

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

I am writing in the Spring when the daffodils, in cheerfully fluorescent yellow, gladden the heart, despite some recent very cold and frosty weather! You will be reading this when Spring has sprung and early summer beckons with irises and peonies, heralding “the high midsummer pomps” of roses. All these flowers remind us of God’s faithfulness with the seasons and the almost careless exuberance of Creation, when everything seems to come to life.

Perhaps, the rigours of later winter echo the hard slog of Lent. Easter can resemble the new life bursting out in the spring. Easter proclaims God’s faithfulness to his promises. Jesus was raised to life, “disarmed the powers and authorities ...triumphing over them by the Cross,” (Col. 2: 15) vanquished death and defeated sin, though it’s not entirely banished from the scene, as we know in our own lives. Easter encourages us to take heart, claim this promise of victory and revitalise our friendship with Jesus Christ by faith. As Paul wrote “I can do all things through Him (Christ), who strengthens me,” (Phil. 4:13.)

Never was this more needed for our church life than now after the deep freeze of the pandemic, the unfamiliar situation following the creation of the new benefice of ‘North Buckingham with Stowe’ and the losses of so many well loved and key figures in our fellowship, of whom Rev Pat Howard was the latest.

Then, the threatening cost of living crisis bears down on us all, while Russia’s invasion of the Ukraine is even more ominous. Despite the darkness of unprovoked aggression and indiscriminate destruction, we can pray for the light of Christ’s truth to be shone into these gloomy areas at home and abroad. As we seek to follow Him, may we ask for His will to be done and for these evils to be dissipated. May we find “as our days are, so shall our strength be,” (Deut. 33:25.)

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DADFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Many thanks to the Atkinsons and Hawkins who are continuing in their mission to raise funds towards the **Dadford Playground Project**, they organised an event which has again been extremely successful. They raised an amazing £520.00 with the recent Quiz Night. Fantastic news for the village, so to them and all those that attended, supported and donated, many thanks, your continued efforts are very much appreciated.

Other good news linked in with the Dadford playground project is that the Buckingham Community Board has approved the Stowe Parish Council's application for a grant of £6600.00 to be utilised in our plans to supply **outdoor Gym Equipment** for the use by the local community. Watch this space, we hope to be able to supply you with further details as this exciting project continues to unfold...

You may have noticed *that a new tree has been donated by the Parish Council in order to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee*. The new tree is a Sargent's Cherry, which has an orange leaf in the autumn, produces pink blossom in the spring followed by crimson fruit;

a feast to the eye as well as well as the wildlife. The new tree has been planted next to the bench behind the Dadford playground. Many thanks to Jonathan Blackwell for his hard work in planting the tree for the whole village to enjoy.

His expertise will no doubt ensure that the tree gets the best possible start in its new home.



As you will by now be aware, the Parish Council are organising an event to celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**, to be held in the Dadford Playground area on **Friday the 3rd of June**, we are planning to kick off the celebrations from **3.00pm** with a Hog Roast being served at 5.00pm.

In addition to the Hog Roast, which is being supplied, we would like to invite attendees to bring some additional food for everyone to enjoy. The parish council are organising a list of suitable additional dishes that can be brought along on the day.

If you would like to donate any items please contact the parish council via phone; Hilary 01280 822872 / 07901 634474 or Sue 07967 666040, alternatively email info@stowepec.uk as we have prepared a list of food items so that we can ensure that a variety of different dishes are provided.

For those with any special dietary requirements it would be prudent to bring your own food with you as we will not be able to give any guarantees that all food supplied will be entirely suitable for those with allergens.

Please do note that you will need to bring drinks with you as these will not be provided.

We do hope that you will be able to join us as there will be a bouncy castle, music and games, hopefully we might be able to enjoy some sun and fun with our neighbours, provisions are being made for inclement weather so we can enjoy the celebrations

whatever the weather! We do very much look forward to seeing you all then.

Please email info@stowepec.uk to confirm attendance, all are welcome.

We will also be lighting a Bonfire on Thursday 2nd June at 9.45pm in line with beacons being lit around the country. We will be building the bonfire from the 14th May 2022 onwards and if you have any old wood or pallets that you would like to dispose of, please contact us to arrange a time for you to drop it off in the designated area. Please note, that under no circumstances must any general waste be left in the grounds.

For all the latest news please visit our website www.stowepec.uk



1977 celebrations: the children's race and Commander Malcolm Burley (bursar at Stowe School) leading a very rousing singalong!

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



We have welcomed the children back after a well deserved, restful Easter break for another term of sunny learning opportunities. It was certainly needed! The run up to the holidays was a busy week of exciting activities.

On Monday 4th April, we held an Easter Extravaganza: our first whole school event to take place at Chackmore in quite a while. The Akeley site came over for the day and joined in a whole school Collective Worship for Easter; for which we welcomed both Margaret Culley, the North Buckingham Parish's Licensed Lay Minister, and Kate Pellereau, the Curate from Buckingham Parish church, to jointly lead this. This was followed by several other whole school Easter activities (including crafts and a hunt for chocolate Easter eggs, which were very kindly provided by the PTFA). Years 3 and 4 also treated everyone to a fantastic dress rehearsal of their Spring Production: Sleeping Beauty, the Ugly Truth. Everyone had a very exciting day and we are looking forward to the next whole school activity!

Later in the week, Years 3 and 4 entertained their parents with two brilliant performances. With quite a few tears and even more laughs, everybody agreed they did a fabulous job!

Our Year 1 children also had an exciting visit to the Lillingstone Pick Your Own, to explore the signs of Spring (and meet some of the new arrivals!). It was a lovely visit exploring the changes in the seasons and spotting many of the signs that Spring was finally here!



On the last day of the Spring term, many of the children arrived with trainers, messy hair, nail varnish and temporary tattoos as part of the PTFA's 'Break the Rules' Day, which helped raise money for the PTFA, to buy new resources for the school.

Our children were keen to ensure that everyone had an enjoyable Easter: they made Easter cards for the residents at local care homes, collected Easter Eggs for the Florence Nightingale hospice and Year 1 made flowers and decorations for Saint Nicholas' Church in Lillingstone Dayrell.

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Update on the Nepal Sewing Project

Dear All

I would like to thank all at Stowe church for their generous gift to help the sewing Ladies of Nepal.

Five women have trained throughout the last two years learning tailoring skills to make clothing for children and women.

Four of the women have accepted a micro-loan so that they can get a sewing machine and some material and start their own business.

Alongside is a photograph of the three women who recently received their sewing machine.

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STOWE STARS

Family Services

May 22nd - Rogation Sunday
Mark 4 v 26-29

Rogation means asking.

What do we ask for?

We ask God to bless us with a good harvest so that we might have enough to eat through the winter.

Mark gives us the recurring pattern of growth and harvest. First, we scatter the seed, and



while we sleep or go about our business, the seeds sprout and grow in the soil.

The stalk appears and then the fat ear; the the corn is cut and the harvest gathered in.

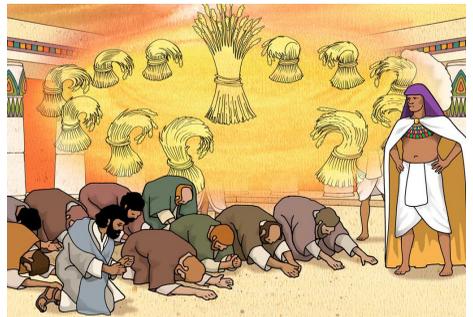
We ask God for rain and warmth. He gives us the responsibility to nourish the earth and share His gifts. God created the earth and saw that it was good. We praise our Creator and give thanks for the food and for those who produce it.

During this Service we shall go out into the green spaces of the countryside, noting God's generosity, with prayers for a good harvest and praise and thanks for His loving kindness and provision for us.

June 19th
Peacemakers - Genesis 44, 24-34 and 45, 1-11
Family reunion - Joseph sees his brothers again

Joseph had one brother Benjamin and ten older half-brothers. He and Benjamin were their father, Jacob's, favourites. Joseph used this advantage to boast about his superiority and his arrogant teasing made his brothers hate him. They plotted to sell him into slavery in Egypt and tell their father that he had been eaten by wild beasts.

After 22 years famine brought the brothers to Egypt to buy grain. Little did they know that the proud and powerful young man standing before them, second only to Pharaoh, with the authority to deny or grant their request, was their despised and abandoned brother Joseph.



They pleaded their father's health and their willingness to pay. Joseph tested the depth of their feelings for their family by demanding Benjamin's presence in Egypt.

Judah, who had negotiated the sale of Joseph into slavery, offered to be Joseph's prisoner in exchange for Benjamin's freedom.

Time, hardship and a father's grief had softened the hearts of the once cruel brothers.
Could Joseph forgive?

Could grace overcome stubbornness and hatred?

Joseph sought reconciliation, not revenge. *His attitude was, "You sold me but God sent me".*

The brothers had repented; Judah had offered to redeem Benjamin's life, Joseph forgave and the family was restored. Human transformation and divine salvation brought peace to this family.

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DEADLINE FOR THE MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please let Lyn East (lmeast@btinternet.com) have submissions (articles, photographs, ads or news items) by the **15th of the month prior to publication** (February, April, June, August, October & December)

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CHURCH NEWS

Closed for many months during the last 2 years, the church is **now open** all the time and people are welcome to visit, spend time in quiet prayer and attend services.

The normal service pattern has been resumed and all are welcome to attend. It is lovely to hear the hymns being sung with enthusiasm again and although there is no requirement for masks, these and hand sanitiser are available for those who wish to use them. Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after every service. The service is recorded most weeks and can be watched on YouTube – link on request from churchwardens.

The Stowe Coffee Morning via Zoom will still take place **every Tuesday morning at 11am**.

Delta Bible Study group continue to meet fortnightly on a Thursday at 7.30pm via Zoom. 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. All are welcome.

The Young Mums group meets fortnightly in term-time at 9.00am on a Monday at The Moors, Chackmore **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.

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May 22nd is Rogation Sunday and the 9.45am Family Service will be held outside, walking in the area near the church and thanking God for all the blessings he gives us.

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 food donations.

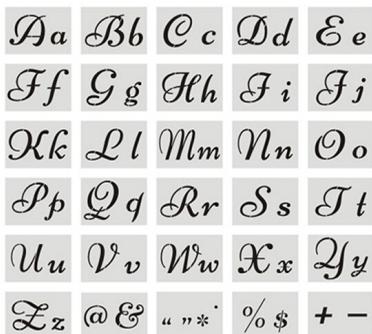


DADFORD WI

As usual, we met in the Village Hall for our March meeting and gave a warm welcome to **Cheryl Dawson** who came to tell us of her career as a nurse/midwife.

Starting her training in Bath, she worked far and wide across the country, mainly because of her husband's work. She attributed her range as being in the 'right place at the right time'. Cheryl worked in Swansea casualty department as a Staff Nurse. This was followed by a short time working in the Kind Edward 7th Hospital in London and this, she told us, was quite an experience.

In North Yorkshire she did some Health Visitor work and in Southbank in Child Protection. Cheryl spent time in Scotland but finished her career at Aylesbury College as an Ofsted Inspector.



What a varied and interesting career and we were pleased we could hear her many stories and tales.

In April we welcomed **Val Hiron** who came to show us the art of calligraphy. Val showed us the different types of pens and explained the process she used to make beautiful works of art.

Firstly she would choose a script before practising the alphabet in this script. It may be a few weeks before she went on to produce her piece of prose with flower illustrations, place cards, invitations etc. Under Val's watchful eye she helped us decorate cards with our names in various colours to make a bookmark which we took home with pride. Our thanks to Val, for a very hands on talk that has inspired some of us to have a go.

A sample of Val's work can be found in Stowe Parish church, as she updates the Baptismal Roll. This can be found immediately on your right as you go in through the main door.

On 12th May we will be having a curry demonstration with Patricia Forbes and on the 9th June we will learn more about the Story of Claydon House with Daphne Preece.

Look forward to seeing you soon, Loreen.

SEVENTY YEARS!

On 6th February 1952 Elizabeth II became Queen of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth and the following year Stowe Parish celebrated the Coronation. On the **2nd June 1953** a church service was held in the morning followed by sports in the afternoon. There was also a comic cricket match and tug of war, afternoon tea and a social and dance in the evening, all taking place in the grounds and buildings of Stowe School.



Twenty five years later the Silver Jubilee took place in a barn at Blackpit farm, as due to the awful weather in June, the event originally planned for the playing field was moved at the last minute. Food was served to those present followed by games for the children, including a fancy dress competition. Commander Malcolm Burley, the bursar of Stowe School, played the piano for a rousing sing song.

Fifty years later we were blessed with lovely sunny weather. The day started very early with lighting a log fire to prepare for the roasting of one large pig. A large marquee was erected on the playing field along with a flagpole. Parishioners brought along salads, sausage rolls and other buffet food along with a huge selection of cakes for the magnificent feast. To open the celebrations the Union Flag was raised to the singing of the National Anthem followed by a toast to the Queen. Then there were various games organised for the children throughout the afternoon. Good food and good company lasted well into the evening.

Sixty years later a street party was organised in the high street. Once again it poured with rain but despite this the celebrations continued for two days as so much food and drink was brought along.

Seventy years later come along, join in the fun and make it a weekend to remember. (Please see pages 3 and 4 for the details).

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**National
Trust**

It's been a rather changeable start to spring (with sunshine, snow, wind and rain all in one day!) but nature continues to flourish in the gardens. Flowers have been blooming with a great display of snake's head fritillaries along Gurnet's Walk, the crown imperials in the Elysian Fields and wood anemones in the Grecian Valley and the edge of Sleeping Wood all being particular highlights. We've been tracking the appearance of blossom throughout the gardens

through our #BlossomWatch campaign and some of our highlights can be found on our Instagram page.

We're looking ahead to more spring flowers coming into bloom and the orchard blossom arriving in early May. Then on to summer when our hay meadows come to life; home to a wide variety of spectacular wildflowers which sway gently in the summer breeze and buzz with wildlife.

Our visitors will have plenty of exciting things to enjoy at Stowe over the coming months starting with our programme of events and displays as part of RHS National Garden Week, 2-8 May. Get involved in visitteering opportunities, witness our new exhibition '**One Man's Treasure**' which showcases some of the items found in the gardens over the decades, enjoy talks with the garden team, and peruse our sustainable gardening methods eco-display.

Then **from 2-5 June a long weekend of relaxed, self-led events is planned to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Stowe.** Stowe's programme of events for the extended public holiday weekend in June includes a Beacon Lighting ceremony with open air ceilidh band and piper, the opening of a new Royal Route within the historic gardens, a Big Royal Picnic and a 'bring your own' Street Party.

There's a spot for everyone at Stowe. The recently restored Queen's Theatre area within the Western Garden (near the Rotunda) is the perfect place for a spot of soft-ball rounders or a kick around with a football. Perhaps croquet, quoits or boules on the South Front lawn is more your thing? Or, how about butterfly spotting in the wildflower meadows? Lamport Gardens offer lush green, sheltered spaces, benches, level access and a sense of calm.

And as if that wasn't enough, nearby **Claydon House** will be re-opening to visitors again for the 2022 season from **Friday 6 May**. Claydon will be open on *Fridays and Saturdays between 11am and 3pm until October* (pre-booking recommended). Discover sumptuous interiors or explore the grounds, taking your visit at your own pace.



©National Trust/David Humphries. The team are busy behind closed doors preparing to re-open Claydon House in May.

Find out more about how Claydon has been home to the Verney family for over 400 years, enjoy the beautiful wood carvings of Luke Lightfoot in the downstairs rooms and explore Florence Nightingale's bedroom from her time at Claydon House.

The gardens at National Trust Stowe are open 7 days a week, 10am-5pm and there is no need to pre-book. Our shop, café, bookshop and Parlour Rooms are all open for visitors to enjoy. We hope to see you soon. If you wish to contact the team and find out more about anything on offer, please phone 01280 817156.

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The image displays four promotional posters for events at Stowe, each featuring the 'THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE at Stowe' logo. The posters are:

- Beacon:** A lighting ceremony with a licensed bar and outdoor seating on Thursday, 2 June 2022, from 7.30pm to 10pm. Entry is free, and parking is £5 per vehicle.
- The Royal Route Grand Opening:** An official opening of a new route celebrating the royal route and connections with significant sites on Friday, 3 June 2022, from 10am to 7pm. Normal admission charges apply.
- Big Royal Picnic:** A picnic event for friends and family on Saturday, 4 June 2022, from 10am to 7pm. Includes a picnic basket and a red and white striped awning.
- Bring Your Own Street Party:** A street party to celebrate the Royal Jubilee on Sunday, 5 June 2022, from 10am to 7pm. Includes a table with a white tablecloth and a picnic basket.

 All events are held at New Inn, National Trust Stowe, Buckingham MK85 5JQ.

Stowe Parish Church Rotas

Date 2022	Sidesmen	Prayers	Refreshments
May 1st	Tamara and John Kimpton	Gill Smith	Lyn East
May 8th	Chris C-S and Andrew	Liturgy	Elsbeth Mullineux
May 15th	Lyn & Ray East	Andrew Rudolf	Bernadette Matthews
May 22nd	Loreen and Hilary	Children	Nancy Pullin
May 29th	Robert and Sally Drummond-Hay	Sally Drummond-Hay	Kay Murray
June 5th	Bernadette Matthews and Pat Walton	Tamara Kimpton	Tamara Kimpton
June 12th	Riuchard and Esex Close-Smith	Liturgy	Frances Orger
June 19th	Nancy Pullin	Children	Lyn East
June 26th	Robin and Nancy Shepherd	Gill Smith	Elsbeth Mullineux
Date 2022	Flowers	Cleaning	Prayer-board
May 1st	Heather Meredith	Nancy Pullin and Hazlewoods	Kay Murray
May 8th	Hilary Hawkins		John Kimpton
May 15th	Loreen Williams	Neil and Susan Fraser-Smith	Lyn East
May 22nd	Margaret Ryley		Gill Smith
May 29th	Pat Walton	Pat Walton and Rosie Cowdy	Tamara Kimpton
June 5th	Rosie Cowdy		Gillian Macdonald
June 12th	Diana Wyatt	Brian and Frances Orger	Kay Murray
June 19th	Gillian Macdonald		Lyn East
June 26th	Heather Meredith	Chris Close-Smith and Venice	John Kimpton

Services in May - June 2022

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	THEME	READINGS	LEAD/ PREACH
May 1st	8:00	Said 1662 Communion			Maids Moreton Church
	9:45	Morning Prayer	2. Jesus' good news authenticated	2 Peter 1:2-21 Matthew 17:1-13	L - Gillian Macdonald P - Keith Croxton
May 8th	9:45	1662 Communion	3. False teachers - motivation and dangers	2 Peter 2:1-12 Matthew 7:15-23	L - Rev Maurice Stanton-Saringer P - Andrew Rudolf
May 15th	9:45	Common Worship Communion	4. The Lord's return, though delayed, will encourage godly living and highlight true teaching	2 Peter 3:1-18 Mark 13:14-23	L & P - Rev Ron Bundock
May 22nd	9:45	Family Service	Rogation		Kay Murray
	18:00	Evensong in Dadford Cemetery Chapel		Psalm 40:1-9 Genesis 1:26-31 Colossians 3:1-11	Andrew Rudolf
May 26th	Ascension Day				
May 29th	9:45	Mission - Morning Prayer			L - Andrew Rudolf P - Paul Woods
Jun 5th	08:00	Said 1662 Communion			Rev Ron Bundock
	09:45	Morning Prayer	The coming of the Holy Spirit	Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17 + 25-27	L - Gillian Macdonald P - Pauline Stanton-Saringer
Jun 12th	9:45	1662 Communion	Father, Son and Holy Spirit	Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	L - Rev Maurice Stanton-Saringer P - Andrew Rudolf
Jun 19th	09:45	Family Service	Peacemakers - Joseph sees his brothers again	Genesis 44:24-34 + 45:1-11	Rev Cathy and Dave Pearce
Jun 26th	09.45	Common Worship Communion			L ***** P - Jon Carlisle