

# Dadford with Stowe Parish Newsletter

## March - April

**STOWE PARISH CHURCH**  
LOVING GOD + LOVING OUR NEIGHBOURS  
MATT 22:37-39

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter in January, during winter's icy grip – a letter you will read in March, when spring may be starting! This reminds us of God's promise to Noah about the certainty of the seasons .... "As long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, will never cease." Gen. 8: 22. Critics might suggest that the threat of climate change could bring possible uncertainties with the greater length and extremes to some seasons.

For the Christian, however, God the Creator has laid down the orderly, basic structure of the world. Sadly, mankind's free will to choose exploitation and thoughtless stewardship leads to the ripples of uncertainty about decay in and destruction of the natural world. In human society, we can see the same spectacle of dysfunction – discontents, inequalities, broken relationships, suffering and war .... besides, in the UK, the current round of strikes, dilapidation of the NHS and the pressure from the cost-of-living crisis.

What is the answer to this gloomy prospect? The season of Lent, encouraging self-examination and improvement, might show us the causes of and remedy for these uncertainties. Are we failing to follow God's way individually and as a society? Uncertainty haunts the outlook for our own church family or even the Church of England. The promise of Easter – to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection when He overcame Sin, Evil and Death – should be welcomed and applied. After all, He did say at the Last Supper .... "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16: 33

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### LENT (22 February - 8th April)

Traditionally, Lent is a time for self-examination to help us run the Christian race more effectively: as individuals we might take on the challenge to point others to Jesus more clearly, as opportunity offers and to recognise and respond to the nudges of the Holy Spirit. As the church family we might review what we offer in services etc, be it strengthening our faith or encouraging more to join.

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### Easter Week Services



**Palm Sunday (2nd April) -** Deanery Lent Service with confirmation 6.00pm Stowe Parish Church. During this service Leo and Ben Thorne are being confirmed by Alan, the Bishop of Buckingham. All are welcome to come along and support them on this special occasion.

**Maundy (Thursday 6th April) -** an evening service will be held at Maids Moreton Church at 6.00pm

**Good Friday (7th April) -** Meditation at Stowe Parish Church at 2.00pm led by Andrew Rudolf

**Easter Day -** Family communion at 9.45 led by the Rev Ron Bundock. All are welcome.



### New Life on the Farm

As the days start to lengthen again, Spring is on its way and it is the start of our lambing season.

The flock is moved into fields closer to home with some going into the barns where the ewes give birth. Mostly, the ewes lamb themselves with the newborn up, bleating and looking for its first feed of colostrum (which is ideal for the lamb) within minutes. However, we check regularly to ensure that none of the sheep are struggling and assist where necessary, also making sure the ewe has licked the birth sack off the lamb's nose so that it can breathe. When the ewe has enough milk and the lambs are strong and healthy, they are turned out onto fresh grass in small groups so they don't get mixed up and it is always lovely to see the lambs gambolling about the field on a sunny, Spring Day.

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



With the days starting to lengthen, warmer weather on its way and signs of spring all around, we are coming towards the end of the Spring term. Looking back since the new year, the children have enjoyed a variety of opportunities all designed to enhance their learning and build their skills. We have been fortunate to welcome visitors into school numerous times over the last couple of months. This included a visitor from the Buckingham Canal Society, who discussed the science behind canals and re-building them with Year 2.



We also had visitors from the Milton Keynes Synagogue who discussed with both Year 4 and Year 2 the importance of Passover to Jews and the significance of the food they eat during the festival, with relevant links to RE and understanding other religious festivals.

At the Akeley site, we welcomed a variety of animals with a visit from Zoolab. The Year 1, 2 and Foundation stage children got the opportunity to look and handle various animals including a snake, gecko, giant millipede and African snail. It was a great opportunity for the children to learn about animals and we were impressed by the insightful questions asked and the maturity the children showed. We look forward to welcoming more visitors over the rest of the academic year.

Other opportunities have included the Year 4s experiencing a day at Holdenby House and experiencing a snapshot of life in wartime 1942, linking to their history topic about World War 2. The Year 5 children have had the opportunity to take part in Level 2 of the Bikeability training scheme, developing those important cycling skills and the Year 3s have enjoyed a Stone Age day at school, focusing on different aspects of life in the Stone Age and really bringing their learning to life.

At the start of February we took part in the NSPCC's Number day, where we enjoyed a morning of mathematical activities and for a donation could come to school dressed as a number, or as a rock star or robot (to reflect the 'Times Tables Rock Stars' and 'Numbots' games the children use to practise at home). February also hailed the annual school disco, put on by the PTFA for the children. There were lots of great dance moves and a generous amount was raised for the benefit of the children and the school.

Coming up in March, we look forward to World Book Day and sharing our favourite books, both old and new, with each other (as well as some fabulous costumes too!). We also have a whole-school trip to the Silverstone Museum on the horizon, as well as a whole-school Easter Extravaganza for the end of term.

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### Family Services at Stowe Parish Church.

March 19th - *Mothering Sunday*  
Colossians 3, 12 - 17

Today we honour mothers. We each have a mother. We also have mothering figures in our lives and we may be mothering figures to others. What we recognise and cherish are the graces we find, compassion in sharing joys and sorrows, kindness and thoughtfulness, humility and lack of arrogance, gentleness and helpfulness, patience to share and encourage and, above all, love that binds us in God's family. All these graces mould our personal relationships and enrich our lives together. In the Name of Jesus we praise, celebrate, worship and give thanks.

Come and join us in singing joyful songs of praise and thanks to God for His gift of love.

April 9th - **Easter**

Matthew 28, 1 - 10; Acts 10, 34 - 43

### Alleluia! Christ is risen!

This is the joyful shout of Easter Day.

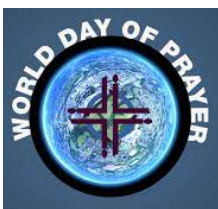
All gloom and sorrow vanish as we rejoice that the worst man can do has been overturned, death is conquered and a new relationship of trust and forgiveness of sins begins with God.

With heavy hearts the two Marys approached the tomb, bringing spices to embalm Jesus' body, wondering how they could enter the cave guarded by a large stone and Roman soldiers. A violent earth tremor shifted the stone and sent the soldiers fleeing. Inside the cave they found an angel who told them to do three things - believe, share the news, rejoice. So we do today.

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## World Day of Prayer



World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 11.30am at St. Bernardine's, Chandos Road, Buckingham. Refreshments served after the service. All are welcome whatever your denomination. Members of Stowe Church will be taking part as usual and hope you will join us.

This year the service is written by the Christian women of Taiwan. Their theme is 'I have heard about your faith'. Churches take turns to host the service and representatives from all the local churches take part in it. Donations help projects in many countries across the world.



As Spring approaches let's hope that we can soon look forward to some better weather and enjoy the daffodils in the play area as they start to emerge again this year. You may have noticed that the brook and play area look much tidier as they have recently been strimmed and carefully maintained. The next area which requires attention is the fence along the main road in Dadford. It is planned that this will be repaired or replaced as required by the beginning of April 2023.

In addition, the Village Hall car park has been cleared to allow greater parking.

Many thanks to our Parish Councillors, Jamie Boulet, Steve Williamson and Ken Edwards, for giving up their valuable time in order to attend to some minor repairs at the village hall. This is most appreciated especially as the appointed Sunday morning was a chilly miserable one!

Many of you attended the Parish celebrations during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last year and following her sad passing we shall be discussing ideas for another celebration in honour of King Charles' Coronation, which is set for Saturday the 6th May. The Parish Council would be delighted to consider any ideas you may have to celebrate this event as a parish and would welcome your suggestions by emailing: [info@stoweipc.co.uk](mailto:info@stoweipc.co.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you so that we can start to plan for this exciting event.

### Silverstone Residents' Pass Programme 2023

Silverstone has opened applications for its 2023 Residents' Pass Programme. The Residents' Pass grants free access to the circuit on selected race weekends throughout the 2023 season for Dadford residents. One Resident Pass per household will be offered, which will entitle 2 adults and 4 children tickets (aged 15 or under) per event. The application form requires proof of residence (eg utility bill, council tax, driving licence) to be uploaded.

The calendar of events features over 25 race meetings, including British Superbikes (Saturday), British Touring Car Championship (Saturday) and Silverstone Festival - formerly known as The Classic (Sunday).

The application form (to be submitted by 31st May) can be completed at:

<https://www.silverstone.co.uk/about/local-community/local-residents-information>



### DADFORD WI January and February

Well what a start to 2023 when we gave a warm welcome to our speaker Pam Ibbotson, not wishing to give away Pam's age, but she must be the oldest speaker we have had. But as they say, age is just a number and Pam certainly didn't disappoint, she held her audience brilliantly and ably assisted by her daughter Ibby we were entertained to some fascinating true stories of her career in antiques. Pam brought along various items which had a story to them and also a mystery object which she kept us guessing on right to the end. She found a very rare wooden doll in a skip, which later sold for several thousand pounds and an unframed painting hidden in between layers of old carpet. Pam finished her stories with a friendly ghost story at Kiplin Hall whilst helping a friend do some tidying up. A brilliant way to start our new programme and even better meeting Pam.

*Just as the Stowe Parish Newsletter was about to go to print we received the very sad news that Pam had passed away at her home in Greatworth. We were so fortunate to have spent a wonderful afternoon with her in January and we extend our heartfelt sympathies to her daughter Ibby and family.*

In February we welcomed Professor Sebastian Lucas, retired Pathologist. Explaining his role, not a bit like the TV series portrays, but the different areas of his work. Taking him to Kenya and Africa and working on infectious diseases, HIV, Cancer and Covid and much much more, summing up his work as 'Saving lives and solving the mysteries of Death'. We also learned how biopsies are able to diagnose illnesses and the need for an autopsy to determine the cause of death as Sebastian said 'The dead teach the living'. A fascinating look at a pathologist's work and a very warm vote of thanks was given.

Join us on 9<sup>th</sup> March, when we will be Crafting with Jo and on 13<sup>th</sup> April Ruth Hawkins will be taking us on her travels to Peru.

Look forward to seeing you.  
Loreen

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Date 2023		Sidesmen	Prayers	Refreshments	
5th March		Hilary & Loreen	Tamara Kimpton	Kay Murray	
12th March		Laurence & Patricia	Liturgy	Gillian Macdonald	
19th March		Nancy Pullin	Children	Elspeth Mullineux	
26th March		Andrew & Robin & Nancy	Gillian Macdonald	Lyn East	
2nd April		Richard & Essex	Kay Murray	Nancy Pullin	
9th April		Gill Smith & Robert & Sally	Sally Drummond-Hay	Tamara Kimpton	
16th April		Laurence & Chris Close-Smith	Andrew Rudolf	Gillian Macdonald	
23rd April		Tamara & John	Gill Smith	Kay Murray	
30th April		Loreen & Hilary	Tamara Kimpton	Elspeth Mullineux	
Date		Flowers	Cleaning	Prayer-board	
5th March		Lent	Lyn and Ray East	Lyn East	
12th March		Lent		Gill Smith	
19th March		Lent	Nancy Pullin and Hazlewoods	Tamara Kimpton	
26th March		Lent		Gillian Macdonald	
2nd April		Lent	Neil and Susan Fraser-Smith	Kay Murray	
9th April		Loreen Williams		John Kimpton	
16th April		Rosi Cowdy	Pat Walton and Rosie Cowdy	Lyn East	
23rd April		Pat Walton		Gill Smith	
30th April		Diana Wyatt	Chris and Philippa Atkinson	Tamara Kimpton	
Date	Time	Service	Theme	Readings	Lead/preach
5th March	8.00am 9.45am	Said 1662 Communion Morning Prayer	Liturgy	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5 +13-17	Rev Ron Bundock Gillian Macdonald Simeons - Tom Farlow
12th March	9.45am	1662 Communion	Liturgy	Exodus 17:1-7 John 4:5-42	Rev Max Wigley
19th March	9.45am	Family Service	Mothering Sundy	Colossians 3:12-17	Kay Murray
26th March	9.45am	Common Worship Communion	Liturgy	Psalm 130 John 11:1-45	Rev Ron Bundock Paul Mileham
2nd April	8.00am 9.45am 6.00pm	Said 1662 Communion Morning Prayer Lent Deanery Service with Confirmation	Liturgy	Psalm 118:19-24 Matthew 21:1-11	Rev Cathy Pearce Gillian Macdonald Andrew Rudolf
7th April	2-3pm	Meditation			Andrew Rudolf
9th April	9.45am	Easter Family Communion	Easter	Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 28:1-10	Rev Ron Bundock
16th April	9.45am	Morning Prayer	People of Courage 1. Nehemiah	Nehemiah 2:1-10+6:15-17 Isaiah 43:1-7	Dr. Paul Woods
23rd April	9.45am	Common Worship Communion	People of Courage 2. Deborah	Judges 4:4-16 Luke 1:46-55	Rev Chris Murray Paul Mileham
30th April	9.45am	Mission Morning Prayer	Mission		Gillian Macdonald Tom Harrison