

Stowe Nine Churches Village Newsletter

SPRING 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date and time	Organisation	Location	Event
Tuesday 14 th May 7.30pm	Stowe Nine Churches WI	Old School Rooms	Monthly meeting
Monday 20 th May 8.00pm	Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council	Old School Rooms	Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council AGM
Tuesday 11 th June 7.30pm	Stowe Nine Churches WI	Old School Rooms	Monthly meeting
Saturday 15 th June 2.30pm	Stowe Nine Churches Gardeners Club	Old School Rooms	Annual Flower Show
Tuesday 9 th July 7.30pm	Stowe Nine Churches WI	Old School Rooms	Monthly meeting
Monday 2 nd September 8.00pm	Stowe Nine Churches Parish Council	Old School Rooms	Parish Council Meeting

Stowe Nine Churches WI –Activities

Following our Annual General Meeting in March, the WI has a new committee and we are looking forward to celebrating our 90th year with a varies programme of outside visits, workshops and speakers.

In April we will hear about the life of a Wimbledon referee and as the weather gets warmer and drier we will make use of the flowers

and foliage to 'eco print', investigate the life and times of Agatha Christie, learn how to create art with quilling and create summer bouquets with Pink Welly Posies.

New members are always welcome and you can try us for three months for free! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the School Rooms, Church Stowe at 7.30pm.

St Michael's Guild

St Michael's Guild is a church charity dedicated to providing activities for the children of the Parish. The charity has a healthy bank balance but is currently dormant as there is no-one to run and administer it. If you have children and would like to organises activities for them and others in the parish, please contact Sharon Henley (07799 960223) or Angela Brodie (01327 340478) for more details.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

The Parish Council still has vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in what happens in your community, and have lived here for 12 months or more, please contact the Parish Clerk, Linda Carter, or the Chairman, Sharon Henley, for more information

CHURCH SERVICES IN STOWE NINE CHURCHES
APRIL - JULY 2024

APRIL

Sunday 14 th Easter 3	10.00am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
Sunday 21 st Easter 4	6.00pm	Ante-Communion Upper Stowe
Sunday 28 th Easter 5	10.00am	Family Service at Upper Stowe

MAY

Sunday 5 th Easter 6	10.00am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
Sunday 19 th Pentecost	6.00pm	Ante-Communion Upper Stowe
Sunday 26 th Trinity Sunday	10.00am	Family Service at Upper Stowe

JUNE

Sunday 2 nd Trinity 1	10.00am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
Sunday 9 th Trinity 2	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
Sunday 16 th Trinity 3	6.00pm	Ante-Communion Upper Stowe
Sunday 23 rd Trinity 4	10.00am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
Sunday 30 th Trinity 5	6.00pm	Evening Prayer at Church Stowe

JULY

Sunday 7 th Trinity 6	10.00am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
Sunday 21 st Trinity 8	6.00pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
Sunday 28 th Trinity 9	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Upper Stowe

FOOD BANK

Inside St Michael's church, which is always unlocked, there is a container for people to put in donations for the Daventry Food Bank. Once the beautiful Easter display of flowers in the church porch are removed, the Food Donation box will be put in the church porch to receive donations.

Parish Council update

Planning

The Parish Council has continued to lobby WNC for improvements in the planning process and consistency in dealing with applications, but are still disappointed with the response.

Stowe Hill – The new application for an additional 4 pitches was allocated to the April committee but postponed.

St Alnoths Barn – the Parish Council has been advised that the planning application will be considered at the meeting in May

New website

The parish council website can now be found at www.stoweninechurches-pc.gov.uk and the clerks email is clerk@stoweninechurches-pc.gov.uk

Annual Meeting of the Parish

The annual meeting of the parish will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 20th May in the Old School Rooms. This is YOUR meeting, not a council meeting so, if there any issues that you would like to have discussed, please let the parish clerk know so that it can be added to the agenda.

Stowe Nine Churches Gardeners' Club

2024

Flower Show

Saturday 15th June

2.30 pm

in the Old School Rooms
Church Stowe



Garden Stall

The garden produce stall will be put out during the May Half Term. This stall is an ideal place for people who wish to donate their spare vegetable garden produce, plant cuttings, flowers, etc. The garden stall will be in the usual place, on the railings by the Old School Rooms. Donations for the produce is welcome and money can be placed in a pink pot which is in the Old School House porch. Last season people donated £85.27 for the produce they used from the stall. This generous donation goes towards the upkeep of St Michael's Church.



HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE ARNOLD'S CHARITY?

If you have young children and have lived in the parish for more than a year you could be missing an opportunity for assistance with finance for 'learning purposes' for young people (16- 25).

The Arnold Charities were set up in the 17th Century to provide help in five Northamptonshire parishes which Edmund Arnold had an association with as well as Merton College, Oxford. He was baptised in Stowe Nine Churches in 1607, which is why the young people of the parish continue to benefit.

Grants are available for Apprentice and Education related costs for recipients between the ages of 16 and 25. This should be for learning purposes i.e. books, equipment, tools, field trips, courses etc - subject to the approval of the Trustees. These educational grants are not means tested and further information can be found here: <https://heyfordprattler.org/arnoldscharity/> along with application forms for downloading.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

If you would be happy to receive future copies of the village newsletter by e-mail, please contact the Parish Clerk – Linda Carter- to be added to the mailing list clerkstowe9churches@gmail.com

