

# *Dadford with Stowe Parish Newsletter*

## *November - December 2022*

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

Dear Friends

If we revise history will we ever learn?

Referring to an article in the Spectator (22 October) penned by Charles Moore, I read that a consistory court in Salisbury has recently granted a Dorchester church authority to remove a memorial to John Gordon who became instrumental in quelling a dangerous slave rebellion in Jamaica during 1760. This ecumenical court held that whilst it acknowledged the monument's historical importance, it also contained clearly racist language, '...entirely inconsistent with Christianity's foundational understanding'. Moore observes; 'Is that correct? Surely 'Negroes' was the normal, neutral word then used.'

Whilst quelling a dangerous rebellion at a time when slavery was lawful Gordon, a devout christian, actually gained the respect of the slaves whom he chose to remove to another island rather than killing them. It seems that the above memorial was originally placed in the church; deserving of such an honour given the mercy he had shown in those troubled times. Consider what this courageous man did within the times in which he lived, rather than have his record removed due to a revisionist view of history.

To learn lessons of the past, can we really do so by revising them in retrospect? Consider Moses' actions in leading the Israelites against the Midianites (Numbers 31). Ought that lead asks Mr Moore, to Moses' statue being removed from the Medici Chapel?

From aiding our understanding of the present to preparing us for the future, we have much to learn from the realities of the past.

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### **The death of Queen Elizabeth II, 8 September 2022**

The Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms was the longest-reigning British monarch, she died of "old age" at Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, at the age of 96.

People at home and abroad mourned the death of the Queen. During the 10 days of mourning she lay in State and the public were able to pay their respects.

At Stowe a book of condolences was opened for the congregation to write their personal messages and a card signed by members of Stowe Church was sent to the Palace for King Charles 3rd and his family.



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### **Family Services at Stowe Parish Church: Theme - Peacemakers**

November 20<sup>th</sup> Dispute resolved - Acts 6, 1-7. The Feast of Pentecost followed the Passover Week.

December 18<sup>th</sup> Promise fulfilled - 2 Samuel 7, 1-5 and 8-11, 16 Luke 1, 67-79

We rejoice at the birth of this Baby, God Himself coming into our world, a "Wonderful Counsellor" Who will stand beside us with advice, encouragement and support and, sometimes, challenges. He is the Prince of Peace, bringing peace into our troubled world with His promise of forgiveness for repentance and boundless love. No wonder we celebrate the human birth of our Saviour.



The **death** of the Queen and coverage of her funeral topped the ranks of the most-watched broadcasts **in British television** history, thousands of people flocked to London to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II during the 10 days of mourning. Among them were two of Stowe's congregation. Recalled by Charlotte Close-Smith.

*"On Thursday 15th September my sister and I made our way to Southwark Park to join the lying in state queue. We met our own "queue buddy " who had travelled from Guernsey that morning. Interestingly she had been in the crowds at the Queen's coronation and also attended Sir Winston Churchill's lying in state.*

*Having queued for just over 11 hours we went through the airport type security checks on Friday morning at 9 o'clock. The atmosphere immediately changed and there was total silence as we walked into the building.*

*There were four individual queues leading into Westminster Hall with people from all walks of life. We were fortunate enough to witness a changing of the guards which meant we were in the hall for an extra 15 minutes. This allowed us time for quiet reflection and to offer our own individual thanks and prayers for an exceptional Monarch."* CCS

## Harvest Festival at Stowe Church, 2nd October



The church was beautifully decorated for Harvest.

People brought food for the Food Bank and fresh produce. Food Bank was glad of the many bags they received and monetary donations given to Tearfund.

People stayed on after the service to enjoy the Harvest Festival Finger buffet.



## Churchyard Tidy-up Day, Friday 9th September

A group of willing workers turned up promptly at 9.30am and worked hard all morning tidying up the churchyard and cleaning the Church. It was a worthwhile and enjoyable morning and a lot of work was done!

A special thank you to Chris and Philippa Atkinson, who took away the woody waste the following week.



Following the sad loss of Ivy Cakebread in December last year, Stowe Parish Council and Dadford Womens Institute have joined forces to create a lasting memory of dear Ivy. Now resplendent on top of the Village Hall is a weathervane in the form of a 'Landing Duck' along with a commemorative plaque underneath. Ivy loved her village, she loved ducks and was a devoted member of both organisations. We hope like us you will pass by and remember her with fondness.



## There will be a Remembrance service at Dadford Cemetery on Sunday 13th November at 10.45am.

Everyone is very welcome to come along for this short act of remembrance to honour all those who have died fighting for the freedom we all enjoy today.







As the nights draw in, we hope that you are all keeping well and warm, just a reminder that the additional road works at the Silverstone end of the village are due to commence from 31<sup>st</sup> | October 2022 for approx. 2 weeks. We hope that these additional works will result in slower traffic through the village and that this will outweigh any short-term inconvenience whilst the work is taking place.

A special thanks to Hilary Hawkins for representing the village during a special remembrance service at Stowe Church on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022, which commences at 9.45 am. Hilary will be laying a wreath in remembrance of those fallen. Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorists.

Please feel free to attend this special service and support the Royal British Legion by purchasing a poppy if you are able.

Another word of thanks to Colin and Lynn Stanbrook for arranging the installation of the weathervane at the Village Hall in memory of our beloved Ivy Cakebread, we feel certain that she would have been truly touched with such a beautiful memorial. Thanks to both the Parish Council and the Dadford W.I. for the donations which allowed us to remember her in this very special way.

If you are planning a family get together over the festive period and would like to hire the village hall for a very reasonable fee, please contact [info@stowepc.uk](mailto:info@stowepc.uk) for availability. Further information can be found at [www.stowepc.uk/bookings/](http://www.stowepc.uk/bookings/)

On behalf of the Stowe Parish Council, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



### DADFORD WI September and October

Unfortunately at the last minute our speaker was unable to attend our September meeting. But true to WI form two members, Hilary and Loreen took up the reins and entertained our members for the afternoon. With masses of greenery, colourful flowers and dishes full of floristry oasis, members set-to, to make their own flower arrangements. What some lovely results we had, all worthy to be put somewhere for all to see. With help at hand if needed we all had fun and still found time to have a chat while engrossed in our work. On completion one arrangement was sent to Jennifer Beckett our Treasurer to wish her a speedy recovery following a fall which resulted in a broken hip.



In October we were delighted to welcome Jonathan Humbert to a packed hall. Husbands and friends had been invited to hear all about the history past and present of Home Farm,

Dadford. Jonathan had worked for Delia Davies, for around 6 years and had some very fond memories of his time there.

Delia was a founder member and over the years the WI had held several meetings in her large dining room. We learned how the farm was sold by the Duke of Buckingham's estate and how the Davies family came to own it. Home farm was built as a 'model farm', and produced some championship beasts. This included two in particular, called the Duchess of Dadford and William a prize bull. High standards were kept and when Queen Victoria came to stay at Stowe House she was so taken by the butter produced in the dairy at the farm that when she returned to London, butter was sent up regularly for her. Jonathan's passion for Home Farm shone through and he brought many fascinating pieces of memorabilia for us to see. It was while he was working in Dadford he found his interest for bell ringing, encouraged and taught by his long time friend, Bill Yates, he continues his interest, and is now Steeple Keeper at St. Albans Cathedral. Jonathan also visits Stowe Church when he can and plays the organ, certainly raising the rafters. Our grateful thanks for such a fascinating talk and long may the memories live on.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November it will be our Annual Meeting and the 8<sup>th</sup> December will be our Christmas meeting, which we are hoping to hold in one of our members home.

Look forward to seeing you soon, Loreen

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Date 2022	Sidesmen	Prayers	Refreshments
6th November	Andrew Rudolf Patricia Forbes	Kay Murray	Lyn East
13th November	Sally Drummond-Hay	Sally Drummond-Hay	Remembrance Sunday
20th November	Nancy Pullin	Andrew Rudolf	Nancy Pullin
27th November	Loreen Williams Hilary Hawkins	Gill Smith	Kay Murray
4th December	John Kimpton	Tamara Kimpton	Tamara Kimpton
11th December	Laurence Gibson Chris Close-Smith	Liturgy	Gillian Macdonald
18th December	Hilary Hawkins	Children	Elspeth Mullineux
24th December	Richard & Essex Close-Smith		
25th December		Gillian Macdonald	Christmas Day
Date	Flowers	Cleaning	Prayer-board
6th November	Heather Meredith		Gill Smith
13th November		John and Tamara Kimpton	Tamara Kimpton
20th November	Hilary Hawkins		Gillian Macdonald
27th November		Lyn and Ray East	Kay Murray
4th December	Loreen Williams		John Kimpton
11th December		Nancy Pullin & Hazlewoods	Lyn East
18th December	Margaret Ryley		
24th December			
25th December		Neil and Susan Fraser Smith	Tamara Kimpton

Date	Time	Service	Theme	Readings	Lead/preach
6th November	9.45	Mission MP	Mission	1 Peter 1:3-9	Gillian Macdonald Rose Kemp
13th November	9.45	Remembrance Day Service	Remembrance	Micah 4:1-4 James 4:1-7	Gillian Macdonald Andrew Rudolf
13th November	10.45	Dadford Cemetery			Andrew Rudolf
20th November	9.45	Morning Prayer	Power of God's spoken Word	Genesis 11:1-9 John 11:38-44	Andrew Rudolf John Kimpton
27th November	9.45	Common worship communion		Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 24:36-44	Rev Ron Bundock
4th December	9.45	Morning Prayer		Isaiah 11:1-10 Matthew 3:1-12	Andrew Rudolf Keith Croxton
11th December	9.45	1662 Communion		Isaiah 35:1-10 Matthew 11:2-11	Rev Ron Bundock Pauline Stanton-Saringer
14th December	19.00	Carol Service			Rev Hans Taling
18th December	9.45	Family Nativity			Kay Murray & Children
24th December	15.30	Carols and Cake	Dadford Village H		
25th December	9.45	Family Communion		Luke 2:1-20	Rev Ron Bundock