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## Don't chuck it, fix it!



Repair Café

We all have things which are broken in some way, which we don't want to throw away but don't know how to fix. It seems a terrible waste to chuck them but what can we do? The idea of the Repair Café in Stonesfield was to provide a solution to this problem for people in the area but is also part of a global initiative to reduce waste going to landfill and pushing back against built in obsolescence.

Our repairers are all volunteers who have experience or professional expertise in their field and a desire to serve the community.

We opened our doors on 2 July in collaboration with the Community Café in

the village hall. There was a steady stream of people bringing a wide variety of items that needed attention: a vacuum cleaner, a food mixer, a hedge cutter, radios, bikes, lamps, shears and knives to be sharpened as well as people needing IT advice and fabric and clothes repairs and adjustments.

We were delighted with our first event which saved a potential 80kg from being chucked. We had lots of happy customers who, while enjoying delicious cakes and refreshments from the café, had a good chat and went away with the majority of their items restored to working order.

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### August

1,4,8	Taekwondo	Village Hall	5.30-6.30pm
1,8,15,22	Monday Coffee	St James' Centre	10-11.30am
2,16	Carers' Café	Village Hall	10-12noon
3,4,10,11	Hannah Bathe HIIT Class	Village Hall	7.15-8pm
3,10	Folkdancing	Village Hall	7.45-10pm
9,16,23,30	Zumba	Village Hall	7-8pm
9,16,23,30	Zumba Strong	Village Hall	8.15-9.15pm
10	Oxford Science Event	Village Hall	11am-12noon
11,15,18	Taekwondo	Village Hall	5.30-6.30pm
13	Charity Motorbike Day	Playing Field	Noon-11pm
17,24	Folkdancing	Village Hall	7.45-10pm
17,24	Gatehouse Pilates	Village Hall	9.30-10.30am
17,18,24,25,31	Hannah Bathe HIIT Class	Village Hall	7.15-8pm
21	Beer on the Green	Pond Hill	2-4pm
22,25,29	Taekwondo	Village Hall	5.30-6.30pm
29	Monday Coffee - Cancelled	St James' Centre	
31	Folkdancing	Village Hall	7.45-10pm
31	Gatehouse Pilates	Village Hall	9.30-10.30am

### September

4	Afternoon Tea	Combe Reading Room	2.30-5.30pm
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## STONESFIELD VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME

Our volunteer drivers are available to take you to local medical appointments  
or to the hospitals in Oxford and Banbury.

We make no charge but welcome a donation towards expenses;  
safety precautions are still in place.

Please call Viv Kendall (01993 891803) to book transport in August.

# Notices & news

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## **Derrick Millard**

It is always sad when one loses a valued friend. I have known Derrick for nearly thirty years. He was the District Councillor for the Stonesfield and Tackley Ward. As our representative on the District Council, he worked tirelessly for the good of the village and its residents. He stood as an Independent for many years before transferring his allegiance to the Conservatives. In both translations he was his own man, giving the highest possible service to his community.

On the Council he served on a wide variety of committees and his strongest interest was for Planning. Alongside Charles Cottrell-Dormer, he viewed the work of the planning committee with an unbiased eye, seeking solutions which would not only satisfy the applicant but also the greater good of the community. During his over 35 years as a Councillor, he was an active and diligent Parish Councillor dealing with the individual domestic interests of Stonesfield.

In following him on both Parish and District Councils, I found him to be a difficult act to emulate. Derrick gave exemplary service to his fellow residents and his passing indicates an end to an era. There will be many who will miss him, as I will, but also many who have reasons to thank providence for having Derrick as a fellow traveller on their paths through life.

Richard Bishop

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## **Contributions to The Slate**

The editorial team and publishers are conscious that not everyone has access to email and/or a computer.

If you are in this situation and would like to submit something for publication, please get in touch with the Editor in order to make alternative arrangements. We are happy to collect something handwritten from you or to take it down over the phone.

The Editor's name and contact number appear on page 2 of each issue

The Editors

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## **White Horse shares available NOW - and a free beer!**

Sadly, our village pub is still shut and the owner, Mr Bowers, has notified us that he has lined up a deal to sell it to a London-based investment company. However, we have triggered a six-month moratorium period which ends on 26 October, and during this period no sale of the property can take place to anyone except a community interest group such as ourselves.

This gives us time to put another bid together that will demonstrate, once again, the village's desire and commitment to bringing the pub into village ownership, open it and run it. Hopefully this time we will be successful in buying the pub, but in any event, our bid will provide vital supporting evidence towards preventing a planning application for change of use.

Here is how you can support the campaign:

**Buy shares!:** We intend to make an offer imminently and we need **your** help to ensure we are fully funded again to buy and carry out any necessary repairs / refurbishment to reopen the pub. Those of you who withdrew your shares, we need you back. Those of you who already have shares, we need you to buy more and those of you who didn't join us last time, we need you on board. Spread the word. Details of the share offer are available at: [www.backthewhitehorse.com/shares](http://www.backthewhitehorse.com/shares)

**Sunday 21 August:** Join us for Beer on the Green. We invite you to raise a glass with us, buy shares or make donations at an informal get together on the green triangle outside the pub on Sunday 21 August from 2-4pm. Bring a picnic and your (symbolically) empty beer glasses. We will fill them with **free** beer from Little Ox Brewery on a first-come first-served basis. The event will be a great opportunity to generate awareness and PR for our campaign.

**Sunday 11 September:** Pop-up Pub, Village Hall. Details to follow in the next Slate.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you once again for your support and your continued resolve to bring the White Horse into community ownership.

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## Don't chuck it, fix it! (cont)

Ross at Repair Café



Here is a review from one customer:

“The Repair Café is such a great idea! I took my mum's old radio up for a make-over. Paul fixed the aerial, retuned it and even explored its insides to cure the intermittent reception. Instead of chucking it into landfill, or spending a huge sum replacing it, I've now got a working radio - and there was coffee and cake to be had while I watched. Thanks to everyone who put so much thought, time and effort into making it happen, and to the very skilled amateur repairers: I saw a pushchair, a hedge cutter, a bike, a strimmer, a kettle, a hoover and a dress all getting the treatment - and a lot of smiling faces. Can't wait for the next one ...’

Our next event will be on  
Saturday 10 September 11-2pm

Mike Sofroniou

## North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank

May I make a further appeal on behalf of the North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank? As mentioned in the July issue, the Foodbank has two plastic boxes in Stonesfield Church and one just inside the village shop. Food placed in these boxes is collected on Friday mornings and driven to Kidlington Baptist Church, where it is sorted and distributed to families in financial difficulties.

When donating food, two good principles to follow are, (a) will this provide nourishment (e.g., tinned ham) and (b) will it cheer the recipients up (e.g., chocolate biscuits). Unfortunately, the Foodbank is not equipped to handle fresh food, as Kidlington Baptist Church does not have a vast refrigerator. Nevertheless, the donations are a considerable help to families in need. Please give anything you can.

Peter Hughes (891018)

## Thank you for our Village Party!

A big 'thank you' to everyone who helped make St James' party for the village such a success. So many people came flooding into the Manor garden through the door in the high wall it was hard for the tea pourers and children's juice pourers to keep up!

Everyone had the chance of a good tuck-in to the sandwiches and cakes and, with the surprise of ice creams, it was a relaxed opportunity to catch up with friends and just wander round the garden.

Chrissie brought her owls to be carefully handled and admired and there were free

bounces on a bouncy castle. Everyone that I could see was having a good time. Hurrah for church and village!

Charlotte Oakeshott

Stonesfield Manor

## Incredible Inventions Library Tour

This will be presented by Stonesfield Library in the village hall on Wednesday 10 August between 11am-noon. It is an interactive Science Oxford family show for ages 4-8.

Does chocolate burn? Can you make an anchor out of polystyrene? Which material makes the best bouncy ball? Gadgeteers get their inventor hats on and help answer some important questions!

Come along to take part – It's FREE!

You can get a ticket from Stonesfield library but pre-booking not necessary.



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# Incredible INVENTIONS

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**MONDAY 8 AUGUST**  
**GORING LIBRARY**  
11AM-12PM  
**HENLEY LIBRARY**  
2PM-3PM

**TUESDAY 9 AUGUST**  
**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY LIBRARY**  
10.30AM-11.30AM  
2.30PM-3.30PM

**WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST**  
**STONESFIELD LIBRARY**  
11AM-12PM  
**FARINGDON LIBRARY**  
2PM-3PM

**FRIDAY 12 AUGUST**  
**BICESTER LIBRARY**  
11AM-12PM  
**WOODGREEN LIBRARY**  
2PM-3PM



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Current Reading Challenge 2022



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THE READING KEEPER

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Aged 11 or under? Have you signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge? It's not too late!

The challenge is to read six books. You can read anything you like – stories, poetry, fact books, graphic novels or listen to audio books – it's up to you!

Come along to the library and pick up the Gadgets Collectors poster and start the challenge - what are you waiting for?

Everyone who finishes the challenge on or before Saturday 10 September will be eligible to enter the Oxfordshire Libraries prize draw.

More information on  
[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

Bryony Mallows



## Afternoon Tea at the Combe Reading Room

We will be holding our fund-raising afternoon tea again this year in the garden of the Combe Reading Room. It will be on Sunday 4 September, between 2.30 and 5pm, and all proceeds will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. We will be serving Cream Teas, homemade cakes and hot drinks. We will also be selling handmade gifts and will be holding a raffle with some great prizes.

Cystic Fibrosis is an inherited condition which causes the mucus in the sufferer's body to be thicker and stickier than usual, and this causes damage to the internal organs, particularly the lungs and digestive system. The Cystic Fibrosis Trust are dedicated to finding a cure for this life limiting condition.

If you are not able to be there on 4 September but would like to support us, please contact Libby on 07958 595668 to purchase raffle tickets, £5 for a book.

## Vacant allotment available

There is a vacant allotment at the moment and no waiting list, please let me know if you are interested.

There should be more produce on the Churchfields' stall (get your courgette recipes handy) and considerable watering has kept the plants alive.

John Sampson

[john.sampson9@btinternet.com](mailto:john.sampson9@btinternet.com)



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## Charity Motorbike Day

The Charity Motorbike Day is on 13 August and will take place at the Stonesfield Playing Field from midday to 11pm. If you are interested in motorbikes, please come along, and support our day. Come and see all the vintage and new bikes that will be attending. There will be bands playing throughout the event and an Auto Jumble/Car Boot. Chrissie's Owls will be there together with Copperpot Catering and a bar. All proceeds raised will be going to the British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research, and several local charities.

Roger Evins (891715)

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## Stonesfield Common warning!

I'm sure most people walk to the Common, but some may drive and park in the lay-by. If you do, be aware that car thieves have come back. On Friday in the early evening a lady's car had the window smashed and belongings stolen while she was walking her dog. If you do park at the road entrance to the Common be sure not to leave anything valuable in the car.

Richard Morris



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## A window cleaning blast from the past!

Hello to the Good People of Stonesfield and Combe. I don't know how many of you still remember me, but my name is Peter Pinker and from 1969 to 2003 I was the window cleaner, and my trading name was the "Vision Enhancement Technician" or the VET as everyone liked to call me. At the time I lived in Yarnton, but it had always been our dream to move to Dorset by the sea, and when we had the opportunity to move to a lovely three-bedroom bungalow we grabbed it, from viewing to moving in was only four weeks and five days! I actually moved here to retire, however after three months of getting the bungalow as we wanted it, I started getting bored, so what did I do, I started another window cleaning company in and around Westbay and Bridport, under my old trading name of the V.E.T. I retired properly on the 5 April this year at the tender age of 81!

When our son Stephen Pinker got stabbed to death outside the Corner House Pub in the Slade on the 25 March 2008 (my 67<sup>th</sup> birthday) a great many of you sent sympathy cards simply addressed to Peter and Janet Pinker, Bridport. I can assure you we received every one and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your very kind thoughts. All our family still live in the Oxfordshire area, and we visit them as often as we can, and when the White Horse (I used to clean the windows there as well as the Black Head) reopens, I look forward to calling in for a pint, and as a shareholder I am sure I would be welcome!

As many of you will remember, at weekends and some midweek nights I became 'Peter Good' stand-up comedian working in pubs, clubs, and holiday parks,





Peter Good

I now spend some of my time doing talks to the WI on my life as a window cleaner during the day, and a stand-up comedian at night. I would love to come down and do one of my talks for any WI that would have me. You can find me under my real name on Facebook, Cheers Everybody!

Peter Pinker (01865 371776)

## **Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust – Ride & Stride**

Do you or your children enjoy cycling or walking? Then join in the fun of OHCT's annual sponsored event! Saturday 10 September 10am–6pm (including 6th Children's Bike Rally).

The idea is to visit as many churches in Oxfordshire as you can – the more churches you visit, the more money will be given by your friends who sponsor you! The money is shared equally between a church of your choice (hopefully St James the Great, Stonesfield) and the Trust itself (which provides grants to help historic churches with their buildings). In Charlbury that day, there will also be the,

now traditional, children's rally round the town's 5 churches. It is open to all and, this year, will also include a 10-mile challenge for older children.

Full details of all events are available at: [www.ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/take-part/](http://www.ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/take-part/). Alison Eastwood, our Co-ordinator, will also be pleased to help further (07870 893223), [stabileyardalison@gmail.com](mailto:stabileyardalison@gmail.com)

## **Village Hall News**

The summer is always a little bit of calm in the year for the hall, as lots of classes take a break for holidays, and the dry weather gives us lots of opportunities for outside activities. It also gives our committee time to take stock and see how we can help our clients that little bit more, and we have a plan!

We would like to be able to help by advertising services from all local Party Provider People!! Are you a mobile DJ? Face painter? Hire bouncy castles? Birthday cake maker? Magician? Children's entertainer? Or offer any other services that might be useful to our Village Hall customers holding birthday parties in the Hall? If yes, please message us with details of your services and rates so we can share them. Thanks, and Party On!

Whilst we are thinking about entertainment for kids, especially during the summer holidays, please be aware that Science Oxford are coming to Stonesfield on Wednesday 10 August with their Incredible Inventions Library Tour! They will be in the main hall 11am-noon, with an interactive family show answering loads of exciting questions about science stuff for children aged between 4-8yrs. This is a free event, but places are limited so please book tickets via the library.



Huge range of cakes at Community Café

On another note, for the Community Café in July, which was beautifully catered by the Food Group, we also hosted the first Repair Café and what a success it was!



Paul at Repair Café

We had a wonderful team, all with amazing skills and a fab attitude, to have a go at mending anything that came through the

doors on the day. A big thank you to all the hard work of the volunteers and organisers for putting on such a fab event, and we will see them back again in September!

We are also planning our AGM to be in October so we would love to hear from anyone that has new ideas, or time and energy to help with the Village Hall. We are always trying to plan activities, and even hope to give the hall some TLC by way of redecoration so if you have some DIY skills or are handy with a paintbrush, we would love to talk to you!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Jacqueline Carthew (898919)  
Secretary and Booking Clerk  
stonesfieldvh@gmail.com

## Neighbourhood Watch

### Community Safety Charter launched to tackle crimes in public spaces

The new Community Safety Charter, launched in July, encourages everyone from individuals, Neighbourhood Watch groups, businesses, and organisations to take an active stance against crimes in public spaces, such as harassment, hate crime, and antisocial behaviour.

The Charter tagline is #bethechange, focusing on the role of active bystanders in leading the change within their communities. The Charter supports greater understanding about how we recognise and deal with community safety issues and support victims by knowing where to get help, how and who to report to, enabling a more positive, proactive approach by the whole community when

witnessing or experiencing confrontation, hostility, or harassment.

**Do I need to make a pledge?**

We are delighted to invite you to sign up to the Charter. By signing up, individuals, businesses, organisations and groups pledge to four actions:

PROMOTE – promote a culture that does not tolerate harmful language, antisocial behaviour, and hostility towards others.

ENABLE – enable others to identify and take an active stance to prevent harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation within their community.

REPORT – actively encourage and support others to report harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation and share intelligence about these crimes with the relevant authorities.

SUPPORT – support those affected by harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation and refer victims to the appropriate support agency.

**What will I receive when I sign up?**

You will receive a printable poster, individual pledges to share on social media, and a comprehensive information pack on a specific topic or crime every two months which you can share with your staff / volunteers / colleagues /friends. The topics covered in the first year are: harassment / hate crime / antisocial behaviour / being an active bystander / dealing with confrontation / leading the change in our communities

**How do I sign up?**

Simply complete the online form on [ourwatch.org.uk/charter](http://ourwatch.org.uk/charter). Once you

have signed up, we will contact you within 5 working days to share the first information pack and other resources.

Please share the details of the Charter with your networks and encourage them also to sign up and share it.

Neighbourhood Watch Network, Central Support Team

#BeTheChange

**Burglary and Theft**

Over the last few days, two rural properties within close proximity to each other have been subject to theft and burglary, tools and equipment have been taken, and it is believed this is potentially being committed by the same people. These incidents have happened in the Bampton area, but we have also had two burglaries in the Burford area. I ask that you are extra vigilant over the next few weeks.

We are also making you aware of trending crime: an increase in oil thefts, tool thefts, and machinery has been reported.

Please

- be extra vigilant and double check locks on doors and windows.
- secure your sheds, garages, barns etc where possible.
- look at your security, your routines and change and adapt where possible.
- report any suspicious vehicles or behaviours to us on the 101 number, 999, online at the TVP website or on the rural whatsapp group.

If you require any advice or would like a security check, please feel free to message me.

PCSO Moulding  
[www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/](http://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/)

# Politics & local affairs

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## **Stonesfield Parish Council**

### **July Meeting Update**

Stonesfield Community Trust have provided us with a Neighbourhood Plan representative - Bill Oddie. Cllr McArdell will be the communications officer for Stonesfield Community Trust. He is planning to get some SCT information on the village website (with Stonesfield Parish Council updates). The SCT will also put quarterly updates into the slate and provide them to the parish council.

The Parish Council has completed the internal audit, this is now with the external auditors.

It was noted that the outdoor gym is in place around the Playing Fields, the Parish Council noted that this is an excellent achievement, and we hope it gets used by many. The Parish Council confirms that The North Farm field has been leased to the Stonesfield Playing Fields Association from the PC. The SPFA are starting work on this site and are looking for volunteers to support.

It was noted that the area on the field and the social club was looking very tidy and smart.

### **Planning Applications**

The parish council considered the planning applications listed below:

Application No: 22/01776/HHD

11 Cockshoot Close – first floor extension (amendment 21/01747/HHD) No objection but comment from the council is this will

set a precedent and as this is link detached if the neighbour did the same it would become semi-detached.

Application No: 22/01643/HHD

27 Busby Close – single storey extension. No comment or objection.

Application No: 22/01636/HHD

8 Greenfield Crescent – single storey front extension. No comment or objection.

Application No: 22/01675/HHD

Greystones – Demolition of rear extension and replace with two and single storey rear extensions. No comment or objection.

Application No: 22/01722/HHD

Clappers, Dormer roof extension. No comment or objection.

### **Roads**

It was noted that there are some e-scooters in the village. This is not for the Parish Council to monitor but problematic or dangerous incidents can be reported to non-emergency police (101).

### **Gardens**

The Parish Council kindly asks if residents can help cut back their own garden hedgerows / keep them tidy especially if they grow on to the edge of pavements, it can make it difficult for pedestrians if they are overgrown.

### **A reminder of who your Parish councillors are:**

Councillors Phil McArdell (Chair), David Brown (Vice Chair), Eleanor Bailey, Jim

O'Brien, Wendy Gould, Simon Powell, Geraldine Lawrence and Mick Heduan.

### **Next meeting**

The date of the next full council meeting is 7 September 2022 – St James' Centre at 7pm (no full council meeting planned for August)

Karen East, Parish Clerk  
clerk@stonesfieldpc.uk  
www.stonesfield.online

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## **Community Speed Watch**

### **A SAFER Way to reduce speed**

#### **1. What is CSW about?**

Research shows that on average 97% of speeding offences, not including Community Speed Watch (CSW) observations, are detected by speed cameras. The vast majority of these are fixed at the roadside in areas known to both local residents and regular commuters. Hence, and despite the so-called 'Halo-effect', they have little impact in areas not covered by camera technology.

SAFER's CSW group consists of fully trained volunteers who undertake mobile speed enforcement under the control of Thames Valley Police (TVP). All CSW volunteers must complete TVP training and follow TVP's procedures. The locations used by CSW teams are risk assessed, for the safety of drivers and volunteers, and approved by TVP who also provide volunteers with personal insurance cover.

#### **2. What is the role of CSW volunteers?**

CSW fills the void created by a lack of fixed camera technology by communities setting up teams of volunteers to complement

existing speed enforcement technologies. CSW teams undertake speed surveys using official police approved radar technology.

As Stonesfield is a 20 MPH village, any vehicle traveling above 24 MPH is reported using the actual speed captured by the radar gun. And in many cases, this is well above 20 MPH!

The teams record details of speeding vehicles and report those incidents to TVP via the CSW website. TVP then check the vehicle's MoT, insurance and Vehicle Excise Duty status and follow up the offending drivers to help prevent illegal vehicles and anti-social speeding on our roads.



#### **3. Can you help make a difference?**

If you want to make our village a safe place for all residents, then you could help by becoming a CSW volunteer. By joining our team and passing the CSW training you could make a positive contribution to improving road safety in our village.

It has been reported that some residents are literally taking the law into their own hands. SAFER have been informed of residents in Stonesfield who deliberately put their personal safety at risk by walking on the road and intentionally slowing down moving traffic. This kind of behaviour is highly dangerous and could

result in a serious personal injury collision or death. Nobody should mingle with moving traffic and take such drastic measures to slow down traffic in the village.

If you want to make a real difference, do it by becoming a CSW volunteer.

Cllr Michael J Heduan MBE

SAFER a Parish Council Working Group

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## **News from West Oxfordshire**

### **Council approve plan to buy Langel Common land in Witney**

Green space in Witney town centre will be preserved following the agreed plan to purchase land at Langel Common in Cogges. Councillors from West Oxfordshire District Council made the decision to agree to buy the open space in collaboration with local residents.

Langel Common is meadowland situated between the areas of Cogges and Witney, containing many historical interests for residents and visitors alike, including a 2nd World War Norcon pillbox that receives regular visits. It is also used as a walkway and cycleway from the east of the Town Centre, with St Mary's Church and Cogges Manor Farm located next to the area of land.

### **Setting the future priorities for West Oxfordshire**

The Council will be launching the consultation on the priorities in August along with setting up sessions to engage local town and parish councils and local stakeholders for their views. The Council will then consider the updated Council Plan towards the end of the year and vote on whether to adopt it.

## **District Councillors take on firefighter fitness challenge!**

The three councillors from West Oxfordshire District Council who are taking part in the challenge at Witney Fire Station on Sunday 4 September are: Councillors Andrew Coles, Duncan Enright and Luci Ashbourne.

They are raising money for the Fire Fighters Charity which supports the mental, physical and social needs of all serving and retired members of the UK's fire family, while also raising awareness of the current local recruitment drive for firefighters. People can contribute to the fundraising by visiting the team's JustGiving page: Firefighter Fitness Test Challenge 2022.

## **UK Shared Prosperity Funding**

WODC has agreed a number of projects to receive funding from the first year's (of three years) funding from the Government's recently announced UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The fund will provide West Oxfordshire District Council with £1million of funding over three years.

## **Council's response hub**

During the Covid-19 pandemic, WODC introduced a response hub that has gone on to help residents access the help they needed when they were not sure where to turn. Using the Covid Outbreak and Management fund, the Council were able to create the Resident Support Worker role in April 2021 to build on the work the response hub had been doing since the start of the pandemic.

If you are struggling and not sure where to go for help, you can contact the response hub on 01993 861077 or [Community.Support@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Support@westoxon.gov.uk)

# Education, culture & more

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## **Stonesfield Library**

The library is open as follows

Monday 2.30 - 7pm

Wednesday 10am - noon

Thursday 2.30 - 5pm

Saturday 10am - noon

Stonesfield Library (898187)

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## **Stonesfield Pre School**

All the staff at Stonesfield Pre School would like to wish all the children and their families a lovely summer break. We have just said goodbye to 8 of our children who are about to start their new adventure at big school. We have watched them grow and develop into wonderful people with beautiful personalities and they are so ready for school. We send them on with our very best wishes and we very much look forward to seeing our existing children return and look forward to welcoming new starters.

We would also like to thank all of you who have supported our fund raising over this last school year. We are a charity, and we rely on fundraising to help us tick along. Our most successful fundraiser to date is our 100 club. If you would like to buy a number (or 2!) please contact our administrator, Zena Rozee, for the relevant forms. Have a wonderful summer.

We are pleased to announce our 100 Club winners for the July draw.

1st Prize - Number 98- Hannah Bathe  
£25.00

2nd Prize - Number 9 - Val Phillips £10.00

Congratulations to you both!

This is the last draw for 2021/2022 membership. We are now selling numbers for 2022/2023 membership. Please contact us at:  
stonesfieldpsad@outlook.com or call into Pre School and you can pick up a registration form.

Louise John, Pre School Manager

Zena Rozee, Pre School Administrator

stonesfieldps@outlook.com

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## **I'm a Reader...**

### **Ben Hopkinson, 7**

Your intrepid library correspondent was on location this month. Don't for one minute think that just because Stonesfield Library is small, size wise, in comparison to, say, Washington's Library of Congress or China's biggest in Shanghai, we cannot compete when it comes to travel budget. Yes, for this month's 'I'm a Reader', despite a summer of flight cancellations and spiralling fuel costs, I made it to Finstock. In this distant foreign land, somewhere near the end of the known world, lives Stonesfield Library member, seven-year-old Ben Hopkinson, with his parents and 5-year-old sister, Abi. Ben is a library enthusiast who has read 'probably a book a day for the last two years'. He is a signed-up member of the Summer Reading Challenge. When I arrive to interview him, he has produced a vast pile of his reading favourites for my perusal.



‘I like a mix up of randomness,’ Ben confides. ‘I balance it between dinosaurs, stinky cheese and football.’ He pauses, seemingly conscious that ‘stinky cheese’ is a niche genre - indeed there is no ‘stinky cheese’ section in Stonesfield Library (though the Mills and Boon might cover it). ‘The reason I said about the cheese, is because of ‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down’ Ben says, by way of enlightenment. Luckily this cheese moment is sufficiently classic that my own offspring (20 and 16) could fill me in. In the Wimpy Kid’s school playground, there is a piece of abandoned Swiss cheese which has been there so long it has grown hairy, and the children believe that if you touch it, you are cursed with ‘The Cheese Touch’, a social outcast, until you pass it on by touching someone else.

Ben doesn’t just read fiction, he ‘likes to mix it up with facts’. He recently enjoyed Owen Davey’s ‘Curious about Crocodiles’ and ‘Fanatical about Frogs’. ‘My favourite bit is when frogs use their own eyeballs to help them swallow’. Ben’s mum Emma and I exchange a glance of nervous doubt on this one, but we should have known Ben isn’t the sort to promulgate fake news. Follow up research confirms that, frogs do indeed sink their eyeballs to the back of their mouths to push whole prey down into their throat. This must be why you never see a frog with a knife and fork.

Ben is also interested in history. ‘I don’t know exactly which book, but in Roman times, there was a job where slaves had to clean their masters’ bums’

Suddenly Ben is distracted, his eyes pulled to the ground. ‘Found it!’ he cries jubilantly, holding up something I can’t see properly in the middle-distance with my reading glasses on. ‘My Captain America

Lego! I’ve been looking for it for a long long time.’

It’s turning out to be a good week, for Ben. ‘I got a deer antler yesterday’ he tells me, proudly. ‘Someone was giving it away at traffic lights.’

Eleanor Bailey

### **FoSL: Friends of Stonesfield Library**

Do you enjoy reading? Could you spare a couple of hours a month? Come and join the library team. A great volunteering opportunity!

For further details contact Mike Pollitt  
Tel: 891856

### **Book Break’s Summer Break**

Book Break is taking its usual August break until early in September. As restrictions were eased, we were pleased to return to our usual venue in Stonesfield Library, despite occasional noises from the Gigaclear works.

It has been a rich and varied programme this year, starting with the novella, *The Hand* by Georges Simenon. We were all familiar with Maigret but were surprised and intrigued to find in this work, a taut, devastating, psychological novel, set in Connecticut. *West*, by the award-winning short story writer Carys Davies, took us in the same direction, to Pennsylvania. This is a slim debut novel in which brevity can speak volumes. It builds on a sense of dread, reaching a terrifying climax. Well worth reading! *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* turned out to be one of those novels familiar to us through film and the phrase ‘the crème de la crème’, but which few of us had actually read. It is a dark look at the

influence of a teacher on the lives of young people but left us with some uncertainty about how we were actually meant to see Jean Brodie. As I write, we are concluding a delightful read in *The Offing* by Benjamin Myers, a writer new to us. We all appreciate the shared reading aloud and discussion of our novels in Book Break, but this novel, in particular, merits being heard. Reminiscent of J L Carr's *A Month in the Country*, there is a lyrical quality to Myer's writing that conjures up a potent sense of the North Yorkshire coastline.

February this year marked our 10th birthday, and we are grateful for the use of Stonesfield Library as our venue throughout that time.

Wendy Lynch (891107)

## **Nature Notes: House Martins – don't deter, encourage!**

The house martin is a small bird, blue / black on the upper parts and white underneath with a forked tail. It arrives in the UK in March or April and remains with us until September or October spending most of the time on the wing catching insects. They overwinter in Africa and make the incredible journey every year back to their traditional nest sites. Mud nests are built in small colonies under the eaves of our houses. To collect this mud has become increasingly difficult with our dry springs but it is easy to help them out.

A few years ago, we watched a pair of house martins struggling to build a nest under our eaves and decided to put up a purpose built nest (readily available from several suppliers). They readily used this and now we have put up fifteen nests - eleven of which are being used this year.

It is a joy to hear the youngsters cheeping throughout the summer, and watch the busy parents backwards and forwards with beaks full of insects, and although they can be a bit messy it is easy to place a droppings board under the nests to catch this.



These little birds are now UK Red Listed, like a lot of our migrating birds they are struggling both to find nest sites and food after a long journey. Please think before you try to deter these beautiful little birds from sharing your home, and remember it is illegal to knock the nests down.

If you have house martins swooping and diving near you keep your fingers crossed and you may have the privilege of a pair deciding to use your eaves, or better still put up a box to encourage them. Surely, it's worth a little mess in our lives to do our part to help these incredible little birds!



Equally exciting last year, we installed several swift bricks (nest sites) in our gable end and this year we have a nesting pair - another boost for a Red Listed bird!

Patrick and Amanda Miller

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## **Local History: From the Oxford Journal - Saturday 24 July 1824**

### **Ornithology**

‘In the last season a lad at Stonesfield, in this county, finding a magpie’s nest, waited until he supposed the young ones were fit to take, and, on climbing up to the nest, one young one flew away; he then carefully took the remaining two, one of the common colour, and the other milk white; he put them into a cage, and the young one of the pie colour constantly fed its delicate companion, until they quarrelled, when the lad separated them, and the white one died. This *lusus naturæ* was then presented to Mr. Leech, attorney-at-law, Witney, and is considered by the curious to be a complete *rara avis*.’

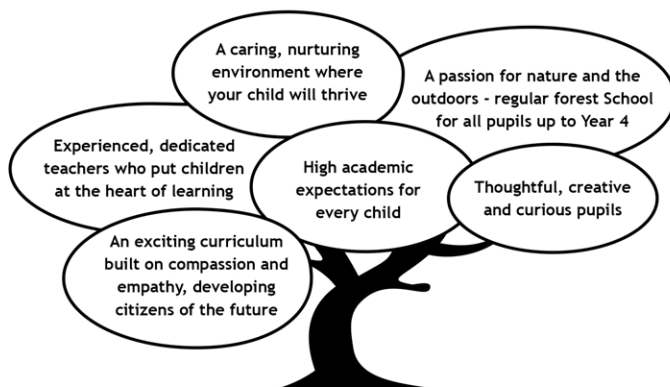
Douglas Rudlin

## **Stonesfield Primary School**

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To arrange a tour with the headteacher, Mr Ben Trevail, please contact the school office.

Tel: 01993 891687

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Headteacher email: [head.2353@stonesfield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.2353@stonesfield.oxon.sch.uk)

# Clubs, societies & sport

## 1<sup>st</sup> Stonesfield Scout Group

### Duck Race



Ducks preparing to race

The Stonesfield Scouts Duck Race was back in full swing on a gorgeous summer evening. The BBQs were all fired up, the drinks cooled as best as we could, and the amazing raffle prizes attracted many from far and wide; it was great to see the village community come together once more in this tradition.



Popular bar and BBQ

There were 4 clear winners in the race who have been contacted and we raised around £3,280 to go towards our funds. The main aim is obviously to build our Hut; however, we use some of the money raised to replace and buy new kit to enable more events, camps and expeditions.

In addition, we are looking to develop a Hardship fund that local people can apply to for help with coming to Cubs, Scouts and Beavers when times get tighter than expected. Scouting is for everyone, and we thank everyone in the community who has supported us over the year. If you would like to be involved, then find us at: [stonesfield-scouts.org.uk](http://stonesfield-scouts.org.uk)

### **We have hit £100K!!!!**

A huge thank you to the Jim Cousins Trust, Bartlett Taylor Charitable Trust, Bernard Sunley Foundation, Pye Charitable Settlement, the Curran Carpenter family, and the Crowe family for supporting our fundraising campaign. We are extremely grateful! If anyone is aware of any other grants we could apply for, please get in touch!

Ben Whitworth

Chair of 1st Stonesfield Scouts & The Scout Hut fundraising team (Sophie Gwilym, Simon Lacey, John Hounsell, Rhian Griffiths)

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## **Stonesfield Gardening Club**

Our July meeting featured a visit from a local naturalist, Martin Catt, who encouraged us to spend time sitting and looking (preferably with a glass of wine!) so that we can be aware of the comings and goings of the wildlife in our gardens. With the aid of binoculars one can see things up close and a comfy chair is a must! He encourages a water supply in the garden for birds, insects, and mammals and a no dig attitude which is better for the health of the soil as well as the small creatures in it. In order to encourage pollinators, he advocates companion planting, such as marigolds planted near tomato plants.

I'm sure in the hot weather many of us have spent time sitting rather than working in our gardens, so this was just the excuse we needed.

No meeting in August as usual, so we meet again for our visit to Bourton House Garden on 14 September.

Diane Bates

Secretary Stonesfield Gardening Club  
[www.stonesfieldgardening.info](http://www.stonesfieldgardening.info)

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## **Stonesfield Sustainability Groups**

### **The Food Group**

We held a successful café alongside the repair café last month and raised over £170. Many thanks to all our bakers and helpers especially our John-McEnroe-double dishwasher! You cannot be serious! Our next event will be the free one-day sourdough bread baking course in the Village Hall on the 24 September (10 am - 1pm and then 3-5pm) with Stonesfield's very own Aaron Deemer. Aaron has kindly set out a bit more about the course.

### **Classic Sourdough Bread Baking Class:**

"The goal of this workshop is to share my love of all things sourdough baking. I will take you through working with a sourdough starter, preparing the dough, understanding the basic fundamentals of sourdough fermentation, and finally baking your loaf in a home oven. Fundamentally my hope is to inspire you to see the beauty and delight in baking sourdough bread, and to recognise that at its essence, baking at home is something we can all find joy in. During the breaks while the bread is rising, there will be lots of time for questions, and chatting, and breaks throughout the day. It'll be fun, I promise!

A bit about me, my name is Aaron Deemer, and I am an acupuncturist by day and avid sourdough baker by night. I have been baking for over ten years, and have had short stints working in bakeries, but found that the super early mornings, and repetitiveness of baking every day isn't for me, so I've kept it as a side line, and not a job. Alongside acupuncture, I have seen and experienced the wondrous effects of baking to calm, nourish and support people, and love sharing that experience in the class. To find out more about my baking workshops visit:  
[www.awakeandbake.co.uk](http://www.awakeandbake.co.uk)"

The course will be filled on a first-come first-served basis and spaces are limited, so please email [juliecurran0@gmail.com](mailto:juliecurran0@gmail.com) to book your slot. We are also starting to think about how we can use the excess village produce over the summer and autumn months – more on that and our future Community Café dates to come.

Julie Curran  
[juliecurran0@gmail.com](mailto:juliecurran0@gmail.com)

## The Environment Group

The Great Big Green Week is on from 24 September to 2 October this year!

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. This year, it will unleash a wave of support for action to protect the planet. Tens of thousands of people in every corner of the country will celebrate the heartfelt, brave, everyday actions being taken to stand up for nature and fight climate change.

Whilst the Stonesfield Environment Group is active all year round, we are going to use that week to highlight our current activities such as.

- inputting into the Neighbourhood Plan to understand what your environmental priorities for Stonesfield are.
- testing the water quality on our stretch of the Evenlode River
- continuing to plan where to plant more trees in and around our village

We thought you'd like to find out about other local events and maybe use the online resources to plan your own event. Take a look at [www.greatbiggreenweek.com/](http://www.greatbiggreenweek.com/)

We also want to see if we can muster a group of volunteers to help us with projects that need some extra hands. Would you be interested and can spare a few hours to help us? If you would like to volunteer, please email [juliecurrano@gmail.com](mailto:juliecurrano@gmail.com)



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## Stonesfield's Trees

A native tree or hedge in its prime is majestic and may well have been growing for over 100 years. We know that being present with nature is good for our health and wellbeing. Trees improve many aspects of the environment, supporting birds and insects, improving the soil, reducing carbon dioxide and provide a backbone for green corridors around the countryside. About 30 years ago trees were planted by the village on Stonesfield straight. As you go steadily down the straight you can now see the mature trees, unfortunately the 48 ash trees are in various stages of decay caused by Ash dieback. Early this year a Stonesfield tree and hedge group was formed as part of a wider approach to environmental issues. Over the last four months this group have been developing a plan for trees and hedges in our environment. The overwhelmingly positive responses we have had are a joy in these difficult times. Our ambition is that a native tree, shrub or fruit tree will be planted for everyone living in Stonesfield by the end of 2025. The recent census shows we have 1,575 residents (to date we have planted 41, we are counting any that have been planted from 2022 so please let us know if you have planted a relevant tree or shrub and we can add them to the tally).

Do you want help and support to plant a native tree? Please get in touch and we will see if we can help. In this year of the Queen's platinum jubilee, in late autumn trees will be planted onto the Stonesfield straight as a mark of lasting celebration for the Queen's reign. Over the years these trees will eventually replace the ash trees. Final details should be completed by late summer; we will then be looking for help

with planting and the ongoing care to ensure the trees get established. We are very grateful to have been fully supported by all the landowners and farmers. The Parish Council and every village organisation we have discussed the plans with are fully supportive.

Funding to support the first year comes from a Blenheim Bursary and a generous grant from the Stonesfield Community Trust. The Woodland Trust, as part of the Queen's green canopy initiative, are giving us 105 native trees in November (more planting to do). There are also about 70 trees growing in pots around the village that we have been asked if we can find a planting site for this year. It has been a surprise to find so many people growing trees, we hope that more people will grow native trees that can then be planted to help us reach the target. There is good

advice on how to grow trees at [www.treegrowing.tecv.org.uk](http://www.treegrowing.tecv.org.uk)

We will need to raise funds for future years to get us to the 1,575 total; we are currently focused on detail planning for this year. Anyone who can help with fundraising please get in touch. By the end of the summer, we will be communicating further on the details of planting and the help needed. Please let us know if you can help or if you would like to join the group. As our thoughts and plans were developing Oxfordshire County Council approved a new tree policy for Oxfordshire, this is the opening statement:

"Trees are critical elements of climate change adaptation infrastructure and are identified as public assets. They are also a core element of the biodiversity, amenity and landscape of Oxfordshire"

John Sampson



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# Church news

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## **Church of England Worship at St James the Great, Stonesfield**

**(Benefice of Stonesfield with Combe Longa)**

[www.stonesfieldparishchurch.org](http://www.stonesfieldparishchurch.org)

**Rector:** Rev Ralph Williamson,  
[rector@scbenefice.org](mailto:rector@scbenefice.org), 01993 891872

**Churchwarden:** Lindsey Sellar  
[stonesfield@stonesfieldparishchurch.org](mailto:stonesfield@stonesfieldparishchurch.org)

For any enquiries or help, including pastoral support, please do contact us.

### **From the Rector: Heresy**

The first time I met my future son-in-law, I asked him the predictable question, ‘what do you do?’, and he was evasive. I later discovered that he works for a clothing firm called ‘Heresy’ and he had felt awkward about telling me the company’s tongue in cheek and lighthearted name, given my profession! I now have a couple of garments with their quirky ‘folk’ themed designs, and the ‘Heresy’ logo, which I wear with some amusement. Today in Britain it is OK to use that word in an ironic way, but in previous times, and in some places still, it was and is a very serious matter. The religious concept of heresy means a belief which is strongly at odds with what is officially approved within a religious community. To hold or to spread ideas which are against official religious teaching has been dangerous at times, especially within Christianity, Judaism and Islam, and could lead to being ejected from the community or even

death. Heresy is different from blasphemy (saying offensive things against God or the sacred) and different again from apostasy (renouncing previously held beliefs). The decision about what (and who) is considered heretical is made by the people in power at a particular place and time - in the same way that history is written by the winners. Jesus was probably considered a heretic by Jewish authorities in his day. Martin Luther the reformer was excommunicated by the Pope for heresy. And in the turmoil of the English Reformation there were several changes in what was considered correct belief, and what was heresy, leading to the execution of many people of good faith and deep compassion, who found themselves on the wrong side. Among them were the ‘Oxford martyrs’, Nicholas Ridley, Hugh Latimer and Thomas Cranmer, who were burned at the stake in 1555 and 1556, and whose memorial stands on St Giles.

Having had the privilege of growing up in a much gentler and less dogmatic age, and a little before the resurgence of the terrible religious fundamentalism we have seen around the world in recent decades, I have never understood the need to attack, punish or fear people who hold different beliefs to our own. It was a joy last year to allow a Roman Catholic mass to take place at a parish funeral in Combe’s Church of England church, which was probably the first such service in that building for nearly 500 years. And in my last position, I hosted an annual service for military officers from countries around the world

who had completed a year of studies together at the Royal College of Defence Studies. The service included readings from the holy books of all the faiths of those who were there: Jewish, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim, as well as prayers for the peace of the world which we could all share.

Today the world faces many challenges, and it is surely time that people of goodwill, whether religious or not (and most people in the world do have a faith in God), put into practice the beliefs they share, whether religious, political or ideological, rather than worrying about their differences, so that we can establish justice, peace, and a future which all our children can share.

Rev Ralph Williamson, Rector

## Services

For the latest information please go to [www.stonesfieldparishchurch.org](http://www.stonesfieldparishchurch.org)

### **Sunday 7 August [Eighth Sunday after Trinity]**

8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]

9.30am Combe All Age Worship

11am Stonesfield All Age Worship

### **Sunday 14 August [Ninth Sunday after Trinity/St Laurence Patronal Festival]**

8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]

9.30am Combe Parish Communion

11am Stonesfield Parish Communion

7.30pm Stonesfield Evening Service on the Green

### **Sunday 21 August [Tenth Sunday after Trinity]**

8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]

9.30am Combe Parish Communion

11am Stonesfield Parish Communion

### **Sunday 28 August [Eleventh Sunday after Trinity]**

8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]

9.30am Combe Parish Communion

11am Stonesfield Parish Communion

## **Mondays**

10-11.30am Monday Coffee in St James' Centre

## **Wednesdays**

9.30am Stonesfield Holy Communion

11am Combe Morning Prayer (3, 17, 31 August)

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## Stonesfield Methodist Church

### Services for August

7 Aug	11am	Mr Martin Hannat
14 Aug	11am	Mr Karl Williams
21 Aug	11am	The Reverend Charles Harris
28 Aug	No Service at Stonesfield	
	6 pm	Circuit Service, Davenport Road Methodist Church, Witney

Godspeed!

It is almost time for The Reverend Rose to leave this area and begin her new Ministry at Cambridge. The five years Rose has been the Minister here are coming to an end and she will be greatly missed by us all.

As Superintendent of the West Oxfordshire Circuit, Rose has overseen a great many positive changes, she has looked ahead, planned and encouraged the growth of God's work around the Circuit and beyond. A few changes have been sad ones, three village Churches in the Circuit have closed. Here at Stonesfield, we wish for the Church, with its small congregation, to remain open a little longer, God willing.

All changes tend to bring a mixture of feelings, some happy and exciting, others of doubt and unease.

These wise words belong to Saint Teresa of Spain:

*Let nothing disturb you,  
Nothing fear you ever,  
All things are passing,  
God changes never.*

Do come to a Service soon

Kathleen Albért (891733)

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## Roman Catholic Worship

### Silence

In the first pandemic lockdown many people commented on how quiet everything was: no traffic, no aircraft noises overhead, little chatter or talk on the streets; we were even muted when (if) we went into a shop for essential supplies – the world was silent. Some people found that rather trying, others now miss it.

Silence is featured in both the Old and New Testaments as a virtue that indicates variously: wisdom: (Proverbs 17:28): *'Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent'*. Guidance for behaviour: (Luke 5:16): *'But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray'*. (Ecclesiastes 3:7): *'A time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak'*; (Proverbs 11:12) *'Whoever belittles his neighbour lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent'*. And above all a path to finding God:

(Psalm 62:5) *'For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him'*. (Lamentations 3:26) *'It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord'*. (Exodus 14:14) *'The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent'*, (Psalm 46:10) *'Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!'*

Jesus frequently withdrew to quiet places for solitude and silence; recognising that in silence we can hear *'that still small voice of God'* (Kings 19:11-13) more easily and clearly than in the clamour of our noisy lives. Silence is not to be feared but welcomed as an opportunity to open ourselves to God: (Psalm 46:10) *'Be still, and know that I am God'*.

## **Holy Mass**

Sunday Mass 9.15am

Weekday Mass times

Monday/Tuesday: 9.30am

Wednesday: 7pm

Thursday: 9.30am

Friday: 9.30am (followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

For times of confession: see the weekly newsletter: [stteresaschurch-charlbury.com](http://stteresaschurch-charlbury.com)

## **The Synodal Pathway**

The Holy Father has called for the Synodal Process to begin in the Dioceses of the world on 17 October 2021. The Holy Father highlights the importance of 'mutual listening' and that this will be at the heart of the synodal process throughout the Church and beyond the boundaries of the Church.

For further information about the Synodal Pathway and how St Teresa's is approaching this, please visit our website [www.stteresaschurch-charlbury.com/](http://www.stteresaschurch-charlbury.com/)

**St Teresa's, Charlbury is supporting ACN's Emergency Appeal for the Ukraine** to raise funds to support various religious denominations' priests and members of religious congregations to continue their mission. If you wish to know more or donate, please contact Suze Mathews (01993 891720 or email [suzemathews899@btinternet.com](mailto:suzemathews899@btinternet.com)).

Confession by arrangement with Fr. Clive as below

Fr Tony Joyce can be contacted on: [holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com) or

Telephone: 01608 642703

For parish updates, any further information and further support, [www.stteresaschurch-charlbury.com/](http://www.stteresaschurch-charlbury.com/) or contact Fr. Clive Dytor: [chair.stteresaschurchcharlbury@gmail.com](mailto:chair.stteresaschurchcharlbury@gmail.com)

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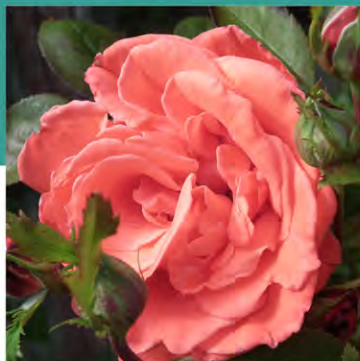
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