

Dadford and Stowe Parish **Magazine**

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This magazine is produced every two months for everyone in Dadford Village and Stowe Parish.

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Dear Friends

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Hans Taling and in 2005 we moved into the North Buckingham Parish after my curacy at the parish church of Littleborough at the foot of the Pennines in the Diocese of Manchester.

Before coming to England to serve the Anglican Church, my wife (Trudi) and I lived in Barneveld in the Netherlands together with our 3 sons. At that time, I lectured in New Testament Theology at Azusa Theological Seminary (part of the VU - Vrije Universiteit, or Free University) in Amsterdam and taught RE at a secondary school for a few hours per week.

Some of my students were preparing to become RE teachers, hence my initial interest in teaching RE and to gain a better understanding of the issues facing RE teachers. To support other students who were studying to become pastors/ministers or missionaries, I was involved in the Anglican Church in Amsterdam. Trying to understand, at grass-root level, the issues facing those who share similar experiences, is one of my driving forces for being within the Church and helping it to function properly, because it is based on the principle of togetherness.

Having lectured on the Gospel of John, in particular, one of the characteristics of this Gospel is the emphasis Jesus put on togetherness and servanthood. Whereas the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) describe the public appearances and acts of Jesus. In John's Gospel the main discourse is on the private and intimate talks Jesus had with the disciples. In these talks Jesus emphasised how the one was not more important than the other. In setting an example, Jesus even took the role as the servant in the household to wash the disciples' feet.

As servanthood and togetherness are such an important feature of what Jesus taught us, I hope that we are able to move forward unitedly with all who are living in Dadford and Stowe Parish and those who are "gathered" from further afield as members of Stowe Parish Church.

With Best wishes, Hans

Note from the editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all this members who have been supportive of the magazine and submitted interesting and relevant contributions for yet another year. Thank you to those who deliver them as it would be a mammoth task if it were left to me.

I would like to thank, also, those volunteers who so readily accept the invitation to join a rota. The list of which can be seen on the back page, both inside and outside! This list of thanks also extends to my eagle-eyed proof reader, Gillian.

If anyone would like to join a rota please speak with the church wardens or with the person responsible for compiling a particular one.

- Laurence Gibson - Sidespeople
- Elsbeth Mullineux - Refreshments
- Kay Murray - Prayers
- Lyn East - Cleaning and Flowers



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We are now in the benefice of "North Buckingham with Stowe." Hans is the Rector and has a Church Secretary to whom people should turn re weddings, funerals and baptisms.

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



St. James and St. John School is a one-form entry school located in two villages, Akeley and Chackmore.

For those who may not be aware, in December, Mrs Pedder will be retiring as the Head of St. James and St. John C of E School. Mrs Pedder will be greatly missed after ten years as the headteacher here. Planning for a final goodbye assembly in December has already started.

Mrs Louise Woods will be taking over as the new headteacher in January, although parents, staff and pupils will be seeing a lot of her throughout this term in school, at school events and 'Meet the Head' sessions taking place throughout November and December.

With autumn well and truly here, the 'Advent' half term has started. The teachers have been busy planning an array of exciting learning opportunities for November, including a Stone Age day for year 3 and the return of the residential trip at Manor Adventure for year 6. On the 11th November, KS2 will be performing their annual Remembrance Assembly at the Chackmore site. Later in the month, Year 1 will be making decorations for the Christmas tree in the church at Lillingstone Dayrell.

November also sees the opening of the Buckinghamshire application portal for new pupils in the September 2022 intake. If you know a child due to start school then, prospective pupil visits are available by calling the Akeley office on 01280 860272.

The PTFA would like to invite all the families and friends of St. James and St. John School to their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 20th November, 12 - 3pm, at Akeley Village Hall. It will be the first PTFA event for a while and they are eager to welcome everyone!

With the Christmas Fayre looming, other festive events won't be far behind. The staff have been busy planning lots of exciting events for the children in December- more details on these to follow!

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Parish Council Update

Consultation regarding the additional traffic calming works at the North End Entrance to the village continues and we will of course share these plans with you when they have been finalised.

The Parish Council will be represented and laying a wreath at a Remembrance service at Dadford cemetery on Sunday the 14th November 2021. This is to remember those who have given so much for the safety and freedom of many generations past and present. Please take a moment to remember and support our forces by purchasing a poppy if you can. Our donations make such a difference to this very special charity.



As the nights draw in, just a reminder that the Parish Council will gain this year be sponsoring our highly successful 'Dadvent'. In the run up to Christmas, Hilary will be posting further details so if you would like to take part now is the time to start planning your preferred display ideas and dates.

Notice to save the date: The Parish Council is pleased to announce that we will be holding a special community event to celebrate the *Queens Platinum Jubilee on **Friday the 3rd June 2022***, this will be held during the extended bank holiday weekend to mark the Queen's remarkable 70 years of service. Whilst the Queen will be attending a service of thanksgiving at St. Paul's cathedral on that day, we would like to invite all villagers to attend this event to share her celebrations in Dadford. The Parish Council will be planning the event in detail over the coming months and would be delighted to consider any ideas and suggestions that you may have to help the event go with a bang!

As Covid restrictions continue to ease you might be planning to hold a well overdue party. If so, you may wish to consider hiring the village hall which comfortably accommodates 80 people, and has recently been refurbished. There is a large central hall with black-out blinds and hearing loop, fully equipped kitchen, accessible toilet and disabled access.

Parking is in the hall car park and on the road immediately outside. Overspill parking is possible by prior arrangement. In addition, the hall caters for many different types of events – exhibitions, craft fairs, weddings, wakes, film nights, speaker series, fund raising, art and photographic clubs, sport and fitness, fun and friendship.

The costs are extremely reasonable at £8.00 per hour for commercial events and £50.00 deposit or £4.00 per hour and £20.00 deposit for non-commercial events booked by residents of Stowe parish. Payable in advance by cheque (please allow two weeks to clear before the event) or bank transfer. If you would like to make a booking, please email Sue Boulet: sueboulet@stowepc.uk

Perhaps you have been considering an allotment? It can be very rewarding to grow your own produce and despite the summer gardening boom there are still some plots available. Perhaps you would like to grow some winter vegetables as well as take on a new hobby, this

Congratulations!

*We are delighted to welcome Alice (nee Murray) and Josh Chalke's latest addition **Arlo Otto Chalke** born at 6.56am on Sunday 17th October weighing 7lb 6oz. Brother to Raphael All very well !*

would be a great way to keep fit and make new friends, our existing plot holders have a wealth of experience and knowledge so there is scope to learn a new skill if you can dedicate the time.

Please be aware that there are a number of responsibilities which need to be undertaken with allotment management, such as regular maintenance, weed clearance etc, keeping the plot clear of rubbish etc. if you would like further information concerning the allotment terms and conditions, Councillor Hilary Hawkins will always be glad to hear from you. You can contact Hilary at hilaryhawkins@stowepc.uk

We at Stowe Parish Council have an extremely competent and knowledgeable one in our fantastic clerk, Tony Skeggs. If you need to get in touch over any matter please contact Tony at clerk@stowepc.uk.



CHURCH NEWS

The **Good News** is that the church is now open all the time and people are welcome to visit, spend time in quiet prayer or attend services.

Normal service has been resumed and all are welcome to attend. Singing is now encouraged and although there is no requirement for masks these and sanitisers are available for those who wish to use them.

Coffee and tea will be served after each service in a Covid safe way.

The Stowe Coffee morning via Zoom will still take place **every Tuesday morning at 11am**. Do contact a church warden if you would like the zoom link for this event.

We are grateful that Rev Val Plumb is still recording a short Worship at Westfield service which is posted on YouTube every week. In addition, the service in the church is recorded most weeks and can be watched on YouTube.

Delta Bible Study group have resumed fortnightly on a Thursday via Zoom. Please contact a church warden if you would like the link sent to you.

It is hoped that the **Lantern Bible Study group** will resume fortnightly in the near future.

The weekly **Monday Ladies' Bible Study** meets every Monday during term-time via Zoom at the moment. All are welcome.

The **Young Mums group** meets fortnightly in term-time at 9.00am on a Monday at The Moors, Chackmore. All are very welcome. Please see newsletter for details.

Prayer cells continue to meet either via Zoom or face-to-face. Do contact a church warden if you would like to be part of a prayer cell.

Food bank: (non-perishable) Pasta, Pasta sauce, Soup, Spaghetti, Tomatoes, Peas, Sweet corn, Potatoes – large, Hot dogs, Corned beef, Meat products, Tuna, Biscuits, Fruit juice – large cartons, Cereal – large and small, Rice pudding, jam/marmalade, Custard, tins of Fruit, Tea bags, Coffee, Sugar – large and small would be most welcome, thank you. LONG LIFE plastic bags are still most welcome but no others. Donations gratefully received on Tuesdays 10-12 at The Centre, Verney Close. *There is also a box in Church for any donations*

STOWE STARS

Family Services

November 21st - A widow's despair I Kings 17:17-24

A great drought came over the land. "No rain or dew fell." God told his prophet Elijah to live near the brook Cherith where the ravens would come and feed him. When the brook dried up God told Elijah to go to the town of Zarephath where a widow would feed him.

There Elijah saw a widow gathering firewood and asked for a drink and food. She shared the last of her bread with Elijah and her son and prepared to die but she found that she never ran out of flour and oil.



God provided for the widow and her son and for Elijah who lodged with them.

Then one day Elijah was met by an angry and distraught woman. Her son had fallen ill and died. She blamed Elijah for bringing her sins to God's attention. Elijah blamed God for rewarding her kindness with sorrow.

Isn't this what we do when things don't go right? Blame God?

What did Elijah do? He brought the boy's death to God in prayer. He proved both the power of prayer and the power of God over life and death.

How are you responding to the storms of life?

How are you being cared for by God?

Pray for Christians currently being tested and/or in need of the Lord's special care.

December 19th Unto us a Boy is born The Lord of every nation,

Come and celebrate this joyful news with us as the children show us in this morning's Service what happened long ago.

The suitcase of clothes will be open at the rehearsal on Friday 17th at 5pm in church.

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DADVENT LIGHT TRAIL, 1-31 December 2021

DADVENT was invented 4 years ago in an attempt to bring residents from different parts of the village together. The idea was to try and encourage as many people as possible to decorate their windows or gardens and, at 6pm each night, whoever wished could go and watch the lights switch on. We felt it might be a great way for everyone to meet and see each other whilst also brightening up Dadford.

We didn't know then how successful the event would be, what fabulous displays people would do or how much fun it would be to get together each evening and watch the windows and gardens light up. We have loved seeing your creations – big and small, handmade and shop-bought. All have been brilliant.

This year we would like to welcome the new families that have moved into the village and invite you all to join us in this village tradition. It's a great way to meet people...and the streets look amazing. This is how it works:

1.Have a think about where you could decorate and what it might be. You can do whatever you like but it must be visible from the street. Nobody comes onto your property unless you want them to. It really doesn't matter how big or small your display is, **THIS IN NOT A COMPETITION**. Children and adults have decorated porches, windows, gardens, the phone box, the streets etc. If you would like to see what has been done before, please visit <https://dadfordlightfestival.weebly.com>.

2.Select a date (between 2-23 December) when you would like to switch your festive lights/display on and let us know. We may need to negotiate if someone else has taken the same date, so the sooner you let us know the better. **DEADLINE FOR CONFIRMING THE DATE IS WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER**. Your number must be part of your display so that people can find you. We will put together the schedule and distribute it in November.

3.On the day of your 'launch', people will gather outside your house just before 6pm and count you in 10.9.8..... etc. Once the lights are on, they should ideally be left on between 5-8pm each night until 31 December. Of course, you can leave them on longer if you like.

Some people play music or offer nibbles and drinks, but this isn't at all necessary. Please don't feel obliged to do this just because someone else has.

**Maddie & Hilary -
dadfordevents@hotmail.com**



DADFORD WI

At Last! We were delighted to meet in the Village Hall on 9th September to finally get together again after 18 months. We were warmly welcomed back by our President, Ivy Cakebread, and we soon dealt with our business, including the way forward and our new meeting times.

We thoroughly enjoyed our '75th Birthday Tea' along with birthday cake and Pimms. We heard some hilarious members stories, and made a toast to the future and longevity of our **WI** and it's part in this amazing organisation.

In October one of our members took to the floor with a display of what she had made during 'Lockdown'. She soon filled the table with a range of hand crafted items: knitting, crochet and sewing, large and small, quilted, embroidered and appliqued. The items ranged from a head-scarf to crop trousers and nightdresses, knitted Christmas Puddings, cake stands and a poppy wreath.

She also made woolly hats, pencil cases and notepads for the shoe box appeal as well as scrub bags and face masks for the pandemic.

Whew!



The talk finished with a different take on two Advent calenders, one with 25 hanging pouches and the other a Vintage Style. All those rainy day projects which she had finally got round to, but had thoroughly enjoyed doing.

On the 11th November will be our AGM and 9th December we will be our Christmas meeting, both starting at the new time of **2.30pm.**

Hopefully we will have our 2022 programme ready for our Christmas Meeting. If you would like to come and join us you are very welcome.

Loreen.



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Garden birds

If you haven't been feeding the garden birds throughout the year then now is the time to start feeding them. As natural feed sources diminish with the colder weather, many garden birds need help to survive the winter. Different species have different food requirements. Some are seed eaters, some carnivorous and some primarily vegetarian. Hardbills ie. finches will crack open seed whereas slender billed birds ie. robins and wrens like grubs and insects. So a good variety of foodstuffs should be made available to encourage as many different birds as possible.

Suitable food to put out would include some of the following:

Animal fats.

Suet.

Bacon rinds in short pieces.

Mealworms and maggots.

Fruit.

Nuts, but NOT salted.

Mixed seed, proprietary bought.

Leftover boiled potato.

Biscuit crumbs.

Bread crumbs not slices or chunks.

The list is almost endless.

Apart from peanuts, in feeders, we have found that the most popular feeds to be Sunflower Hearts and fat balls.

Challenge: See how many different species of birds you can see this winter.



Stowe Parish Church Rotas

Date 2021	Sidesmen	Prayers	Refreshments
Nov 7th	Patricia Forbes & Chris C-Smith	Kay Murray	Frances Orger
Nov 14th		Gillian Macdonald	Remembrance Day
Nov 21st		Children	Lyn and Ray East
Nov 28th		Andrew Rudolf	Margaret Ryley
Dec 5th		Sally Drummond-Hay	Bernadette Matthews
Dec 12th		Liturgy	Nancy Pullin
Dec 19th		Children	Elsbeth Mullineux
Dec 25th		Tamara Kimpton	
Dec 26th		Kay Murray	Boxing Day
Date 2021	Flowers	Cleaning	Prayer-board
Nov 7th	Pat Walton		Please note that until a rota is organised several members pray regularly for the requests pinned to the board
Nov 14th		Brian and Frances Orger	
Nov 21st	Rosie Cowdy		
Nov 28th		Chris and Phillipa Atkinson	
Dec 5th	Diana Wyatt		
Dec 12th		Chris Close Smith & Venice	
Dec 19th	Gillian Macdonald		
Dec 25th			
Dec 26th		Lyn and Ray East	

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	THEME	READINGS	LEAD/PREACH
Nov 7th	08:00	Said 1662 Communion			Rev Ron Bundock
	9:45	Morning Prayer	How will it end? The 2nd coming	Matthew 25:31-40 2 Peter 3:10-13	L & P Rev Max Wigley
Nov 14th	09:45	Remembrance Day Service		1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Andrew Rudolf
	10.45	Act of Remembrance Dadford Cemetry			Andrew Rudolf
Nov 21st	9:45	Family Service	A widow's despair	1 Kings 17:17-24	L & T Kay Murray
LECTIONARY					
Nov 28th	9:45	Common Worship Communion		Jeremiah 33:14-16 Luke 21:25-36	L & P Rev Peter Goodwin-Hudson
Dec 5th	8:00	Said 1662 Communion			Rev Kate Pellereau
	9:45	Morning Prayer		Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 3:1-6	L Gillian Macdonald P Pauline Stanton-Saringer
Dec 12th	9:45	1662 Communion		Zephania 3:14-20 Luke 3:7-18	L & P Rev Maurice Stanton-Saringer
Dec 15th	7.30	Carol Service			
Dec 19th	09:45	Family Nativity Service			L Kay Murray Children
Dec 24th	15.30				
	23:30	Common Worship Communion		Acts 13:1116-26 Luke 1:67-79	
Dec 25th	9:45	Family Communion	A baby is born - hallelujah!	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2:1-20	L & P Rev Val Plumb
Dec 26th	9:45	Reflection		1 Samuel 2:18 - 20 +26 Luke 2:41-52	Gillian Macdonald