

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

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.

During the November half term, new paths were laid at the Akeley site resulting in a safer and more accessible entrance to the school for all. The inner courtyard was also resurfaced and now has a more accessible surface which can be utilised more easily for a variety of activities.

Back in October there were two Harvest festivals, one at Chackmore and one at Akeley, both of which were very well attended. It was lovely to see so many parents attending to support their children and enjoy their fantastic singing, poems and pictures! We were overwhelmed by the generosity of all our families with their donations for the local food bank and we thank all those who were able to make such a donation.

The children at the Chackmore site also held a Remembrance Day assembly to remember those who had lost their lives, in all wars, to keep us safe, including those who still serve to do so. Two of our Key Stage 2 children were chosen to lay a wreath on behalf of the school, at the memorial at Buckingham Parish Church, as part of the Remembrance Sunday parade and service. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and maturely reflected the solemnity

Welsh Lane Day Nursery

Here at Welsh Lane Day Nursery, the children have been very busy getting into the festive spirit, helped by the lovely snowy weather! We were very lucky today with a visit from Father Christmas himself - the icing on the cake to a joyful Christmas party. As we observe multiple faiths in our setting, Christmas is a particularly special time for the Christian parents to see us celebrate. We look forward to more festive activities over the next two weeks.

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of the event. In Akeley, a small group of staff, governors and children laid a wreath at the Akeley memorial on the 11th November, on behalf of the village of Akeley, and in memory of all those from the village who died serving in World Wars 1 or 2.

The PTFA's delightful Christmas Fayre was well attended in November with a huge number of families attending and enjoying the festive fun and games. It was also a great opportunity to start Christmas shopping for many, as well as being a fabulous fun event for all the family! A huge thank you to the PTFA and all the many helpers who organised and put on such a great event!

However, we were keen to ensure that the children did not lose sight of the real meaning behind Christmas and its importance to Christians around the world. To help achieve this, we held our annual Christingle service at the Chackmore site. Our Year 4s also undertook a workshop at the Well Street Church in Buckingham called 'Christmas Unwrapped', where they explored the meaning behind many of the traditions and trappings of Christmas.

We wish all our children and their families, our staff and all the friends of the school, a very Happy New Year!

CG



"Ring Out, Wild Bells"

Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,*



*The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

DADFORD PARISH COUNCIL



Stowe Parish council would like to extend their wishes for a **Very Happy New Year**, let's hope that 2023 is a Happy and prosperous one for you all.

We do hope that the additional speed hump at the Silverstone End of Dadford village is proving a useful deterrent to speeding drivers and that the benefits outweigh the initial inconvenience of the initial installation.

Please be aware that there is a Defibrillator located in the Village, this is located opposite the Red Telephone Box on the main road. We would urge you to take notice of its location whilst you are taking a walk. Hopefully it will not be needed but this equipment can be a life saver in case of emergency and is easy to use even if you don't have First Aid Training.

Perhaps some of you will be planning on some New Year's resolutions, if so, please be sure to use the exercise and leisure equipment in the play area. Alternatively, you may want to consider the health benefits from alternative outdoor pursuits such as cultivating a vegetable plot, a great way to keep fit and make new friends. If you are interested in becoming an allotment holder, please get in touch as there are spaces available. You don't need to live in Dadford to have one and we would love to welcome you! Contact Cllr Hilary Hawkins if you would like any further information hilaryhawkins@stoweipc.uk.

You may be considering attending or running a new fitness class or craft group, if so, we have a lovely Village Hall available for regular functions or one-off events at very reasonable prices.

If you are ready to make a booking, please email the parish council - info@stoweipc.uk

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DADFORD WI



Well November again saw our Annual Meeting, with all business being carried out and officers elected. We are delighted to say that our new President is **Liz Riseborough**, who we are confident will do a

splendid job. This meeting concludes our WI year and it was good to look back over the last 12 months and reflect on what we had been up to and also to celebrate our first full year since lockdown started.

Our Christmas meeting was quite different this year, we were wined and dined in the lovely home of our new president Liz Riseborough. We enjoyed a superb meal, we pulled crackers, wore silly hats and had a really lovely afternoon including two solo pieces sung by new Dadford resident **Lyn Gibson** and finishing with us all joining in with some favourite carols. We toasted absent friends and those no longer with us, and looked forward to enjoying our new 2023 programme.



To get a look at what we have planned just give me a call on 01280 817943 for more details or just come along to our first meeting on 12th January when **Pam Ibbotson** will be giving us a talk entitled 'An Antique Lady', and on 9th February **Professor Sebastian Lucas** will enlighten us on 'What Do Real Pathologists Really Do'.

From all Dadford WI members we wish you a very

Happy Safe and Warm New Year.

Look forward to seeing you in 2023.

Loreen.

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Date 2023	Sidesmen		Prayers	Refreshments	
1st January	Hilary Hawkins Loreen Williams		Gillian Macdonald	Lyn East	
8th January	Richard and Essex Close-Smith		Liturgy	Nancy Pullin	
15th January	Nancy Pullin		Children	Tamara Kimpton	
22nd January	Andrew Rudolf Robin & Nancy Shepherd		Kay Murray	Kay Murray	
29th January	Gill Smith Robert & Sally Drummond-Hay		Sally Drummond-Hay	Gillian Macdonald	
5th February	Loreen Williams Hilary Hawkins		Andrew Rudolf	Lyn East	
12th February	Laurence Gibson Chris Close-Smith		Liturgy	Elsbeth Mullineux	
19th February	Tamara Kimpton		Children	Nancy Pullin	
26th February	Gill Smith Ray & Lyn East		Gill Smith	Tamara Kimpton	
Date	Flowers		Cleaning	Prayer-board	
1st January				Gillian Macdonald	
8th January	Diana Wyatt		Rosy Cowdy Pat Walton	Kay Murray	
15th January				John Kimpton	
22nd January	Gillian Macdonald		Chris and Phillipa Atkinson	Lyn East	
29th January				Gill Smith	
5th February	Heather Meredith		Chris Close-Smith Venice Colebrook-Gordon	Tamara Kimpton	
12th February				Gillian Macdonald	
19th February	Hilary Hawkins		John & Tamara Kimpton	Kay Murray	
26th February				John Kimpton	
Date	Time	Service	Theme	Readings	Lead/preach
1st January	9.45am	Morning Prayer	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12	Gillian Macdonald
8th January	9.45am	1662 Communion	1. Jesus comforts his disciples	John 14:1-14	Rev Chris Murray Tony Meredith
15th January	9.45am	Family Service	Peacemakers		Kay Murray
22nd January	9.45am	Common Worship Communion	2. Promise of the Holy Spirit	John 14: 15-28	Rev Maurice Stanton-Saringer Paul Mileham
29th January	9.45am	Morning Prayer	3. Work of the Holy Spirit	John 16:5-16 Galatians 5: 22-25	Andrew Rudolf Paul Woods
5th February	8.00am	Said 1662 Communion			to be arranged
5th February	9.45am	Morning Prayer	4. Abiding and fruitfulness	John 15: 1-17 2 Corinthians 3: 13-18	Gillian Macdonald Andrew Rudolf
12th February	9.45am	1662 Communion	5. Disciples hated by the world yet protected by the Lord	2 Timothy 4:14-18 John 15:18-16:5+33	Rev Ron Bundock
19th February	9.45am	Family Service	Peacemakers		Kay Murray
26th February	9.45am	Common Worship Communion		Genesis 2: 15-17 +3:1-7 Romans 4:1-11	Rev Cathy Pierce