

July - August 2023

Dear Friends,

A strange thing has happened in my garden – it is overflowing with bright foliage and vivid spots of colour. I am astonished for I have neglected the garden. In the autumn, mindful of the bugs and beetles which need shelter, I left the dried stalks and sticks and thought to tidy them away in Spring. However, the weather was so damp and cold I had to ignore the pressing need to feed and weed and just leave Nature to take its course. Now I have been richly rewarded for this neglect: the beds are overflowing with leaves and shoots crowded together giving an impression of lushness. The roses and foxgloves, the clematis and alliums, the poppies and fuchsia are all flourishing without my tender care. I nurtured a new geum through the winter only to discover when it flowered that it was an avens.

In my school days we used to laugh at the poem which daringly began “A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot.” But it is true. The world is God’s garden. Plants know where they will grow best and where they are most needed. The rains fall and everything needful is provided in God’s garden. These words from Ecclesiastes 3 encourage and guide our endeavours: “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the sun.”

A garden is a place of pleasure. It is also a responsibility. How do we plough and sow, reap and mow? Do we not hear of drought and flood, disease and anxiety? What are we doing wrong? How can we get back to God’s garden?

Many solutions are suggested. We are more thoughtful about our actions and their consequences. We are accountable to God for the care of His world, to cultivate our gardens to His glory. Our worship is reflected in what we do.

With best wishes for all the good things to come,

Gillian



My Garden by Thomas Edward Brown

*My garden is a lovesome thing, God wot!
Rose plot
Fringed pool
Ferned grot
The veriest school
Of peace; and yet the fool
Contented that God is not -
Not God! In gardens! When the eve is cool?
Nay, but I have a sign:
'Tis very sure God walks in mine.*



Rogation Service 14th May

Rogation is a time when we especially remember that our lives and seasons are in God’s hands and we ask for God’s blessing on the crops and agriculture. Kay led our devotions for Rogation Sunday; starting in church, we then moved outside for our Bible readings and prayers, returning to church for the last part of the service. The sun shone and the birds sang – it was truly with grateful hearts we could praise God.

The Coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla, took place on 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey.

*God grant the King inspiring words,
Words that unite and counter hate.
And be a hawk, who soars in strength,
Though he has come to kingship late,
Oh, may he heed his mother’s lead
And speak for Christ without a fear.
And, Spirit-led, with care defend
The faith that’s long been ours to share.*

Tony Meredith



Congratulations to the Bell ringers who successfully rang a Quarter Peal for the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla at Stowe.

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



July is about to begin, and we are nearly at the end of another academic school year.

At the start of June we welcomed back the Year 4s (along with some Year 3s) from their residential visit to Everdon. They enjoyed the warm, dry weather and were able to take full advantage of the opportunities on offer, including pond dipping, a hike, shelter building, fire making and, of course, toasting marshmallows!

We have continued to participate in many of the local sports festivals throughout this term. The children have developed many skills through these events, including teamwork, sportsmanship, perseverance and resilience.

Transition Day is fast approaching, where the children will get to spend the morning with their new class teacher and in their new classroom. We look forward to welcoming our September intake into the Foundation Stage at Akeley, as well as some new faces joining our current Year 2s as they move up to become our Year 3 at the Chackmore site. At the end of the term we will celebrate all of their hard work and growth by reflecting back on their time at our Akeley site in a special moving up assembly.

Our Year 6s are entering their last few weeks at St James and St John's and we look forward to sharing some special last experiences with them. There is the theatre and musicality of the Year 5 and 6 production to enjoy, the opportunity to participate in the local area Year 6 Games, as well as the Year 6 Mini Enterprise week within school (where the Year 6 children form companies to create, promote, sell a product and, hopefully, make a profit). Finally, at the very end of term, they have their Year 6 Leavers Assembly, where we celebrate their journey from Foundation Stage to Secondary school and all the good times in between.

However, before we reach that, at the end of June, there is the annual Sports Day. As in previous years, we will all be together at the Chackmore site for a day of sports activities and fun, with an opportunity for parents to enjoy a picnic with their children before some slightly more competitive races for the children. We're crossing our fingers that this lovely weather holds!

Wishing all the families and friends of St James and St John CE Primary School a safe and peaceful summer holiday! We look forward to seeing everybody in the autumn!

CG

Family Services at Stowe Parish Church.

Sitting with Jesus

July 9th – What did Jesus say?

Matthew 4, 23-25 and 5,1 and 14-16

When Jesus saw the crowds He went up on a mountainside and sat down. For Jesus this was a teaching opportunity and, like all rabbis, He sat down to teach. It did not matter whether it was in a synagogue or out in the open air, what He had to say was so interesting, so unusual, so authoritative, so understandable, that crowds of people gathered to hear Him. He had much to say that altered and deepened their perception of life. For instance, "You are the light of the world." Who, me? Ordinary, obscure, nothing exceptional and outstanding. Then Jesus explained that we are lights whose honesty, integrity, cheerfulness, wisdom, sympathy, patience and all our other good qualities make us God's lights in the world. *How brightly do we shine?*

August 13th – Dinner with Matthew

Matthew 9, 9-13

In Jesus' time robbers, murderers and tax-collectors were classed together as people too loathsome to be admitted into the synagogue. Such a person was Matthew/ Levi. Although he was a Jew he worked for the Romans collecting the taxes they demanded. Tax collectors were particularly shunned because they exploited their power.

How surprised Matthew must have been when Jesus stopped at his table and said, "Follow Me." Matthew got up immediately and followed Him. He made a feast and gathered his friends and fellow tax-gatherers, all unworthy sinful types, to join him and Jesus. The Pharisees were aghast.

Jesus, however, saw into Matthew's heart and saw what he could become. Matthew followed Jesus, wrote the first account of Jesus' life, wanting to share the wonder of the Saviour of the world walking among ordinary and sinful people. *Do we condemn or do we look for the best in people?*

GM

From the end of June, if there are to be services every Sunday at Stowe Church, the service pattern will have to change. The PCC has therefore decided that from 1st July the pattern will be as follows

- 1st Sunday – 9.45am – 1662 Holy Communion
- 2nd Sunday – 9.45am – Family Service
- 3rd Sunday – 9.45am – Common Worship Communion
- 4th Sunday – 9.45am – Morning Prayer
- 5th Sunday – 8.00am – Said 1662 Communion
9.45am – Mission Morning Prayer

This will be reviewed in the autumn. Do please let the PCC have any comments or thoughts you have about the new system once it has been in place for a month or two.

There will be Evensong at 6pm in Dadford Cemetery Chapel on 9th July and 13th August. All are welcome to these short but lovely services.

For more information see Stowe Parish Church website: www.stowechurch.org.uk

DADFORD PARISH COUNCIL



As summer approaches we hope that you will be able to enjoy the outdoor spaces that Dadford has to offer, we hope that you will agree the new fencing to the playground and allotment area looks smart and will enhance the village.

The new speed sign at the Silverstone end of the village is now working well and the Parish Council will be recording and reviewing both the level and speed of passing vehicles for the benefit of all parishioners.

Councillor Adekunle Osibogun attended the last parish council meeting on 31.05.2023 and concerns were raised with him about the large number of pot holes in our local roads, (Dadford and Stowe). He very kindly agreed to both view and escalate the areas of concern to Buckinghamshire County Council. We have since been advised that these issues will be addressed at the earliest possible opportunity although we do not have any specific dates to share with you at present.

Please ensure that any repairs or maintenance required in your area are reported on fix my street, this is a dedicated website where you can upload photos and any other relevant information which will enable the council to investigate and repair any defects such as pot holes etc. info@stoweipc.co.uk

KW



DADFORD WI

In May we were pleased to welcome the Hand Bell Ringers from Leckhampstead, and as it was our Coronation meeting we were entertained by appropriate music with Pomp and Circumstance and the Royal Fireworks along with some old favourites. We heard of the bells' history and that they are now well over 100 years old, still in the original case and complete with the original music book, although this is not used now. Members were invited to 'have a go', with some surprising results. A very enjoyable meeting followed by a Coronation tea, certainly fit for a King.

In June we welcomed Jenny Metcalfe who came to tell us all about her voluntary work in Albania, Cambodia and Nepal. First volunteering in 2012

Jenny realized she needed to fulfill some dreams and certainly felt 'a calling'. She made lifelong friends, was hosted by some lovely families and is now involved with a women's sewing group in Nepal, as well as providing sewing machines and training to enable women to set up their own businesses. Jenny was proudly wearing a beautiful dress made by the sewing group. She is planning to return to Nepal in October for about 6 weeks and continue her valued voluntary work. We thanked Jenny for her lovely slides and very interesting talk and wished her well for her next trip abroad.

Why not join us on 13th July to learn more about the Help Line 111 and on the 10th August we will be trying our hand at being painters under the watchful eye of fellow member Joyce Jeffs.

Look forward to seeing you.
Loreen.



2023 Formula 1 British Grand Prix, 6 – 9 July

We're gearing up for another huge Grand Prix and it's set to be a sell-out event. The traffic is expected to be busy in the area from Wednesday 5 July through to Monday 10 July.

The Traffic Management information leaflet and Resident Access labels will be delivered to all homes in Dadford in early June. Once published the leaflet will also be available to download on the Residents page of the Silverstone circuit website.

2023 Residents Pass - if you haven't applied for a Residents Pass don't forget to head to the Residents page of our website to complete the form. The pass will provide complimentary tickets for many of our racing events including the Silverstone Festival (formerly known as The Classic), British Touring Car Championship (qualifying and race day), as well as a range of Club Race meetings. If you have any enquiries, please contact Residents@silverstone.co.uk and we'll be happy to assist you.



Congratulations to Charles Roy Hazlewood and Hayley Rebecca Louise Sellers who were married at Stowe Church on Saturday 17th June 2023

AND

Polly Joanna Hingston Smallwood who is marrying George Wheeler on 12th August 2023

Jane Scott passed away on 18th May 2023 and was known locally as a formidable watercolour artist and teacher of adult education in Buckinghamshire. She lived in Dadford for eighteen years before moving to Stowe with her family and became a familiar figure, painting scenes of Stowe, before the arrival of The National Trust. She subsequently set up Village Framers alongside her husband Ian and was instrumental in setting up the Open Gardens event in Lillingstone Lovell. Jane's limited-edition watercolour prints, and screen print of 'Leaving Stowe' are now available for sale. Please contact verity@verityscott.co.uk for more information.



Date 2023	Sidesmen	Prayers	Refreshments
2nd July	Tamara & John Kimpton	Liturgy	Tamara Kimpton
9th July	Gill Smith		Elsbeth Mullineux
16th July	Andrew Rudolf & Patricia Forbes	Gillian Macdonald	Nancy Pullen
23rd July	Laurence Gibson & Chris Close-Smith	Gill Smith	Bernadette Matthews
30th July	Loreen Williams & Hilary Hawkins	Andrew Rudolf	Kay Murray
6th August	Richard & Essex Close-Smith	Liturgy	Gillian Macdonald
13th August	Nancy Pullin		Lyn East
20th August	Gill Smith & Lyn & Ray East	Kay Murray	Kay Murray
27th August	Laurence Gibson & Chris Close-Smith	Gill Smith	Nancy Pullen

Date	Flowers	Cleaning	Prayer-board
2nd July	Heather Meredith		John Kimpton
9th July	Hilary Hawkins	Neil & Susan Fraser-Smith	Tamara Kimpton
16th July	Loreen Williams		Lyn East
23rd July	Rosie Cowdy	Rosie Cowdy and Pat Walton	Gill Smith
30th July	Pat Walton		Gillian Macdonald
6th August	Diana Wyatt	Chris and Phillipa Atkinson	Kay Murray
13th August	Gillian Macdonald		Lyn East
20th August	Heather Meredith	Chris and Venice Close Smith	Gill Smith
27th August	Hilary Hawkins		Gillian Macdonald

Date	Time	Service	Lead/Preach
2nd July	09:45	1662 Communion	Rev Cathy Pearce
9th July	09:45	Family Service	Kay Murray
	18:00	Evensong in Dadford Cemetery Chapel	Cancelled-Silverstone weekend
16th July	09:45	Common Worship Communion	Rev Hans Taling
23rd July	09:45	Morning Prayer	Gillian Macdonald / Andrew Rudolf
30th July	08:00	Said 1662 Communion	Rev Ron Bundock
	09:45	Mission Morning Prayer	Pauline Stanton-Saringer and CHIT
6th August	09:45	1662 Communion	Rev Cathy Pearce
13th August	09:45	Family Service	Dave Pearce
	18:00	Evensong in Dadford Cemetery Chapel	Gillian Macdonald
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