**Dates for your diary – November**

2 Quiz Night Fundraiser SSSC 8pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Monday Coffee St James’ Centre 8.45–11.30am
6, 13, 20, 27 Country Dancing Village Hall 8–10pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Book Break Stonesfield Library 12.30–2pm
9 Players Quiz Night St James’ Centre 7.30pm
11 Royal British Legion War Memorial 11am
11 Gardening Club St James’ Centre 7.30pm
13 Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
14 Over 60’s Bingo Village Hall 2pm
14 Bingo SSSC Eyes down 7.30pm
16 Methodist Church Bazaar St James’ Centre 2–4pm
17 Alzheimer’s Fundraiser SSSC 12noon

**Dates for your diary – December**

5 Christmas Bingo SSSC Eyes down 7.30pm
6 Scout Bingo Village Hall 6.30pm
7 Christmas Market Combe Mill 11am–4pm
7&8 Artists’ Christmas Show Grey Cat Studio 11am–5pm

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North Leigh Roman Villa’s mosaic house was opened on 14 and 15 September as part of English Heritage’s Open Days weekend (see p. 5)
New publishers for the Slate
This issue of the Slate is the last that we will put together. After almost fifteen years we are handing the publishing over to Paul and Diane Bates. We know the Slate will be in competent hands and we hope they enjoy their tenure as much as we have enjoyed ours.

We would like to thank all those who offered to help keep the Slate going and we are grateful to Richard Morris, who produced the October issue and will do the next (December/January). And we thank all those who give of their time to keep the show on the road – the contributors, editors, bundlers and deliverers – and our loyal advertisers.

Simon and Jenny Haviland

We Will Remember Them
Please join the Royal British Legion and others at the War Memorial on Monday 11 November at 11am.

Thanks
I would like to thank everyone for all the kind messages, cards, and gifts you sent and gave to me for my very special birthday.

Judy Oliver

Friends of Stonesfield School
A huge thank you to everyone who came to the village fete last month and made the day such a big success. Not only was a fun time had, over £2,000 was raised for the school!! Thank you to all of the following:

* Stonesfield Scout Group for the loan of their marquee and other equipment, and for supporting the fete with the climbing wall.
* Stonesfield Sports and Social Club for the loan of their marquee.
* Cathy Taylor for organising the BBQ – again!
* All the bakers for their delicious contributions to the tea tent.
* The Governors for running the Candy Floss stall, thank you for getting so sticky!
* Henderson:Hooper, L'amusette, Mr Kumar’s Taekwondo group, and Marina Seekers for providing the entertainment.
* Claire and Chris Davies for organising and running the art tent.
* Rob Suriano for organising and running the excellent ‘learn to cycle’ sessions.
* Hannah Francis Ball for organising and running the children’s disco.
* Rich Jones for formatting the programme and to all the local businesses who advertised within it.
* To all the stall holders and thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with set-up and breakdown, or completed a stint on the Bar, BBQ, Tea Tent, Jolly Jars & Tombola, Candy Floss, Bouncy Castle, and Show Tent, THANK YOU! The Fete would not run without you.

FoSS

Stonesfield Players Quiz Night
Saturday 9 November
The Players are pleased to present another of their popular quiz nights. This time it’s the ‘Six weeks to Christmas Quiz’ with a range of seasonal and other questions loosely linked to this theme.

The quiz will be held in the St James’ Centre starting at 7.30pm with a £3 entry fee payable on the door. Free nibbles, plus a cash bar.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on 9 November. For further information, please contact Andrew Tacon.

Andrew Tacon (01993 891217, Andrew.tacon@outlook.com)

Bazaar Time!
The Methodist Church Bazaar will be held on Saturday 16 November, from 2 to 4pm at St James’ Centre. There will be gift stalls, cakes, raffles, cream teas, and even more! If you have any items you wish to donate, please do, they will be greatly appreciated.

Do come and support the Bazaar! Should you need transport on the day, just get in touch.

Kathleen Albért (01993 891733)

Village Hall News
After a quiet start to the autumn, we would like to extend a big welcome back to Beavers, who will be back inside for the winter from this month onwards.

We need to have a think about how we are going to move forward with the hall,
as in January it will be two years since we
last had a chairman in place on our
to our committee. We have a lovely group of
trustees who are a great support, but we
do need someone to steer the group.

The village hall has been a busy addition
to the community for a long while, with
lots of regular activities running every
week. However, there is potential for it
to be a lot more, with exciting events and
functions running more regularly, if only
we could free up some time to plan and
organise them.

Many hands make light work, join us
and let’s see what we can achieve!

Jacqueline Carthew, Secretary & Booking
Clerk for Stonesfield Village Hall
facebook.com/stonesfieldvillagehall;
stonesfield.info/stonefield-
life/venues/village-hall.php

Stonesfield Community Trust
Sadly, despite our constant notices over
the last year, offering to do a
Community Christmas Lunch at the
Village Hall on Christmas Day, there has
been very little interest from anyone
wishing to attend. As a result, we have
decided that we will not go ahead with
our plans for this year. We are hoping,
on a positive note, that this is because
most of our lovely community will be
with friends and family on Christmas
Day, so there is no requirement for such
an event at this time. However, we may
look at it again if we feel that there is a
need in the future.

We would also like to take this
opportunity to say a massive thank you
to all the lovely people who volunteered
to assist us, as although there were no

Local Artists’ Christmas Show
Grey Cat Studios is opening its doors
once again for this very popular
Christmas show on 7 and 8 December,
given by six local artists: Rachael,
Rebecca and Griselda Sherlaw-Johnson,
Kerry Burniston, Jenny Lines, and Ann
Lowe. A chance to look at new work,
enjoy a chat and some refreshment, and
select unique Christmas gifts from a
broad selection of paintings, prints,
textiles, jewellery, and crafts.
The studio is open between 11am and
5pm on both days. Grey Cat Studio,
Woodlands Rise, Stonesfield.

Becky Sherlaw-Johnson

Shared Lives Scheme
The Shared Lives Scheme matches people
who need additional support to be
independent and live on their own with
carers and their families. Sharing a
family’s life means people who need
support can choose to become part of an
ordinary household, instead of staying in
residential care or being looked after by a
team of support workers.

Could you open your home to someone
who needs your help and support,
whether it’s for occasional stays or full-
time? Become a Shared Lives Carer in a
family’s life means people who need
additional support to be
independent and live on their own with
carers and their families. Sharing a
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support can choose to become part of an
ordinary household, instead of staying in
residential care or being looked after by a
team of support workers.

Could you open your home to someone
who needs your help and support,
whether it’s for occasional stays or full-
time? Become a Shared Lives Carer in a
paid, home-based role. For more
information go to
oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives

Lucy Bates, Marketing Officer,
Communications Team, Corporate Services,
Oxfordshire County Council (07393
001248 or LucyA.Bates@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

North Leigh Roman Villa
North Leigh Roman Villa’s mosaic house
was opened on 14 and 15 September as
part of English Heritage’s Open Days
weekend. The warm, late summer
weather meant that over 400 people
enjoyed the beauty of the second and
third century AD North Leigh site in
glorious sunshine. A new group of
volunteers from a range of neighbouring
villages, working with English Heritage,
staffed the open days. Their plan is to
begin a regular pattern of openings for
the mosaic in summer 2020.

The first open days by North Leigh
Roman Villa Volunteers proved very
encouraging. Visitors were delighted to
see the mosaic, sometimes for the first
time up close, sometimes having waited
many years to do so. The open days
doubled the numbers of people wishing
to volunteer at the site, and raised to over
50 the number of ‘Friends’ of the villa
who left a contact email in order to stay
informed about future openings and
events on site. Donations to improve the
site for visitors raised £126. All told a
brilliant result on a lovely weekend.

To become a ‘Friend’ of North Leigh
Roman Villa and be kept informed of
future openings, please contact Matthew
Lee on 52woodlinn@gmail.com.

Matthew Lee

Thank you for your patience
A little note to say thank you to the
gracious families on The Ridings and
Cockshoot Close who showed great
patience with the very large truck and
the crew as we moved back into our
lovely house. Singapore was warm, but

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SAFER Working Group – Report from Cllr M Heduan

Community Speed Watch (CSW) Surveys continue in Stonesfield, all of which have been well supported by the SAFER team. Whilst no vehicles have been recorded travelling at 36mph or above, residents have shown overwhelming support for what SAFER is doing. The sight of the SAFER team in their Hi-Viz jackets seems to have a beneficial calming effect on Stonesfield traffic.

A44 junction with B4437

A meeting took place at the Duke of Marlborough pub on 25 September. Present were Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Linda Bull, Patrick Willmore, Lindsey Thornton, and Cllr Mick Heduan. The concerns of Stonesfield residents were explained to Cllr Hudspeth, with examples of the anecdotal comments from NextDoor.

Transport Hub

A meeting has been requested with Blenheim Estates to better understand the so-called 'Transport Hub' for the Blenheim Estate.

Dog fouling

There are continuing reports of dog fouling on the playing fields and around the village. Please can people be reminded to clear up after your dogs. Fines can be imposed and people will be reported if seen. The dog warden has been made aware.

Sustainable Stonesfield / CALA Appeal

Our solicitor explained that the process for the appeal is that a single judge in the High Court looks at the papers and acts as a sifting mechanism. It is confirmed that he has rejected the grounds of appeal. It is open to CALA to serve notice that they wish, nonetheless, to go to the full court to argue the matter in open court. At this stage we have no further update.

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Cllr David Brown advised that there are calls for the AONB to be a National Park. However, an MP wants the AONB to be reviewed as he feels it is too big a meaning for the AONB. No confirmed updates, but something that we will continue to monitor.

Allotments

Allotment holders have been contacted for their annual payments. There are still allotment spaces available.

Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 13 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Clerk (clerk@stonesfieldpc.uk)

West Oxfordshire District Council

There have been some interesting developments at District recently. Firstly, a new post at Cabinet level has been created with the portfolio holder being responsible for developing a strategy for Climate Change. David Harvey becomes the new cabinet member. As this is a vitally important and relevant area, his...
work will help to bring West Oxfordshire into the forefront of a global and national debate.

Council has also developed an amended Council Plan for the ensuing years. It concentrates on several aspects of life in the Oxfordshire Cotswolds, including the provision of necessary housing of types to suit a wide range of residents. The plan takes to heart the depressing fact that a prospective house purchaser on the average wage for Oxfordshire would need to spend more than 60% of his wage to purchase a single-bed flat. Consequently, there is a real need to make ‘affordable’ properties much more affordable than is possible under the national scheme of a reduction of 20% on the market value.

Blenheim Estates have gone some way towards this goal, but much more needs to be done. ‘Pods’ for example, for single people or couples?

Electric vehicle charging points are included in the plan. District has designated three areas and has put them out to tender. So far there are at least two firms interested in each of the areas. It is interesting to note that an average of around £5,000.

The notion of re-classifying the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as the Cotswold National Park is receiving a very mixed response. Farmers in the area are unconvinced of the benefits and fear the effects of a widespread increase in visitors, both pedestrian and vehicular. Others, too, find it difficult to appreciate the potential advantages.

By the time you read this, our ‘Water Day’ will be over. The two main institutions concerned, Thames Water and the Environment Agency, will once again have been subjected to the ire of West Oxford’s residents. I guess they will once again have promised to do better and more to improve our water quality and our waste disposal. Am I really optimistic? Well . . .

Also, hopefully, the long-awaited Brexit solutions may be announced. Again, are we confident? . . . ! They say ‘All things come to those who wait.’ We have waited, but will we receive?

Richard Bishop (01993 891414; richard.bishop@westoxon.gov.uk)

From our County Councillor

Woodstock Library

Oxfordshire County Council is committed to keeping a library facility within Woodstock and options need to be considered. Whilst the current size of the temporary facility is not as large as previously, the opening hours have increased by nearly 50%, giving more opportunity for residents to use the library. There have been some innovative local co-locations in Charlbury and Wood Green in Banbury, which have increased the library hours even more. I think it’s worth visiting either or both of those libraries to see what can be achieved by co-location with other facilities.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth (07956 270318
ian.hudspeth@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Education & culture

Stonesfield Library

Phone: 01993 898187
Opening Hours:
Monday 2.30–7pm
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 10am–12noon
Thursday 2.30–5pm
Friday Closed
Saturday 10am–12noon
Manager: Debbie Wilson

Summer fete

Firstly, I’d like to say a tremendous thank you to the Friends of Stonesfield School (FoSS) for organising a fantastic summer fete last month. I know how much time, effort, and energy was spent by a dedicated team of parents to organise and run the event. And what an event it was! A lot of fingers were crossed, the rain held off (apart from the torrential rain during the setting up the night before!) and the village came out in force. Many thanks to everyone in the village who came, supported, and made the fete the friendly, community event we were all hoping for. The excellent news is that the fete raised over £2,000. At a time when school budgets are at crisis point, every extra funding makes a real difference to the opportunities we can provide our children. At the FoSS AGM last week it was agreed how funds would be spent:

- Early reading books specifically targeting phonics phases being taught in class
- Resources to enable high quality learning experiences in our Year 1/2 class

Invitation to new parents

If your child is due to start school in September 2020, we would love to invite you to have a tour of our friendly, nurturing, and inclusive school. Our children enjoy a wonderful start to their school life and you are welcome to spend some time in our Reception class with your child. Please contact the school office to make an appointment: office.2353@stonesfield.oxon.sch.uk or phone 01993 891687.

We also have places in all year groups and would love to welcome your child to Stonesfield.

Parent governors

We currently have vacancies for two parent governors. Being a school governor can be extremely rewarding by supporting the school with its strategic development. If you are a parent of a child at our school and are interested or would like more information, please contact Sandy Haynes, Co-chair of governors: shayes2353@stonesfield.oxon.sch.uk

Ben Trevail, Headteacher

The Oxfordshire Museum

Exhibition

Until 10 November: An Earthly Paradise: William Morris and the Thames
Lecturers are free for Friends or £4 for visitors. Doors open 7pm. Lectures start at 7.30pm

Reminiscence sessions: Those were the days, do you remember . . . ?
A monthly group for people to meet and reminisce about the past and share memories.

Friday 1 November: Shops and shopping – How our High streets have changed, what are the shops you miss?
The Coach House, 2–3.30pm, £1 per person includes tea & coffee. Further details telephone 01865 300639

Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock
Our new 2019–20 programme is now available! See the Marlborough School website for full details of courses, with latest availability. We have lots of new workshops like watercolour techniques, archery, wet felting introduction, etc.
We have a wide range of weekly courses available as well, such as, book club or Reiki and our friendly classes are a great way to meet people and pick up a new skill or indulge an existing one. We hope we can welcome you soon.
You can enrol by email, post or phone. We look forward to welcoming all our students – new and existing – to Marlborough School Community Education.
comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk
www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/comed or (01993 813592)

Stonesfield Gardens Club
October’s meeting was a real treat, with Chrissie Harper from the village’s ‘Chrissie’s Owls’ talking to us about her bird sanctuary charity. She brought with her two delightful animals. A barn owl who flew silently across the room to collect her supper and swallow it whole, and a Canadian Horned owl who sat gazing at us from his perch on Chrissie’s arm, occasionally showing us his huge wings and cooing gently into her ear. We heard about her trips out at night to rescue owls and her method of

rehabilitating them back into the wild. It was all very interesting.
This month’s meeting will be a talk by Rob Jacobs of Waterperry Garden on 11 November at 7.30pm at the St James’ Centre.
Diane Bates (diane@bateshome.co.uk
stonesfieldgardening.info)

Stonesfield Folk Dance Club
We continue to meet every Wednesday evening and on 6 November we welcome Diana Triplow to call the dances. Diana will be calling mainly Playford or Playford Style Dances from the 17th century to date. These are the dances you may see in a Jane Austen TV Drama. The following week we welcome Ted Morse to
call with John Graham and The Quarry Turners. Ted is sought-after nationally as a caller, and he will call a mixed programme of dances to maybe include some squares and more lively Contra Dances. On Wednesday 20 November, we have an exciting new caller, Caroline White, with The Donkey House Band. Then on the 27 November, we have Doreen Crewe calling with The Quarry Turners playing.

Please come along and join us, no need to bring a partner. For further information see www.stonesfieldfolkdance.danceorg.uk or visit Facebook.

Jean Richards, Programme Secretary

1st Stonesfield Scout Group

Amazing people wanted!
The Scout Movement is frequently in the national news. While this is often in a positive light, with ambassadors like Bear Grylls or the Duchess of Cambridge, last month, sadly, it was the shortage of adult volunteers in scouting at an all-time high, which featured in the headlines.

In Stonesfield, we are very fortunate to have a lively scout group of 70 young people, with a Beaver, Cub, and Scout section in the village, as well as several local Explorer units nearby. Our catchment area is huge, however, covering Woodstock, Combe, and several other surrounding villages – our waiting list clearly reflects this.

The first section of the 1st Stonesfield Scout Group was registered in 1948, and since then, the group has grown and provided decades of amazing experiences for many young people, some of whom still live in the village and are now taking part again as adults.

Just as important as working with the young people at their weekly meetings, camps, and activities, is all the work that goes on behind the scenes. This work is done by the Scout Executive Committee, which comprises a GSL (Group Scout Leader – whose role is to manage and support the group and its leaders to ensure it runs effectively), a chairperson, a treasurer, a secretary, and various other roles, including section representatives, a fundraising committee, and event organisers, without whom the group would not function.

In recent years, membership of our Exec has diminished, and the section leaders have gradually taken on much of the running of events, in addition to the weekly meetings.

We no longer have a GSL, our treasurer is due to leave at the next AGM, and the scout hut is about to be demolished, requiring a team of people to manage the new build as well as to raise funds for it. And as if that weren’t enough, section leaders are covering the recent departure of the Cub leaders between them. All of these roles are essential to the future of the group – without them the group will close!

If you would like to be part of this lively, exciting group of adults and young people, if you have the skills or experience for a particular task or role, or you just have some free time to help in any way, and above all, if you have an interest in working for or with the young people in our village, please get in touch.

Scouting is a way of life, a different outlook – come and join us!

1st Stonesfield Scout Group
**Stonesfield Football Club**
The massed ranks of the splendid Stonesfield support were in raptures recently, when Chairman Brian Clarke announced, at the 11th hour of transfer deadline day, that he had signed the former Stoney hero, Nick Higgs, to don the Stone blue shirt once again and the dynamic midfield maestro hasn’t disappointed on his return. A home debut in The Fred Ford Cup saw Nick cement victory (2–0) against a stubborn Siege FC (from Div 2) with the second goal, after young Carry Rice had given our boys the lead. Nick will add some hard graft and a veteran’s vision to the guile and pace of the Rice boys up front. It’s early days, but those Rice boys look up for it this season and if their first home league victory against Spartans is anything to go by they could be sensational in the Premiership this season. Spartans, with title aspirations themselves, were ruthlessly put to the sword as Carry(1) and Raffy(2) paved the way in a fabulous 4–1 win. Not to be outdone, James Little scored an absolute beauty, leaving the home support purring with a mixture of anticipation and excitement at the prospects for the season ahead.

The Reserves made a fantastic winning start to their first campaign in Div 3 for many, many years with a 5–1 opening day win away at FC Mills. A Raffy Rice pen followed by goals from Shaun Kemp, Lewis Day and a couple from Liam Harris completed the rout! The next two games are, maybe, a better barometer of how our boys will fare this season with narrow defeats away at Kingham (3–2) and at home to Chadlington (2–1). In the later match they took the lead before they conceded two goals to a Chad side that went up as champions last season and the lessons are clear: they have to defend better and turn those defeats by the odd goal, into draws or even wins. Having said that I think it is clear that they are up for the challenge this season and are competing well. League survival is the name of the game for our Reserves and I am quiet confident they’ll do that when May comes round next year.

No history lesson this month as The Fredo has been won! The Rice boys have been scoring for fun, but it is maybe a sign of their success that they’ve been over-looked this month in favour of the old-timer Nick Higgs. With his handsome twin watching on, jealously, from the sidelines, Nick put in a masterly performance to ease our Firsts to victory over Siege in the cup. Typical of Nick, he talked up the team’s performance rather than dwell on his own magnificent, sellless, contribution and for that alone he deserves the first Fredo of the season. Step forward our returning hero, The Fredo has your name (maybe, even your face) on it! [Tom Flanigan (01993 891979)]

**Stonesfield Cricket Club**
We recently concluded the 2019 season with our usual Awards Presentation Dinner, again at the White Horse. Winners were as follows:
Andrew Crawford Clubman of the Year – Stewart Moss
1st XI Players Player – Dan Farrant
1st XI Batsman – Jamie Burns
1st XI Bowler – Tom Gubbins
1st XI Champagne Moment – George Redknap v Marsh Gibbon
1st XI Duck – Dan Farrant
1st XI Bucket – Tim Wyatt
2nd XI Players’ Player – Dan Taylor
2nd XI Batsman – Stewart Moss
2nd XI Bowler – Dan Taylor
2nd XI Champagne Moment – Pete Searle v Chippy Norton 2nds
2nd XI Duck – Liam Hatton
2nd XI Bucket – Michael Franklin
Ben Redknap Young Player of the Season – Josh Davies
Fantasy Cricket Champion – Ben Hayes
Bat Raffle Winner – Ben & Sam Tomlin

**Stonesfield Tennis Club**
The tennis club enjoyed an active spring and summer with membership higher than it has been for many years.

On the match front, we once again participated in the Wychwood League with home and away matches against the other four clubs in the league, Ramsden, Charlbury, Bourton-on-the-Water, and Chipping Campden. Competition for the lower positions was tight with only 5 points separating four teams, but the clear winners this year were Chipping Campden, some 40 points ahead of second place.

Unfortunately, our end-of-season Wychwood League one-day tournament coincided with the break in the fine September weather and heavy rain caused it to be abandoned part way through.

Although summer is officially over, the courts remain open and available to play throughout the autumn and winter and there’s plenty of capacity, so no excuses to not keep playing!

Andrew Tacon
(Andrew.tacon@outlook.com)
4 Prioritise spiritual participation.  
There are those who love to target Christians who have lost connection with God’s people. Many individuals who pride themselves on being spiritual lone wolves are no more than lost sheep: a fact fatally brought home to them when the jaws of a genuine wolf close around them. Stay deeply and regularly involved with God’s people. Remain in the flock!

5 Prioritise the positives.  
It is said that a piece of grit in an oyster can produce a pearl, but my advice is don’t bank on it. Many of these sad stories from those leaving the faith are full of difficulties, anger, and negative attitudes. One well-trodden pathway into the wilderness involves becoming someone who is always complaining and always against something. One of the easiest ways to justify your departure from any organisation, including the church, is to convince yourself that it is somehow unworthy of your commitment. Stay positive!

That last remark I know is difficult at this time of political unrest, but it is, for all of that, the best way to travel.

Dear J. John has five more priorities that I will share with you, perhaps next time, but for now stay safe, grounded in love, and of course, D.F.T.W. See you soon.

Rev Roy

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 3 November [Fourth Sunday before Advent]
8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am Combe Longa All Age Worship
11am Stonesfield All Age Worship
5pm Combe Longa Service of Remembrance for the recently departed

Sunday 10 November [Remembrance Sunday]
8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]
10am Combe Longa Remembrance Service followed by service at War Memorial (10.45am)
10am Stonesfield Remembrance Service followed by service at War Memorial (10.45am)
5pm Stonesfield Service of Remembrance for loved ones who are no longer with us

Sunday 17 November [Second Sunday before Advent]
8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am Combe Longa Parish Communion [CW/sung]
11am Stonesfield Communion Service for all ages
Sunday 24 November [Christ the King]
8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am Combe Longa Parish Communion [BCP/said]
11am Stonesfield Parish Communion [CW/sung]
6pm Combe Longa Evensong

Sunday 1 December [Advent Sunday]
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

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER
Sun 3 11am Revd Rose Westwood Holy Communion
Sun 10 10am Remembrance Service at the Parish Church 11am At the War Memorial
Sun 17 11am Eddie Fowler
Sun 24 11am Revd Charles Harris

Roman Catholic Worship
What makes a saint?
It was much in the news in October that Cardinal John Henry Newman was canonised by Pope Francis on Sunday 13 October, the first English person to be canonised in 43 years. While St John Henry is most well known for his theological teaching and educational commitment, it was his compassion for the sick, the imprisoned, and the desperately needy in which he tried to imitate Christ which made him outstanding. To be formally canonised, the potential saint must have demonstrated a ‘life of heroic virtue’. The Church further refines that phrase ‘heroic virtue’ by adding that they ‘lived in fidelity to God’s grace’, that is, recognising the primacy of Christ’s teachings. Many saints struggled along the way, often leading lives of chaos and distance from God: St Augustine of Hippo, St Francis of Assisi, and St Ignatius of Loyola are examples of saints who seemed surprised by their own later inclinations to turn towards God and away from their previous lives. Saints put God and others at the centre of their lives rather than themselves, often giving service to those most in need like Saint Teresa of Calcutta. We can all aim to be saints: by helping others, by being compassionate, being generous to those in need, and, like St John Henry and countless other named saints, we too can strive to imitate Christ.

MASS TIMES
SUNDAYS
St Teresa’s, Charlbury: 9.15am
St Kenelm’s, Enstone: 9am, second Sunday of every month

WEEKDAYS
St Teresa’s, Charlbury: 9.45am, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, preceded by Morning Prayers at 9.15am

Confession: Confessions are at 10am after morning Mass on Saturdays, and on request.

Father Tony Joyce can be contacted on holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com or telephone (01608 642703).

For parish updates and any further information please see:
https://stteresaschurch-charlbury.com or contact Clive Dytor, Chair, Parish Committee: chair.stteresaschurchcharlbury@gmail.com

Roman Catholic Community in Stonesfield

STONESFIELD VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME
arranges car transport to doctors’ and dentists’ surgeries in Woodstock, Charlbury, Long Hanborough and Witney, and to Water Eaton Park & Ride (for buses to JR, Nuffield and Churchill Hospitals)

If you need a lift for a medical visit in NOVEMBER please ring Margaret or Peter Hill (898823) or Viv Kendall (891803).

Every effort will be made to find a volunteer driver for you, but please give as much notice as you can. This is a free service, but donations to costs are welcomed.
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