

The Stonesfield Slate

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Dates for your diary – April

2	Easter Egg Treasure Hunt	Sports & Social Club	noon–4pm
6	Treasure Box	St James's Centre	10.30–12noon
7	Ladies Night	Sports & Social Club	8pm
9	Gardening Club	Evenly Wood Garden	10.30am
9,16,23,30	SJC Cuppa	St James's Centre	10–11.30am
12,19,26	Book Break	Library	12.30–2pm
12	Over 60s Darby & Joan	Village Hall	2pm
12	Bingo	Sports & Social Club	eyes down 7.30pm
12	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
21	Plant Sale	Four Acres, Pond Hill	8.30–11.30am
16,23,30	Monday Coffee	St James's Centre	8.45–10am
21	Players Revue	St James's Centre	8pm
25	Lunch Club Coffee	St James's Centre	11–12noon
25	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
27	Women's World Day of Prayer	Methodist Church	2pm
27	FoSS Bingo	Village Hall	eyes down 7pm
28	Shepherd Pie Band	Sports & Social Club	9pm

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*Deep drifts blocking the
road from the Common
on 2 March*



Photo: Alan Kendall

Notices

Sustainable Stonesfield

Planning: WODC have published their revised Local Plan. They have removed the CALA Homes site on the Woodstock Road completely; this means they should not be able to give permission should CALA re-apply. Any such application would then probably go to appeal, but it is none the less an important victory at this stage for those in the village who are trying to fight inappropriate, unsustainable development. Thanks to all those who wrote to make their voice heard: it really counted. The Local Plan is out for consultation until 9 April; our hope is that it will be approved in full.

Planning applications for North Farm and Pye Phase 2 are still with WODC, but haven't yet gone to committee. Both these sites are 'windfall', which the Inspector ruled against.

Traffic at Judd's: we wrote to Ian Hudspeth, leader of OCC, asking him to comment on the effect of increased traffic on the dangerous junction at the A44 caused by the increased housing already built. He replied that OCC policy is to review traffic issues only if the development is an individual site of more than 50 houses. This doesn't answer our concern about the cumulative effect of development across the local area resulting in increased traffic: Charity Farm and Farley Lane together constitute 50 houses, let alone other new sites here and in Charlbury. We are pursuing our correspondence.

Facebook: Sustainable Stonesfield has a Facebook page. Please check it out, and use it to share information, observations, concerns – and maybe even photos of areas, buildings, roads etc you want to comment on.

Finally, please consider joining Sustainable Stonesfield to get emails and information. No fee, no hassle. There are already 170 members who have joined because they want to hear the latest news and help if they can. Use the sign up form at: <http://eepurl.com/cJI4bj>

Caroline Friend, Sustainable Stonesfield

Treasure Box at Easter

Firstly, a reminder that the Easter Trail for families starts on Friday 30 March at 10.30am from the St James' Centre. (All the details were in last month's *Slate*.)

The Easter fun continues with Treasure Box on Friday 6 April from 10.30am to 12noon in the St James' Centre. There will be crafts, games and activities and another story about Eric.

All children welcome.

Muriel Barrett (891479)

Village Hall News

Sadly, at the end of February, we lost Little Monkey Gym, and Project Active Spinning due to lack of attendees over the last few months, which made it not viable for the organisers to continue with the weekly sessions. Also, the WI group

finished in December, after months of trying to rally more interest and support. This is such a shame, and a big loss to the village, as all clubs had been running for many years, but it is a case of if you don't use it, you lose it.

Please remember that we are an active community, and we have some lovely long-standing groups that run weekly and rely on the support of the village to continue.

We currently have the following running on a weekly basis :

Pickle Ball
Taekwondo
Zumba
Folk Dance
Baby & Toddler Group
Vollyball

We have our quarterly Committee Meeting on 25 April at 7.30pm and are still hoping that someone would like to step forward to volunteer as our chairman. If you would like to come along, or would like information on hiring, or any of the existing groups, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jacqueline Carthew, Secretary & Booking Clerk (01993 898919 or email svh@gmail.com)

Vocallegro

A choral concert will be given on

Saturday 28 April at St Mary Magdalene Church in Woodstock by the Hamburg male-voice choir *Vocallegro*. The choir, founded in 1996 at the church of St Nicolai in Hamburg, has established itself as a unique and integral part of the city's musical life and has acquired a considerable reputation. They will perform sacred and secular music, including pieces by Tallis, Bruckner, Schubert, Mozart and Wagner. The concert is at 7.30 pm on Saturday 28 April at St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock.

Entrance free, with a retiring collection in aid of St Mary Magdalene Church.

Simon Haviland (891614)

Lunch Club

Everyone is cordially invited to a coffee morning and bring and buy on Wednesday 25 April, 11–12noon at the St James's Centre.

Anne Bishop (891414)

Bridewell Open Gardens 2018

Our gardens will be open on 13 May, 10 June and 15 July at 2–5pm, and on 16 August and 16 September at 2–4pm. The Walled Garden, Wilcote, near North Leigh, OX7 3DT. 01993 868313, www.bridewellgardens.co.uk

Charity no: 1158456

Politics & local affairs

Parish Council

Mobile Phone Mast

We have a definite date for the installation of the Mobile Phone Mast of 10 September 2018. This will take approximately three weeks to complete. An earlier date in August had been proposed but this would have meant disrupting some cricket matches which was simply out of the question!

CALA Homes, PYE Homes & North Farm

We have no further information on any of these three projects.

Sheep on the Common

We recently had an emergency situation with the sheep on the Common when they decided to take a walk across the river late one afternoon. By the time that Ed and Nic arrived it was beginning to get dark and we had to call on the help of some Stonesfield stalwarts to come and assist in rescuing the sheep, otherwise they would have drowned. We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to Frank Huddleston, who rushed down to the Common with torches, Wendy Gould, David Brown and Alan and Viv Kendall for coming to the rescue. Everything was back to normal by 8pm. A great effort for which Ed and Nic were very grateful.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 12 April at the Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

Gill Hill, Parish Clerk
(stonesfieldpc@gmail.com)

West Oxfordshire District Council District Update

The District Council has formalised its Balanced Budget for 2018/19. This has been achieved with a rise in Council Tax of only £2.75 at Band D. To the delight of council members and the relief of residents of West Oxfordshire, this has been achieved without any reduction in services or diminution in the quality of those services. Our Council has also maintained its position as the second lowest taxation authority in England.

It now seems unlikely that the Cala proposals for land off the Woodstock Road in Stonesfield will materialise. The application for 170 units in Long Hanborough, which received approval recently, will now be reviewed. The District has achieved its goal of a five-year housing land supply, so has regained its 'teeth'. This means that any planning refusals are less likely to be overturned on appeal.

District will continue its efforts to give all residents in West Oxfordshire the best possible service and is, of course, determined to seek solutions acceptable to all to the various problems and difficulties which our electorate bring before us.

On a personal note, I will do all in my power to resolve any concerns which you may put to me.

Richard Bishop (891414,
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Arts and heritage

Arts and heritage projects in West Oxfordshire could be in line for a cash boost of up to £500 and groups are urged to apply for grant funding. West Oxfordshire District Council is making Community Activities Grants (CAG) available to organisations across the District. Grants of between £100 and £500 are available for specific projects to be carried out by community groups and charities.

Further information: Communications:
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communications@westoxon.gov.uk

Andrew Smith, Communications Officer,
WODC, Council Offices, Woodgreen,
Witney OX28 1NB (01993 861616 /
01993 861000)

Garden Waste Collections. To date, 23,650 licences have been issued to 20,363 properties and councillors are urging people to register in order to ensure the maximum number of collections possible over the coming year. The subscription-only service starts from the beginning of April and costs £30 per bin a year for fortnightly wheelie-bin collections.

Signing up for garden waste collections can be done online at www.westoxon.gov.uk/garden or by calling 01993 861025.

The annual charge runs from 1 April until 31 March each year. Anyone signing up part way through the year will be charged the full amount (£30) until the end of March.

From our County Councillor

Pothole work as winter hits the roads

Repeated cycles of ice, thaws and snow created the worst possible weather conditions for roads over the last few months, leading to a rise in reports on Fix My Street from 3,000 pre-Christmas to 7,000 during January. OCC has drafted in more staff to carry out inspections and contractors Skanska are sending out more teams to carry out repairs. An additional Dragon-Patcher is now in action on the road network travelling round on an 'inspect and fix' basis on the rural network.

There is also good news in the form of almost £1m in extra funding from the Department for Transport in recognition of damage done to the roads by bad weather. This money will be spent on road patching later this year as that will give longer lasting benefits and better value for money.

Defects that make roads hazardous will be dealt with within 24 hours as usual. Remember, if a defect has paint markings around it then it has already been scheduled for repair and does not need a new report.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth (07956270 318,
Ian.hudspeth@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

From Robert Courts MP

The Treasury and the Department for Education announced that schools will receive £600 for every additional pupil who takes an advanced maths qualification, helping to ensure Britain has skills for success in the future.

Robert Courts (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

The Stonesfield Players present April revue

Saturday 21 April, 8pm, St James's Centre

Saints, Dragons, Whispering Knights and treacle wells

Please join us for an evening of myths and legends told by the wonderful people of Stonesfield. Tickets are £5 on the door and there's an open bar. We hope you can make it!

Dave Rudge (898084)

Pop-up Folk 2018

All the concerts are at Finstock Village Hall OX7 3BU, doors open 7.15 for 7.45 start. These concerts are in partnership between Pop-up Folk and Evenlode Folk.

Saturday 5 May

Singer/fiddler Jackie Oates and guitarist Tristan Seume.

We are really excited to be presenting the renowned singer and fiddler Jackie Oates. Jackie was finalist in the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk awards in 2003, and won the

Horizon Award in 2009. She will perform with fabulous guitarist Tristan Seume, who is one of the UK's finest young solo acoustic guitarists. Support by Susanna Starling, Nick Hooper and Judith (Henderson) Hooper, now performing as The Boot Band. Advance purchase of tickets is strongly recommended, and tickets can be purchased at www.wegotickets.com/event/431227

The dates for the later Pop-up Folk concerts are 23 June and 24 November. Put the dates in your diaries! More details later.

Nick & Judith Hooper, Pop-up Folk (898604)

The Stonesfield Players

April Revue

Saturday 21st April – 8.00pm

St James Centre

"Saints, Dragons, Whispering Knights and treacle wells"

Join us on a dark April's evening for myths and legends, told by some of our village's most talented story tellers. Tickets are £5.00 on the door and a bar will be available.

All proceeds go to supporting the Stonesfield Players. For more info contact Dave Rudge on 01993 898084 / davidrudge2002@yahoo.co.uk

Sofa Museum, Woodstock

The Chairman of the SOFO Friends and the Chairman Oxfordshire ABF The Soldiers' Charity Oxfordshire invite you to attend a Presentation by Major General Peter Williams CMG, OBE on *My Life as a Cold War Spy* at SOFO Museum, Woodstock, on Saturday 14 April.

Programme

6.30pm Reception in the Museum
7.15pm – 8.15pm Presentation
8.30pm Departure
Tickets: £20

The speaker, Peter Williams, served for six years in Berlin in the Cold War, including four years involved in patrolling in East Germany as a member of BRIXMIS, the British military liaison mission to the Soviet Army. At the time very few people knew about the Mission's intelligence collection operations, but it is now possible to describe many of its highly successful activities. Incorporating Allied and Stasi (secret police) images, this talk casts a new light on this little known chapter of the Cold War.

If you would like to attend the Reception and Lecture please reply by 6 April to The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock OX20 1SN (www.sofa.org.uk. 01993 810 211) or to Colonel Terry Byrd, OBE, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, Ashcroft, West End Lane, Merton, Bicester OX25 2NG

New exhibition launch

The Indian Army in the First World War: An Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Perspective. This exciting new mini-exhibition about the Indian Army and the First World War is on from 2 to 30 April.

The exhibition is the product of a collaborative project led by Oxford University's History Faculty and the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum. It reveals new insights into the role played by people from across the Indian subcontinent during the First World War; as well as exploring the historical connections between the British Indian Army and the local communities of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, since men from the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry served alongside Indian troops in Mesopotamia (Iraq) in 1914–18.

For further information and interviews, please contact Dr Priya Atwal (Knowledge Exchange Fellow in History, University of Oxford; priykatwal@gmail.com)

Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock

Our final Saturday workshop of this academic year is coming up on 19 May. Courses include stained glass, yoga and upholstery. In our well-equipped teaching kitchens, a professional chef will help you learn how to create a fabulous four-course dinner party. Local musician John Somerscales is running a beginners/intermediate drumming workshop on hand drums. Or how about our 1-hour Archery taster session?

Weekly courses start again after Easter. Our 2018–19 programme will be available on our website and via email from mid-July. For a free copy of our new brochure or to book a place on any of the above courses telephone 01993 813592 or email comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk

Celia Clark, Coordinator (01993 813592, h.uk/commed)

Clubs & societies

Sports and Social Club

Join us on Easter Monday from 12noon to 4pm for a Family Fun day. There will be an Easter egg treasure hunt, Kids crafts, refreshments and more. This is a fundraising event for the Primary School play equipment.

The 7th of April is Ladies Night. Tell your friends we are putting the Prosecco on ice and filling up the cheese boards!

This month's special from 9 to 13 April is San Miguel at £2 per pint.

Back, by popular demand and sure to fill the dance floor, are SHEPHERD PIE, performing on 28 April from 9pm.

Many thanks.

Brian Clarke

Stonesfield Gardening Club

At our March meeting, Timothy Walker gave us a wonderfully illustrated talk on 'Colour in a small garden'. With references to garden design, literature, science, art and photography he guided us through various effects that can be achieved by careful placement of differently coloured and textured plants.

On Monday 9 April, the club is organising a group visit to Evenly Wood Garden (10.30 depart by car-share); please contact me if you would like to join us – £15 to include a guided tour and lunch.

On Saturday 21 April we will hold our annual plant sale at Four Acres, Pond Hill

(along from the village shop); proceeds will go to club running-costs and any surplus will be awarded to village good causes at the end of the year.

We are a fortunate club to have such good support from our committee members and we are especially grateful to Bernard Williamson, who has been our treasurer for the past three years but is now moving on.

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

Over 60s Darby & Joan Club.

Members arrived at the hall for our March meeting to find Mark outside the main entrance in his mobile Fish & Chip shop already preparing our lunch. The tables had been laid by the A Team with a buttered roll and juice for those who wished. As usual he began serving at 1 o'clock. They were delicious and we are really grateful to Mark for once again coming along.

After lunch, as we settled down for the afternoon, it gave me great pleasure on behalf of the Royal Voluntary Service to present a Thirty Years Service Certificate and Badge to Hebe Godfrey. Well done, Hebe, we are very proud of you.

At Joyce's suggestion we had brought in the 15 photograph albums for members to browse through and what a lot of memories they held. We will have to do a repeat as they took rather a long time going round.

Tea/Coffee and cake was served and the quiz checked, no special prize, everyone received a small Easter egg,

Next month we will meet on 12 April at 2pm and it will be very interesting to see all the Easter Bonnets or Caps. There could be a special prize for the winner and although it is a little after Easter, we will have our Hot Cross Buns. I am sure they will still be in the shops.

As usual the raffle ended our meeting. A lovely afternoon, time flies when you are having fun and it is always good to have a chat with friends. If you are over 60 why not pay us a visit? You would be most welcome.

Take care and I hope to see you on 12th.

Avis

ChOC

The film of the month on Sunday 8 April at 7.30pm is *Victoria & Abdul*. Cert 12 / 109 mins.

The unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's (Dame Judi Dench) remarkable rule. When Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal), a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. As the Queen questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance with a loyalty to one another that her household

and inner circle all attempt to destroy.

Memorial Hall, Charlbury. Doors & bar from 6.45pm. Admission: Adults £5 /U15s £3

North Leigh History Society

3 April: The Oxford HEIR project (Historic Environment Image Resource) – Dr Janice Kinory

In April Dr Janice Kinory will be telling us about an exciting project being undertaken by the University of Oxford which goes under the acronym of HEIR. Using the extensive collection of photographs amassed by the university since the late 19th century, researchers are collecting data that is helping them to gain new perspectives on present issues such as climate change and also offering fresh insights into the past.

7.30pm Turner Hall, Church Road, North Leigh OX29 6TX. All welcome. Visitors £4, Members free. Further details from Diana Power 01993 882301.

Woodstock Natural History Society

This month's meeting is on Tuesday 10 April at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock OX20 1PB. Lawrence Bee will give an illustrated talk entitled *Spiders*.

Visitors £2. All welcome.

Sport

Stonesfield Cricket Club

Our preparations for the 2018 season gather pace. Spring is here! We've been doing a few jobs at the field, working on the wicket, cleaning the scorebox and putting nets on frames etc! Our weekly indoor practice at Charlbury has been a great success, just a few more sessions remain. I have been heartened to see our talented youth players 'mixing it' with the adults; these 13 and 14 year old lads are the future of the club and fruits of our youth cricket system – for which we owe huge thanks to our pace bowler (and schoolteacher by trade) Dan Taylor.

Starting late April, Dan will be again running youth cricket training on Fridays 4.30pm at the field – contact him on taytrain@gmail.com or 07920 005686 for enrolment details. We'll be running an Under 13 team (for school years 7 & 8) with numerous competitive matches, plus an U-11 side for younger children with Kwik cricket matches provided. However, we're urgently looking for a coordinator for the U-11s to assist Dan – you don't need to be a cricket expert and there'll be rota assistance from adult players. If interested please do contact Dan to discuss; the club would really like to offer cricket to as many youngsters as we can!

The 1st XI commences the season (in our smart new white & navy shirts!) with friendly matches at Combe and Great Tew before an opening OCA Division 1 fixture at East & West Hendred on Saturday 28 April. Skipper and opening

batsman Jamie Burns looks to have pulled off a few quality new signings to replace those that have drifted away, so hopes of winning silverware are high. We look to have a very strong bowling attack this year.

The 2nd XI starts with a friendly match away vs Bampton 2nds, followed by an opening Div 7 league game at home vs Hook Norton 2nds. We've an interesting season ahead with lots of 'local derby' games, against the likes of Chipping Norton 2nds, Charlbury and Kidlington 3rd XIs. We've lost a few players but are boosted by numerous talented youngsters who are a year older and stronger – I predict they will make a big impact this summer. We've also a couple of batsmen fit again who were injured almost all of last season, so the hope is our Willow can hit the opposition leather much more frequently than they hit ours!!

Stewart Moss (07866 278685)

Stonesfield Football Club

'The Beast from the East' devastated the football programme in early March in what turned out to be one of the worst set of weather conditions to envelope The Shire in living memory. Mind you, that could prove to be a blessing in disguise as it means those games will be played in lovely spring sunshine in April, which could benefit our First team at the business-end of the season. Excellent wins at home against Chadlington (2–0) and Witney Royals (3–1) have kept them

in touch at the top of Division 1. They currently sit in second place behind leaders Aston on goal difference but have played two games more. The win against Witney Royals was sweet revenge for the home defeat (2–0) in the Junior Cup which was a sore one, not least because club stalwart Michael Phipps missed two penalty kicks which would have kept our boys in the competition. Just one of those days, I suppose, where it wasn't meant to be.

The Reserves have also had a mixed bag of results with two great away wins at Bampton (5–1) and Chadlington (3–0) followed by an honourable loss (6–3) at promotion contenders Kingham in a 9-goal thriller. These results leave our lads in a respectable 4th place in Division 4, sadly, with little hope of promotion. They still have the chance of cup glory in the Supplementary Cup, where they take on the mighty Siege FC who currently top Division 3. Not holding my breath on that one but would be delighted to see them go through!

There are several excellent contenders for this month's Fredo Award. First up is Mike Phipps, who organised and ran a Race Night at the tail-end of February in aid of football club funds and managed to put the grand total of £600 in the coffers. Many thanks to all who attended and made the night such a huge success! Second one up for consideration is Chipper Clarke, who scored a stunning drop-volley that went in off the under-side of the crossbar to seal the Firsts win against Chadlington. The fact that the ball didn't end up in the Evenlode

(which is what usually happens) stunned the ecstatic home support. After much deliberation the committee decided to award The Fredo to The Evergreen Dave Holloway who scored against Kingham for his beloved Reserves on the occasion of his 50th birthday. Richly deserved and quickly scoffed: well done Dave!

Tom Flanagan (891979)

Stonesfield Walking Football

With the Muga now completed and Spring on the way we would like to make full use of this facility and we are thinking of starting up 'Walking Football'. This appears to be a very popular sport. Please contact me on 891770 if you are interested.

Brian Clarke

Woodstock Bowls & Tennis Club

Bowls clubs nationally are always looking to increase their membership and Woodstock are no exception. We are lucky enough to have some young members and would like to invite you, whatever your age, to come and have a go. Equipment is available so the only thing you need is a pair of flat soled shoes. We will host several taster sessions and there are 'roll ups' on Monday and Friday afternoons from 2pm and all are welcome on Tuesday nights which is club night. (Bar will be open!) Depending on the weather the green will open in mid April. Please contact Brian Clarke (01993 891770) for details and confirmation of dates.

Brian Clarke

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

Easter is here again and I hope that you are looking forward to some sort of treat; perhaps of the chocolate variety! Of course the Easter Egg represents new life and that's what paradoxically Jesus dying on the cross means for us all as we celebrate his rising again on Easter Sunday Morning.

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was painful, to say the least, but he did it so that you and I could have a relationship with our Father in Heaven. When I am talking about Easter to our children in our school assemblies I very often say:

You know nothing of great value is gained without sacrifice. To play for the school team you need to practice hard to become a good player. To be good at writing you need to practise your spelling and grammar then move on to the creative bit and develop your imagination! For you to be here in school, at all, mums and dads have

to make sure that you are looked after and supplied with all you need like food and clothing, love and care. All that together with the way our teachers sacrifice even their spare time to make sure that you have the very best lessons they can give.

It all adds up to a lot of hard work and a lot of self-sacrifice and whilst writing to you all, can I say that I believe we are served by very special and dedicated teachers and governors in both our schools. I know that they want the very best for our children both in Combe and Stonesfield; let's support them as much as we can as they continue to tirelessly give of themselves.

However, I very often say to the older children in senior school, sacrifice is not just for grown ups and tell them this very special story of an eight year old boy.

His sister was dying of leukaemia and she needed a blood transfusion; if she didn't

get it she would die. The doctors asked the boy if he would be tested to see if his blood was the right type to give to his sister. The boy said OK and when his blood was tested, it proved to be a perfect match. They then asked the boy if he would give a pint of his blood to his sister as it was her only hope. He said that he would need to think about it overnight.

The next day the boy said he had thought about it and he was happy to give his sister the blood she needed. They took him to the hospital and put him on a stretcher next to his sister. The nurse took the pint of blood and gave it to his sister. The boy lay quietly while the transfusion was being given until a

doctor came over to ask how he was. Then the boy asked the doctor, 'How soon is it until I start to die?'

You see, no one had thought to mention that you can give blood without dying. The little boy thought that he was giving his life for his sister. Thankfully he was not giving his life as a sacrifice but he certainly gave his sister new life. Thankfully Jesus said yes when he was asked to give his life as a sacrifice for all of us and that's why we have Easter and that's why we have our Easter Egg treats. Happy Easter everyone and don't forget to come and see us on Sunday morning. Oh, and by the way, D.F.T.W

Rev Roy

SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday 1 April [Easter Day]

6am	Combe Longa	Dawn Service
8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am	Combe Longa	Parish Communion [CW/sung]
11am	Stonesfield	Parish Communion [CW/sung]

Sunday 8 April [Second Sunday of Easter]

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

Sunday 15 April [Third Sunday of Easter]

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

Sunday 22 April [Fourth Sunday of Easter]

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

Sunday 29 April [Fifth Sunday of Easter]

8am	Stonesfield	Holy Communion [BCP/said]
10am	Combe Longa	United Benefice Communion [CW/sung]

Sunday 6 May [Sixth Sunday of Easter]

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

Mid-week Communion Service [said]

Wednesdays 9.30am at Stonesfield. Everyone is most welcome

Stonesfield Methodist Church

Women's World Day of Prayer

Sadly, the severe snowy conditions prevented the Service taking place on the designated day. However, it is now rescheduled and will be held at the Methodist Church on Friday 27 April at 2pm.

Please do come and hear this beautiful Service sent from the people of Suriname! A warm welcome to all.

SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sun 1	11am	Revd Rose Westwood
		Easter Day Holy Communion
Sun 8		to be arranged
Sun 15	11am	Keith Crawford
Sun 22	11am	Penny Fowler
Sun 29	11am	Revd Rose Westwood

Roman Catholic Worship

St Teresa's Charlbury

What would Jesus have done?

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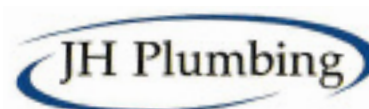
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