

Dear Friends,

The long, bitterly cold winter is past! In our homes the days of restricting our comfort of warmth with the rationing of fuel are nearly over - for the time being.

Perhaps it has been a period of reflection to consider our wealth in this community, where we have everything for our needs more or less to hand in comparison to not only the homeless here in England but in particular the innocent Ukrainian people, who after the Russian attacks, suddenly find themselves with absolutely nothing in the world and in colder temperatures than we experience here. Likewise survivors of the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

In our reflections, as Christians, we pray harder for those organisations who work to bring humanitarian aid and relief to such places, especially 'Tearfund' and 'Open Doors' whom we support as a church with regular funds each week and also learn from them of their self-giving work in many other dangerous places in the world.

At the time of writing this, Spring has arrived and we are well into April and have just celebrated Easter and the 'glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.' In our gardens the birds know the time for building their nests; they don't wait for the cold winds to stop and the sun to shine, they move with God's creation. I am reminded of that great hymn "Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round" written by John W. Chadwick and the following lines are some taken from the first verse:

*"Guide of the nations from the night profound - into the glory of the perfect day;  
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be - Guided and strengthened and upheld by Thee"*

As you read this letter it is now the month of May and we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III on May 6th. The United Kingdom is a country of more diverse nationalities and cultures within England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales than it was in 1953 at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and this Coronation is an opportunity for us to unite in support of our new King Charles.



**God save the King - Long live the King!**

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### Lent Evensong with Confirmation at Stowe Church



This was a very special service for the Thorne family with Leo and Ben being confirmed and also for the Stowe church family. It was well attended; Rev Cathy Pearce led the service and Trudi Taling played the organ. The hymns were chosen by Leo and Ben and there was time to chat after the service over some special refreshments.

Both boys said that they really enjoyed their confirmation, particularly as it was at Stowe as it removed the apprehension of going to an unfamiliar place. (Ben)

Leo said it felt good to formally be part of God's family, though he knows that he's always been in it! And, "It was great to have their new Bibles signed by Bishop Alan."

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



With the very start of the summer term, we looked back at another full and exciting spring term.

At the start of March we celebrated World Book Day. Children came to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book. The teachers at the Akeley site came dressed as characters from 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' and the teachers at the Chackmore site came dressed as characters from 'Peter Pan'. The day was filled with lots of book related activities, including the teachers sharing their favourite books and lots of creative reading experiences. The children were also excited to work with author, Christian Darkin, who came into school and worked with each class on creative writing opportunities.

We celebrated Science Week in mid-March, with lots of practical hands-on experiments to help bring science theory to life. As part of this week, we also enjoyed a whole school visit to the Silverstone Museum. As well as a chance to explore the museum and try the hands-on activities, there was also time for a visit to the Silverstone race track and for each class to take part in a workshop.

This half term the Year 3s have enjoyed an Anglo-Saxon day, taking part in activities to bring the historical period to life. We were also all wearing red for Comic Relief and had a parents' workshop about the importance of Internet Safety, which was run in partnership with Hazard Alley.

We were very excited to hold our annual Mother's Day assemblies at both sites, where we were able to celebrate mothers of all types within our school community and our children were able to show them how much they mean to them. The children were also able to present them with a small potted plant too. We thank the PTFA for the beautiful flowers and for their invaluable help serving teas and coffees at the assemblies.

Near the end of term, we enjoyed watching the Year 3/4 production, which this year was 'Edith's Wartime Scrapbook'. We enjoyed being able to share the production with a grandparents' performance, as well as an afternoon and evening one too. They acted brilliantly and did a fantastic job of remembering all their lines and the lyrics to the songs too.



With the lead up to Easter, we were pleased to invite both Curate Kate Pellereau from Buckingham Parish Church and also Curate Cathy Pearce from the North Buckingham Parish, both of whom did a fantastic job of bringing the Easter story, and its meanings of love and forgiveness to life. We finished the term with a day of Easter related fun and activities, at our whole school Easter Extravaganza. CG

## Family Services at Stowe Parish Church.

### May 14th - Rogation

This was a day of processions, to mark the parish boundaries while asking God to bless the yield of the fields and the sea. In Latin 'rogare' means 'to ask.' Today we will process into the gardens noting with wonder and joy the new life of Spring and asking God to bless our endeavours in commerce and industry, plot and farm. Please join us in this outdoor Service.

### June 18th Peacemakers - Barnabas opens doors

#### Acts 9, 26-30

The people who stoned the first martyr Stephen to death laid their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. He was ruthless in hunting down Christians who scattered to other countries. Saul was determined to follow and find them. On the road to Damascus he saw a blinding flash of light and heard the voice of Jesus. From that moment he was

a changed man. Instead of persecuting Christians he became a firm and enthusiastic follower of Jesus. Jesus' friends viewed him with great suspicion and fear. Only one person believed the best in him. Barnabas trusted him and stood surety for him. Barnabas "the encourager" cleared away all doubt and Saul, later Paul, travelled far and wide taking the good news of Jesus the Saviour into many countries. Are you an encourager?

**Ascension Day**, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 40 days after Easter, commemorating Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven.

And 10 days later Christians celebrate **Pentecost Sunday** 28<sup>th</sup> May, the birthday of the Christian Church, when Jesus' promise that God would send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled.

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## DADFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to spring, let's hope that with the clocks going forward thankfully not on Mothering Sunday this year we can look forward to some brighter weather and can start getting out and about in our gardens and local countryside and enjoy the beautiful spring bulbs.

The Parish Council have decided that we will not be organising a community event in honour of the King's Coronation in May, with the current cost of living crisis it was felt that the funds would be better kept in reserve for the coming year. We do hope that you all enjoy the Coronation celebrations in your own way and should you like to organise your own community event, feel free to contact us for availability of the Village Hall. God save the King, long may he reign.

The new fence along the main road is being installed imminently as is the new Speed sign so let's hope that along with the additional speed hump this may encourage more sensible driving speeds through the village.

We hope that with the better weather you will be able to utilise the new gym equipment and table tennis table in the playground area.

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We were very lucky when we met for our March meeting that the snowy weather eased just enough for us to meet safely. We soon got crafting with Jo Humphries, who had us folding strips of coloured paper and attaching them in a set sequence to a template to make a very professional looking greetings card, perfect for Mother's Day or Easter. It certainly kept us concentrating and we were delighted with our results. We certainly hope to invite Jo back in the future.



For our April meeting we welcomed Ruth Hawkins who

came to tell us about her and husband Glen's special holiday to the Galapagos Islands and Peru. The trip started with a tour of the Galapagos Islands where they encountered Giant Tortoises and the world's smallest Penguins. The islands' animals were all quite friendly and were not afraid of human contact. Everywhere they went their bags were searched to make sure that nobody was attempting to steal the wildlife. Unfortunately the trip was curtailed as riots in Peru meant that the Inca Trail and rain forest experience were no longer safe. They managed to get on the last flight home via Miami Florida. An unfortunate end to a trip of a lifetime.

Join us on 11<sup>th</sup> May when we will be entertained by the Leckhampstead Hand Bells and celebrating the Coronation of King Charles. On the 8<sup>th</sup> June we will be going on a journey to Nepal with Jenny Metcalfe.

See you soon, *Loreen*

### Congratulations

Julie Cakebread was recently made an 'Honorary Fellow' at the University of Buckingham's annual graduation celebrations after serving forty seven years at the university where she still works. Julie joined in 1976, a week before what was then University College, Buckingham, opened.



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*Note from the editor. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in producing the parish newsletter due to a broken right wrist!*

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Date 2023	Sidesmen	Prayers	Refreshments		
7th May	Gill Smith & Lyn/Ray	Gillian Macdonald	Lyn East		
14th May	Nancy Pullin	Rogation	Nancy Pullin		
21st May	Richard & Essex	Liturgy	Tamara Kimpton		
28th May	Andrew & Patricia	Kay Murray	Kay Murray		
4th June	Hilary & Loreen	Sally Drummond-Hay	Gillian Macdonald		
11th June	Laurence & Robin/Nancy	Liturgy	Elsbeth Mullineux		
18th June	Nancy Pullin	Children	Lyn East		
25th June	Tamara & John	Andrew Rudolf	Bernadette Matthews		
Date	Flowers	Cleaning	Prayer-board		
7th May	Gillian Macdonald		Gillian Macdonald		
14th May	Heather Meredith	Chris Close-Smith & Venice	Kay Murray		
21st May	Hilary Hawkins		John Kimpton		
28th May	Loreen Williams	John & Tamara	Lyn East		
4th June	Rosi Cowdy		Gill Smith		
11th June	Pat Walton	Lyn & Ray	Tamara Kimpton		
18th June	Diana Wyatt		Gillian Macdonald		
25th June	Gillian Macdonald	Nancy Pullin & Hazelwoods	Kay Murray		
Date	Time	Service	Theme	Readings	Lead/preach
7th May	8.00am 9.45am	Said 1662 Communion Morning Prayer	Daniel	Daniel 6:10-23 Psalm 27:1-6	? Andrew Rudolf Keith Croxton
14th May	9.45am	Family Rogation Service	Rogation		Kay Murray
21st May	9.45am	1662 Communion	Sunday after Ascension	Daniel 7:13-14 Luke 24:44-53	Rev Cathy Pearce
28th May	9.45am	Common Worship Communion	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39	Rev Max Wigley
	6.00pm	Evensong in Dadford Cemetery Chapel		Psalm 67 Numbers 11:24-30 Acts 2:14-21	Gillian Macdonald
4th June	8.00am 9.45am	Said 1662 Communion Morning Prayer	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40:12-17+27-31 2 Corinthians 13:11-14	? Gillian Macdonald Andrew Rudolf
11th June	2-3pm	1662 Communion	2.Gideon	Judges 6:11-16+25-28+ 7:7-8 Matthew 8:23-27	Rev Maurice Stanton-Saringer
18th June	9.45am	Family Service	Peacemakers - Barnabas opens doors	Acts 9:26-30	Rev Hans Taling or Kay Murray
25th June	9.45am	Common Worship Communion	People of Courage 1. Nehemiah	Nehemiah 2:1-10+6:15-17 Isaiah 43:1-7	Dr. Paul Woods
	9.45am	Common Worship Communion	5. Peter and John before the Sanhedrin	Acts 4:1-21+ 5:27-33 Matthew 10:17-20	Rev Val Plumb