

The Stonesfield Slate

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Dates for your diary – September

4,11,18,25	SJC Cuppa	St James' Centre	10–11.30am
5	FoSL open meeting	White Horse	6.45–8.15pm
6	Lunch Club Open Lunch	St James' Centre	12.15pm
7,14,21,28	Book Break	Stonesfield Library	12.30–2pm
9	OHCT Ride & Stride	countywide	10am–6pm
11,18,25	Monday Coffee	St James' Centre	8.45–10am
11	Gardening Club	St James' Centre	7.30pm
13 & 20	Flu Clinics	Woodstock Surgery	by appt.
13	Summer Reading Awards	Village Hall	3.30–4.30pm
14	Over 60s Darby & Joan	Village Hall	2pm
14	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
19	Women's Institute	Village Hall	7.30pm

October

10	Flu Clinic	Village Hall	2–2.30pm
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*Luke Collier and Tom
Young rebuilding the
school wall on Peaks
Lane*

Notices

Stonesfield Village Hall

Eighteen groups base their activities at the Village Hall. You could join fitness groups Spinning, Baby & Toddler, Badminton, Little Monkeys Gym, Taekwondo, Zumba, Pickle Ball and Folk Dancing or join the Women's Institute and/or Darby & Joan.

The Village Hall also houses the Library and has changing rooms and showers. It is the venue for the Players' theatrical productions, travelling entertainment groups, etc., and is hired for many Group meetings and private parties. The 'Calamity' protest has proved there is an interest in protecting the village and its amenities

So please support existing groups and in particular join the Village Hall Committee, which is in dire need of more members! It's such a small contribution to help your community, as all we require is attendance at quarterly meetings and some contribution to discussions concerning the development of the hall.

We also have a vacancy for a Treasurer/Bookkeeper

To register an interest and learn more, please contact Jacqueline Carthew on 898919.

Nigel Patrick Bishop

18.01.1949 – 24.04.2016

There will be a short service in St James's

Church to recognise Nigel's life in Stonesfield, and the part he played in Stonesfield life.

If you would like to, you are welcome to join the family on 1 October at 12.30 in St James's Church. Nigel's memorial stone is now in place in the churchyard

Many thanks to The Reverend Roy Turner for agreeing to take the service

Barbara Cripps

Woodstock Surgery Flu Clinics

The Stonesfield Flu Clinic will be on Tuesday 10 October, 2–2.30pm, in the Village Hall Clubroom. Please advise the Surgery beforehand if you wish to attend.

Saturday Flu Clinics at Woodstock Surgery will be held on 13 and 20 September. Please telephone the surgery to make an appointment for these clinics.

Those eligible for a FLU jab are

- Anyone aged over 65 on 31 March 2017
- Anyone with a chronic condition
- Asthmatics who are on steroids
- Anyone immunosuppressed, e.g. after organ transplant or on chemotherapy
- Pregnant women
- Carers in receipt of a carers allowance
- People in residential homes

To book an appointment ring 811452.

Housing Development in Stonesfield

Thanks to all those who wrote to WODC objecting to Pye Phase 2. There were over 90 letters of objection from Stonesfield residents. On Thursday 10 August the Parish Council also firmly rejected the application. We now have to wait for WODC's decision, which we think will be made in September/October.

Meanwhile, Sustainable Stonesfield wish to make it clear that Pye are applying for permission to develop land owned by Blenheim Estates, not by Charity Farm. Pye's use of the name Charity Farm for their planning application documents relating to Phase 2 has given rise to a false impression that the land for Phase 2 belongs to Charity Farm. It does not: it belongs to Blenheim Estates.

We made representations to the Inspector at the second examination of WODC's Local Plan, and we await the results. We are also waiting for the decision on CALA Homes.

A number of you have donated money to Sustainable Stonesfield, for which we are very grateful. It has been spent on commissioning two Landscape Assessments, one for the CALA Homes site on the Woodstock road, the other Pye Phase 2 site. Both will be used in our case against development in the AONB.

We fully support the letter written by Sue Corrigan to the County Council objecting to street lights being placed at the entrance to the Pye developments (see Nextdoor Stonesfield). The substitution of speed bumps for the chicane (which appears to have necessitated the lights) seems to have

been done without proper consultation and we would like to see it cancelled.

What can you do?

Join Sustainable Stonesfield to get emails and information. There are already 150 members who have joined because they want to hear the latest news and help if they can. Use the sign up form at: link <http://eepurl.com/cJl4bj>

Caroline Friend for Sustainable Stonesfield, email address: sustainable.stonesfield@gmail.com

Changes to the Oxford Bus Service

Users of the S3 bus should not panic unduly about the apparent cutbacks to the Stonesfield service, as there are new journeys from the village on service 7 running via Water Eaton, for Parkway station, and Banbury Road, Summertown. These include the first Monday to Friday journey in, at 06.30 and the last back at 00.05 from Oxford.

Please remember to look at both S3 and 7 service timetables when planning your journey into the City as the new printed timetable is not combined. This is not ideal.

There was very little advance notice of these changes, which applied from mid August, as Stagecoach said the timetable took longer than expected to plan.

Mark Winstanley

William Buckland (1784–1856)

Buckland was an eccentric English scientist, and the first Professor of Geology at Oxford University. Renowned

for his highly entertaining lectures, he had a chaotic household, with rocks and fossils everywhere, kept a jackal and a bear for pets, and ate his way through the animal kingdom, trying out hedgehog, mouse, fly, crocodile, and many others. Apparently he also ate the heart of the French King Louis XIV!

He was president of the Geological Society of London, where he announced the discovery, at Stonesfield, of fossil bones of a giant reptile which he named *Megalosaurus* ('great lizard'). He wrote the first full account of what would later be called a dinosaur. Surely this marks Stonesfield out as a site of very significant geological and historical interest. We wonder what Buckland's response would be to his name being associated with a new housing development in an area of such ancient and geological significance?

Wendy Lynch and Henry Hollanders

Stonesfield Common

We hope to have sheep back on the Common this month. Grazing is an important part of meeting the management agreement the Parish Council has for looking after the Common, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Dog owners are asked to take special care and ensure their dogs are controlled and that they do not worry the sheep. Also, please pick up dog mess, just as you would in the street. The meadow clarey count took place a few weeks ago and I can report that since we have been fencing these rare plants they have flourished.

Richard Morris (898210)

Stonesfield Lunch Club

Stonesfield Lunch Club's special monthly lunch will be on Wednesday 6 September at 12.15pm. Please telephone Anne Bishop (891414) or Mary Plumridge (891697) by the previous Friday, 1 September, to book a place.

Warning

I have covered this subject several times over the years but it never hurts to revisit it.

Recently a young man knocked on my door. He told me that he was ex-army and unable to get work. He had a range of items, dusters, etc., and was able to produce a sort of identification.

The reality behind these salesmen is this: A firm in Coventry or Nottingham sends a van containing 9/10 people to a rural area, drops them off and arranges a pick up time for about an hour later. They all carry a valid application for a pedlar's certificate, which they will tell you enables them to 'go from door to door offering items for immediate sale'.

Most of these people have criminal convictions and they have free run of our village! If they work in twos, one comes to the front door while the other goes to the rear of the premises. During my policing days we once arrested a whole van load; all had convictions, even the driver was disqualified. We actually cleared up some burglaries into the bargain.

And the application for the pedlar's certificate? Totally meaningless because they must have the full certificate; the application does not allow them to sell from door to door and, if they have

convictions, it will be refused anyway. When there is a knock on your door, please make sure that your back door is locked before answering it.

Patrick Wilmore

Jamie's Party

That was a great picnic! Thank you to everyone who came and made 'Jamie's Free Picnic Party' such a success on 5 August. The weather went crazy in the morning and bringing chairs, games and tea things was pushing it – we had thunder, heavy rain and hail. Then at 3pm (party starting time) miraculously the sun came out and it stayed fine throughout. Everyone was able to sit about (even on the grass), relax, socialise and feel free. I suppose that's the thing – 'Jamie's' is about atmosphere and good company in this garden space and feeling free.

A special thank you to those who helped to put up the marquee, to watch the bouncy castle and the archery, to produce the food and teas, assemble the chairs and tables – a team effort for the village

community and thoroughly worth it as you can see from some of these comments: (Adults) 'What a very special afternoon! . . . A happy feel-good occasion. . . A fabulous event . . . Friendly people and great food . . . A super afternoon . . . Such a variety of games!' (Children) 'It was so so SO FUN!! . . . It is so COOL! . . . Can't wait till next time!'

OK – summer 2018.

Thank you to our parish church St James for the background work.

Charlotte Oakeshott

Found Property.

Earlier in the year, after high winds, a windscreen cover landed in my garden.

In June this year a child's scooter appeared in my garden. It looks to be quite expensive.

I have attempted to trace the owner(s) without success. Please contact me if you have lost either. After one month I shall dispose of them

Patrick Wilmore (891763)



Politics & local affairs

Parish Council

Correction to Application

No.17/01966/FUL in August issue

Misunderstanding over the title of the new development Land South of William Buckland Way. This application for eighteen houses on land owned by Blenheim Estates has been referred to by Pye Homes as Phase 2 Charity Farm, which is incorrect.

Cala & Pye Developments

SPC is still trying to fight the development by Cala Homes and has also objected to the new Pye Homes scheme. Neither of these two applications has gone before the Planning Committee at WODC yet. See online for more information www.westoxon.gov.uk. View Planning Applications.

New Chicane in Woodstock Road

SPC had very little input on the new chicane system in Woodstock Road. This was designed by OCC Highways and Pye Homes. The street lighting is compulsory when a speed cushion is incorporated in the layout. SPC appreciates that this cushion is very minimal as is the lighting!

Mobile Phone Mast

As mentioned previously, the mobile phone mast was rejected by the Planners. This will be resubmitted with the mast being placed in a significantly different location on the Playing Field. SPC supports this application as a necessity for better mobile coverage.

Glebe Land

We are delighted to inform you that the Parish Council has finally completed the purchase of part of the Glebe Land on behalf of the Scouts and will now become holding trustees, granting a long lease at a peppercorn rent on their behalf. The group will now be able to replace the old hut with a new build once funding is secured. We are sure that older members of the village will remember 'Andy's Den' as well as Andy himself, with fondness and thanks for all the years of fun this site has brought to the youngsters over the years. We wish them luck with their fundraising.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 September 2017 at the Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

*Gill Hill, Parish Clerk
(stonesfieldpcc@gmail.com)*

West Oxfordshire District Council

The District Council has been somewhat pre-occupied with the consultation meetings for the emerging Local Plan. From a village point of view, it is encouraging that the Inspector is concerned about applications for development within the AONB. This, of course, brings into focus the application by Cala for the land to the north of the Woodstock Road. I intend to bring a motion to Planning for a moratorium on all such applications until such time that the Inspector's final report is to hand. I

am sure that the village will support this and will make a very strong case for the refusal of this proposal.

At the August meeting of the planning committee, several applications were received as 'retrospective' proposals. If there is one thing which I and other committee members dislike intensely, as does the Parish Council, it is the retrospective requests. The vast majority of these contain some element of 'trying to play the system'. Many contain elements which contravene regulations or are unneighbourly in some way.

It is now hoped that the Planning Inspector's report will be finalised late in the year. He has suggested some areas of further examination to be conducted by officers of the Council. At this stage, they do not appear too taxing, so we are hopeful that the final outcome will be acceptable and will enable the council to fulfill its duties to the benefit of our residents.

*Richard Bishop (891414;
richard.bishop@westoxon.gov.uk)*

Fatbergs tackled 'head on' in West Oxfordshire

With the problem of recurring major blockages in Witney's sewers caused by fatbergs, people living in West Oxfordshire are reminded that cooking oil can be collected as part of their household recycling service. Fatbergs are putrid fatty masses that occur in the sewers when cooking oils, fats and unflushable items such as sanitary products mix together and solidify.

We also ask that people don't flush wipes, cotton buds, nappies and sanitary

products down toilets even if they are labelled as flushable. Our message is clear: bin it – don't block it.

In Witney, engineers from Thames Water clear at least three major blockages from the town's sewers every fortnight, while in the same period, 17 properties in Witney have been flooded with sewage as a result of fat and wipe blockages.

*Andrew Smith, Communications Officer
(01993 861616/01993 861000)*

News from Robert Courts MP Horton General

The CCG (Clinical Commission Group) have proposed that the downgrade of maternity services from the Horton General in Banbury will become permanent. This will mean that the only obstetric unit in Oxfordshire will be at the already overstretched John Radcliffe in Oxford. Banbury will have a Midwife-Led Unit (MLU), which will provide the same maternity services as Chipping Norton Community Hospital. MLUs are a valuable resource for low-risk births, but having adequate obstetric care is essential to ensure the safety of mothers and babies.

The impact of this assessment goes far beyond just Banbury, but across the entirety of Oxfordshire. I share concerns held by many in West Oxfordshire that this is the thin end of the wedge. These plans are all very well until something goes wrong and mothers have to travel during labour from Banbury to the JR, risking the health of both mothers and babies. These proposals are unsafe, they are poorly thought through, the procedure is flawed.

I spoke recently at the Council's Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) meeting to discuss Oxfordshire Health bosses' proposals for changes of services at the Horton General. I was pleased that the CCG's decision will now be referred to the Secretary of State, and I shall do all I can to ensure that he is fully aware of my concerns, as well as those of my constituents and the local authority.

HOSC has already referred the temporary closure of obstetrics at the Horton in 2016 to the Secretary of State, and in 2008 the proposed downgrade of maternity services at the Horton was independently reviewed and overturned. We have a very strong case for this decision to be changed, and I will keep you all updated as soon as I learn anything further.

(robert@robertcourts.co.uk)

Education & culture

Stonesfield Library

Telephone: 01993 898187

Opening Hours:

Monday	2.30–7pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10am–12noon
Thursday	2.30–5pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10am–12noon

Friends of Stonesfield Library

Children alert! Have you read your six books and qualified for a gold medal?

Are you ready for Wednesday 13 September? On that day we will host our annual Awards Ceremony for the National Summer Reading Scheme. It takes place in the Village Hall Clubroom (next to the Library) from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Our chairman, Tony Scott, will present gold medals and

certificates to all children who complete the challenge.

This year the theme is Animal Agents. Children have also been invited to make a mask of an animal character from a book they have read. There are PRIZES to be won!

Come and see all the masks on display, enjoy some cakes and biscuits, take part in plenty of creative activities, and be presented with your medal and certificate.

We will finish with a group photograph of all who completed the challenge by reading six books through the holidays.

The Adult Reading Challenge also runs until mid-September. There are free tickets to be won for Blenheim Palace, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Crocodile World, Wychwood Brewery and many others. Find out more from the Library.

Val Phillips (891455)

The Oxfordshire Museum

Summer Lates. On the first Thursday in September The Oxfordshire Museum and The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum will be open until 8pm.

Thursday 7 September: Get up close to the collections. Tours, talks and an opportunity to go 'behind the glass' and explore the collection with its curators.

Exhibitions:

Until 1 October: *Viking Heroes Exhibition.*

Until 17 September : *Viking Heroes playroom.*

In this compelling exhibition discover some of the real-life hero 'celebrities' of the Viking world, including Eric Bloodaxe – last Viking King of York, King Cnut the Great, Harald Bluetooth – Christian and King, and Harald Hardrada – the thunderbolt of the North.

23 September – 31 March 2018: *20 Years of Treasure.*

30 September – 29 October: *Peter Ross.* An exhibition of recent paintings by this popular Oxfordshire Artist, featuring West Oxfordshire churches, local landscapes, great artists and their work.

Events:

30 September: *Chinese Animals with Snowflake Books.* 2–4pm, suitable for 3–10yrs.

Free event

Join us for interactive traditional Chinese story-telling with dragon dancing, a giant animal race board game, animal zodiac face painting and an animal trail around the museum. No booking required.

Lectures:

Saturday 23 September, 10.30am: *20 Years of Treasure*, by Dr Michael Lewis FSA MCIFA, Head of Portable Antiquities & Treasure at The British Museum. Lecture is free but donations in support of the PAS are welcomed. Tickets in advance from the Museum (01993 814106).

Wednesday 6 September, 7.30pm: *The common lodging house in Victorian England*, by Liz Woolley. Friends of The Oxfordshire Museum free, visitors £4.

Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock

We run an extensive programme of courses for adults within the school all year round (apart from school holidays).

A full copy of our NEW 2017–18 brochure is now available to download on the Marlborough School website www.marlbrough.oxon.sch.uk/commed.

If you would like a free printed copy of our brochure or to book a place, please telephone 01993 813592 or email comed.4560@marlbrough.oxon.sch.uk. In Stonesfield and most other villages the brochure will be delivered door to door and we will also put copies all over north, west and central Oxfordshire in shops, libraries and doctors surgeries by mid-August.

For up to date and comprehensive information about availability on courses please see the school website (as above). As courses become full they are listed for your information from September.

Mrs Jenny Bodinham, Coordinator,
Marlborough C of E School, Community
Education (01993 813592)

Clubs & societies

Stonesfield Gardening Club

The open gardens event in June went very well; raising around £700 for the club. As we now have a healthy bank balance, we will be donating the surplus to local charities & good causes after the AGM in November.

The July trip to the National Herb Centre in Banbury was a real treat, we toured the polytunnels, where plants were raised mainly from cuttings, as well as part of the extensive grounds but did not have time to explore everything.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11 September 7.30pm at the St James' Centre; *Bulbs for all seasons & winter bedding*, from Chris Day of Buckingham nurseries; I believe there will be an opportunity to purchase bulbs and bedding plants on the evening.

Sybil Barton (01993 891590; sybil.a.barton@gmail.com)

Over 60s Darby & Joan

We met as usual in August and although we were down in number due to the Summer break we had an enjoyable afternoon. There were a few announcements. Firstly we remembered Josie Fletcher, who sadly has recently died. Several of us went to her funeral at Ascot under Wychwood. Josie had been a regular member at meetings until quite recently, always very kind and generous, as was Terry. We already miss her and send our good wishes to her family.

On a brighter note we have had another Golden Wedding and congratulated Marilyn and Bryon.

We seem to be having a good number of things to celebrate this year. We had a card ready to sign for Kathleen Burbage, who is going to be 95 before the end of August.

Details of the next four meetings were given out, the first of which will be on 14 September at 2pm.

Before drawing the raffle we all enjoyed the lovely cakes sent along by Kath, wishing her a speedy recovery and a Happy Birthday.

Avis

Women's Institute

Our meeting in July was an interesting talk by Andrew Hall and two of his colleagues from Idlewild hairdressing.

Our August meeting was a hands-on session, with members being given materials to see who could create the best table centrepiece in the time allowed.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19 September, when you are invited to join a choir for the night! Visitors welcome.

We are regretfully announcing that unless we can increase our membership and find volunteers to hold offices on the committee then unfortunately this may be the last year of Stonesfield WI. This will be a great shame as the Stonesfield WI is 95 this year. However, we are

hopeful that new members will join us so that we can continue.

Katy White

Woodstock and District U3A Speakers for 2017/2018

Our monthly meetings are at the

Enterprise Centre, Marlborough School, Woodstock, generally every 1st Tuesday at 2pm. Visitors are welcome.

Information on www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock or please phone 580688.

5 September talk: *Opera – not just shrieking ladies and fat tenors* by James Mitchell.

Sport

Stonesfield Cricket Club

Thanks to those who supported, attended and helped with the club's Andy Crawford Memorial Weekend on 29 and 30 July – it was a huge success and a tremendous amount was raised for the charity Oxfordshire Mind. A superb quiz night was held in the clubhouse, followed on the Sunday by a 6-a-side cricket tournament, bouncy castle, face painting, BBQ and a kids kwik cricket match. Finally, a huge raffle saw some terrific prizes won.

On the field, I'm happy to report both sides have picked up their form! Sam Hibberd's 1st XI recovered from a big defeat at Wolvercote, and then a rained-off game at Oxenford, to record two superb victories, firstly vs Faringdon, and then against East & West Hendred. Leading run scorer Shoaib Ahmed has been in the runs again, and Sam has set a fine example to the team with his tremendous fast and accurate bowling. This has lifted the team to 3rd bottom 'safety' in the OCA Div 1 table – with

four games remaining. It should be noted this is the top division (of 9) in the Association, a great achievement by little Stonesfield to keep surviving at this level.

Our largely young 2nd XI in Div 7 (led by myself in the absence of any other candidates!) continues to fight hard to stay up. We suffered heavy defeats at leaders Yarnton-Cowley 2nds and then Witney Swifts 2nds, on the Leys. Here we were most unfortunate in that one key bowler arrived so late that he could not bowl, and then two others sustained serious injuries whilst fielding – meaning neither were able to bat! However, we showed tremendous character to bounce back and win a critical game on a 'sticky wicket' at Kilkenny in Carterton the following weekend – veteran bowler Adam Lambert taking 5 wickets for just 28 runs to precede a gutsy run-chase. The next few games vs Stanton Harcourt 2nds, and then Eynsham 2nds will likely decide if we can avoid relegation, or not!

Stewart Moss (07866 278685)

Church news



Anglican Worship in the Parishes of Stonesfield with Combe Longa

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Stonesfield Churchwardens: Neil Melrose (891566) and Martine Smith-Huvers (898425)
Combe Longa Churchwardens: Julian Freeland (891223) and Andrew Hobson (891273)

BCP=Book of Common Prayer: CW=Common Worship

From your Parish Priest

Do you like to watch films? I do, well I guess certain films. I like films that give me a warm glow at the end of them. Films that have a good storyline and a clear message that good always prevails over injustice. Of course there are films that don't always work out that way.

J. John, the friend who sends me letters every month on all sorts of subjects, sent me one on a film he has just seen called *Silence*.

The film, he says, 'is based on an acclaimed work of historical fiction by the Japanese Catholic writer Shūsaku Endō. Set in seventeenth-century Japan at a time when, following the dramatic missionary-driven expansion of Christianity, the church was savagely suppressed, it recounts the story of two priests from Portugal who go to Japan to find a third who has gone missing and who they are told may, in the face of torture, have committed apostasy by

denying the faith. This is a time when being a believer was no easy matter; the punishment for the faithful was often imaginatively brutal, something the film doesn't spare us.'

It steps back from the feel good factor that I so love and tells the story warts and all. 'Scorsese', he says, 'seems to have gone out of his way to put people off. The nonbeliever might easily find the depiction of faith too uncritical, the believer find it too unsympathetic. There is something in *Silence* to unsettle everybody!'

I haven't seen it yet but I think I will have to work my way up to it. I prefer, I must admit, the new genre of 'super-hero' offerings where things are easily worked out as far as who is wearing the white hat and who is wearing the black hat!

The film, he says, reminds him of the fact that we all respond differently to the realities of life. He calls it our 'internal castle'. What I think he means is that we

very often construct a belief system inside us to justify our position and our support of things; we bend the facts to fit into our belief system one way or the other. In other words, if we believe in God then we fit what we know around that certainty. If we don't believe in God then we fit the facts around that 'internal castle' of unbelief.

I suppose it's true that we all filter life to fit our comfort zone. However, J. John says, for him, '*Silence* unsettles all those certainties' whichever way we face with regard to the facts we experience.

He goes on to say, 'The genius of *Silence* is the way that it makes the viewer

uncomfortable. But then in this age of the armchair, where comfort is elevated over truth, perhaps we need to be made uncomfortable.'

However, what I find heartwarming as a Christian is that today, two million Japanese are Christians and churches can be found across the country. Many Christians live in Western Japan, where the missionaries' activities were greatest during the seventeenth century.

I hope you enjoyed my personal venture into 'the sound of *Silence*'!

See you soon and, as always, D.F.T.W.

Rev Roy

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3 September [Twelfth Sunday after Trinity]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe Longa	All Age Worship
11am	Stonesfield	All Age Worship

Sunday 10 September [Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe Longa	Parish Communion [CW/sung]
11am	Stonesfield	Parish Communion [CW/sung]

St James's Church, Stonesfield

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS and Harvest celebrations

Everyone – new residents and not-so-new – is warmly invited to tea!
Saturday 30 September between 4 and 5.30pm in St James' Centre



Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 1 October 11am – a special service for all ages!
Gifts of money for Send-a-Cow, or goods for the Foodbank, will be gratefully received at the service.

Sunday 17 September [Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe Longa	Matins
11am	Stonesfield	Morning Prayer

Sunday 24 September [Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
11am	Combe Longa	Harvest Festival
11am	Stonesfield	Parish Communion [CW/sung]

Sunday 1 October [Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe Longa	All Age Worship
11am	Stonesfield	Harvest Festival

Mid-week Communion Service [said]

Wednesdays 9.30am at Stonesfield – everyone is most welcome.

Stonesfield Methodist Church

The new Circuit Superintendent Minister, The Reverend Rose Westwood, is now in our midst and will very soon be leading Worship at Stonesfield. Rose has moved into the Manse at Long Hanborough and is beginning to familiarise herself with the churches in her Ministerial care as well as with all her responsibilities as Circuit Superintendent. We wish her a happy and peaceful time among us and pray she will bring God's love and inspiration ever closer.

The 150th Church Anniversary was a truly wonderful occasion. A time to look back and to look forward, catching up with friends and sharing memories. A day to be remembered. Thanks to everyone who came and helped make it such a special one.

The Flower Festival is almost here, so book a space to arrange your display

before it's too late. Come and arrange flowers for a group you are part of, or maybe to remember someone who is no longer around, or just because you love flowers!

The Festival will open on Saturday 2 September and continue on the Sunday. Come and see the beautiful displays and spend some time in this lovely Chapel. Enjoy a cream tea and browse the all-sorts table. All are very welcome, Saturday from 11am to 4pm and Sunday 2 to 4 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you!

*Kathleen (891733 or
k.m.albert14@gmail.com)*

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 3

Sun 6	11am	Mrs Stella Bristow
Sun 10	11am	Mr David Sarbutts
Sun 17	11am	Mr Graham Faulkner
Sun 24	11am	Mr Ken Mumford

Roman Catholic Worship

St Teresa's Charlbury

We live in an age where food, either too much or too little, is a source of much concern. Rightly we think about the starving millions in the Third World or the rise of obesity in the First World.

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Father Tony Joyce can be contacted on: holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com or telephone: 01608 643487

For parish updates and any further information please see: <https://stteresaschurch-charlbury.com/> or contact Mike and Clare, Joint Chairs, Parish Committee: chair. stteresaschurchcharlbury@gmail.com

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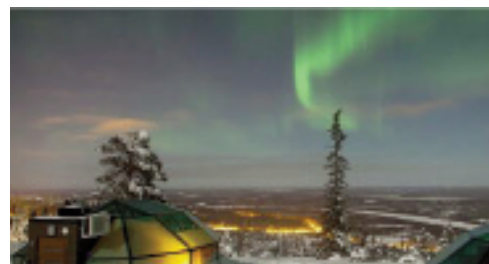
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