The Reverend Paul Henry Boughton, Our Vicar

Paul Boughton died on 31st January after a long illness.

Paul became Vicar of Goring, Streatley and South Stoke in May 2014, moving from Fetcham in Surrey with Liz, his wife, who is also a priest, and their daughters Sophie and Alice who are university students.

Paul gained his degree in metallurgy from Imperial College, London and later became a Chartered Accountant. He worked for a time in Switzerland, where he and Liz received a call to ministry in the Church. They trained together at Ridley Hall, Cambridge and were able to undertake a joint curacy in Guildford after which Paul became Rector of Fetcham, Surrey. Being an accountant, Paul was invited onto the Clergy Pensions Board and the Ethical Investments Committee of the Church of England.

After becoming Vicar of South Stoke, Streatley and Goring in 2014, Paul set about getting to know the three parishes and the people. He met the Parish Councils and came to village events. His direct and warm personality together with his enthusiasm for the Christian faith made him effective as a leader and communicator. He is credited with preaching biblical sermons and encouraging a biblical basis for all Christian teaching. He pioneered his special brand of family service, with chocolates for birthday people and songs with actions for the children.

Ill health struck while he was on holiday in Switzerland in 2016, when he collapsed on a mountainside and had to be airlifted to hospital, apparently with a stroke. He partially recovered, but it was later found that the trouble was caused by an aggressive brain tumour. Paul underwent amazing brain surgery in Oxford, followed by radio-therapy and chemo-therapy which enabled him to minister in the three villages for almost another year.

From the autumn of 2017, he reduced his workload; then in December, he had to take nursing care and was admitted to the Sue Ryder Hospice in Nettlebed. Many people visited him and he was invariably cheerful and positive in that lovely place - indeed he had a special reputation with the nurses. The family pet, Truffle, was allowed to visit and was a comforting presence during long days of weakness.

Paul’s earthly life drew peacefully to a close on the 31st January when, surrounded by family, he slipped away. He never wavered in his belief that Christ was calling him home to be with him in heaven forever: his heavenly life had begun. In a sense, however, it was a continuation of something quite simple; a faith that commenced when he was a young man and pursued resolutely for the whole of life.

Throughout this long and traumatic illness, Paul and Liz Boughton have been amazingly positive in their response. Perhaps this is the time when we who watch from a little distance, will have observed the impact of his and his family’s Christian faith on character.

The public celebration of Paul’s life, with many mourners, was held in St Thomas’ on 16th February. South Stokers will be glad to know that the private laying-to-rest of this man of God took place in the tranquil and beautiful churchyard of St Andrew’s, South Stoke. Paul had always felt at home here. He will continue so to be.

Harry Hogg & Michael Codner
Church Wardens
St Andrew’s Church, South Stoke
Our Local 134 Bus Service

As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, Mike Ward has instituted two trial early morning weekday bus services, specifically for South Stoke commuters, to Goring Station — it started on Monday 19th February. These two new services are scheduled to start at Glebe Cottages at 07.10 and 07.40 respectively and each runs to Ferry Road, down Ferry Road, along The Street (pick-up at the Perch at 17.12 & 07.42) then up South Bank an on to the Station — where they each connect with Reading & London semi-fast trains.

At the time of going to press, there has only been one user from South Stoke each day for the first week of this trial! Please South Stoke commuters give this service at least a try!

And for you early return commuters from the smoke, there is also a new extra trial weekday return service from Goring Station to South Stoke This is scheduled to leave the Station at 18.10 – designed to link with the 17.18 from Paddington/ 17.56 from Reading – but which will wait to depart from Goring until 18.45 if the 17.18 is running late. So far in the first week of operation there has been no users for this service!

One last bit of news from Mike Ward is that he is considering whether to introduce a 134 Sunday service between South Stoke and both Wallingford and Goring. It is possible that if he does start up such a Sunday service, that it will continue from Goring to Reading, thereby offering South Stokies not only a Sunday service to Goring, but also on to Reading, via Basildon Park, Child Beale and Pangbourne.

If anyone would like to comment on any of the foregoing, please either contact Mike directly on:
Tel: 07484 605888
Email: goingforwardbuses@yahoo.com
Facebook: goingforwardbus or drop the writer an email.

Bells For Jacqui

Those that attended the bell ringing in honour of the life of Jacqui Bertrand will know what a special occasion it was. Robert Small and all the bell-ringers were very pleased in the attendance, and how it turned out. Thanks to all involved - including those who rang bells and served tea - for making the occasion a true community remembrance.

Some attendees mentioned an interest in getting involved with ringing of the bells. If interested, please contact Robert Small, robandsue1975@btinternet.com.

Housing Development Project Update

It is probably fair to say that the plans for a 25 house development on the Glebe field have been thrown into doubt, due to the land-owner’s newly voiced concerns, primarily regarding:

- Possible rejection of a full planning application by SODC
- Legal restrictions on how substantial financial help towards the building of a new Village/Community Hall on the Recreation Ground might be achieved

The Parish Council are now seeking a further meeting with the land-owner’ representatives, in an effort to see if there might be common ground for a joint approach to SODC.

I would hope to be able to provide further information on the future of this project in the April newsletter.

Cllr Roy McMillan
Chairman, South Stoke Parish Council
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 Jacqui Bertrand Memorial

The Parish Council (PC) has considered the request for a memorial bench to be supplied and installed in an appropriate location – probably on the Recreation Ground - as a fitting memory of all the work that Jacqui did in and for the village and for the many friendships that she made in South Stoke.

The PC have agreed that we will make a contribution to such a memorial, and we hope that the Amenities Charity – of which Jacqui was Chair for several years – will also consider the matter at their next meeting on 12th March.

If any individuals would like to make a donation to this proposed memorial, please contact the writer, and I will advise the best way to do this either through the Shop or the Parish Clerk.

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South Stoke 200 Club

The February draw took place on Monday 12th in the Perch & Pike and the lucky winners this month were:

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The March draw will take place on Monday 12th in the Perch & Pike at around 9.30pm, after the Amenities Charity meeting.

To find out more about the South Stoke 200 Club, please contact Mark Taylor (phone 872670 / 07985922031, email: lavath.taylors@btinternet.com).

And don’t forget to raise FREE funds for us, every time you shop on line. We continue to steadily raise money each month, and it doesn’t cost you anything at all.

Register at Give As You Live, and the donations are given by the participating retailers.

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Film Night: Life In South Stoke In The 50s & 60s

I know January seems like a lifetime ago but I just wanted to note how much we enjoyed Steve Parrinder’s talk on Eynsham Abbey. We had 40 members and guests in the Hall which was a great turn out. In June there are 2 trips to Eynsham planned with Steve giving us a guided tour.

However, this month is another popular event with the village.

Friday 23rd March at 7.30pm Martin is bringing along some more films that show what life was like in South Stoke and the surrounding area in the 1950’s and 60’s. Days when agriculture was the mainstay. These include London fashion comes to South Stoke, the watercress beds in Ewelme and the last British Rail run between Cholsey and Wallingford. All fascinating subjects.

Members and youngsters £3  Guests £5

Linda Gatto
South Stoke Historical Society

Planning Applications In South Stoke

New applications (to be discussed at next Parish Council Meeting)

- P18/S0571/FUL - The Coaching Barn, Little Stoke Manor, Little Stoke: Proposal to make a space to coach people, mainly children, in Arts and Country skills.
- P18/S0359/LB - The Coaching Barn, Little Stoke Manor, Little Stoke: Listed Building consent for proposal to make a space to coach people, mainly children, in Arts and Country skills.

Pending Decision by SODC

- P18/S0153/LB - Annexe Fulbrook House, The Street: Internal modifications to update annex conversion. PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
- P18/S0215/HH - Tudor Barn, Cross Keys Rd: Construction of a detached timber framed garage with space for one vehicle. PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO STRONG VIEWS.
- P18/S0297/HH - Manor House, The Street: Existing Barn conversion to ancillary domestic accommodation. PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDED REFUSAL.
- P18/S0298/LB - Manor House, The Street: Listed Building consent of existing Barn conversion to ancillary domestic accommodation. PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDED REFUSAL.

Decisions by SODC

- P18/S0113/HH - Glebe Farmhouse, Icknield Rd, Ipsden: Conversion of garage to residential use. PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDED APPROVAL, APPLICATION WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT.

For further detail about these or any planning application, please refer to the South Oxford District Council website: www.southoxon.gov.uk.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

It is with regret that I have to advise that Cllr Mick Walsh has had to submit his resignation – due to health concerns - with effect from our Annual General Meeting in May this year.

Mick has been an asset to the Parish and the PC in his period as a Cllr, and has been particularly effective in his dealings with speeding and road safety issues, as well as his leadership and advice on all insurance related matters.

If any reader has an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor, would you please contact me, and I will be happy to discuss how you might be able to assist the on-going development of our village and parish.

Cllr Roy McMillan
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Rights Of Way Update

Readers will remember the piece in the October 2017 newsletter, where which we asked Parishioners – especially those who have lived in South Stoke for some years – to comment on three particular pathways that do not appear on Oxfordshire County Council’s (OCC) map for the Parish.

The Parish Council (PC) received several responses from long-standing residents concerning their usage of one or more of each of these three pathways, namely:

- From The Street to - and along - the River bank in each direction
- From the "Bogey Hole" to the Four Arches Viaduct (beside the railway embankment)
- From Ferry Road to the Recreation Ground

The PC also received several requests that the short pathway from The Street to the Bier Path – beside the Primary School’s wall/hedge – should be formally recognised by OCC as a Right of Way. (RoW)

The PC have now submitted information to OCC on these four requests for RoW recognition.

I have no doubt that we will be challenged by the landowner concerned - on one or possibly more of these requests. I have also no doubt that the OCC determination of the outcome of these requests will not only take time (quite likely many years), and will require us to supply further information.

Further updates on progress will be published in this newsletter as and when we receive further information.

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Keeping Warm

There is a direct link between cold winter weather and the higher number of deaths, heart attacks and strokes among older people and others in at-risk groups.

The NHS Choices website has a range of practical tips for keeping warm at home. Find out more at https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/KeepWarmKeepWell.aspx

Safety is important in all aspects of keeping yourself warm. Care should be taken when using electric blankets or filling hot water bottles. Never use a hot water bottle and an electric blanket together, as this is extremely dangerous and could give you an electric shock.

If you use an electric blanket, make sure it is safe to use by getting it tested every three years. The local council provides free checks each year at a number of locations throughout the County and District.

If you are struggling with your fuel bills or need information on how to keep warm this winter, visit the Better Housing Better Health website (http://www.bhbh.org.uk) for free, impartial advice.
South Stoke School News
Replacement Of Condemned Playground Equipment

As many may be aware, some of South Stoke Primary School’s playground equipment has been condemned due to wear and tear. This equipment is currently within the warranty time and it is intended to replace it as soon as possible.

The school has gained permission from the Church Wardens, Mr Hogg and Mr Codner, and they have consented that the proposed new equipment is a suitable replacement. Mr Hogg and the Head Teacher have met to discuss the changes and to view the artist’s impression of the new equipment.

Outlined below are the current condemned equipment and an artist’s representation of the installed new equipment.

Goring's Iconic Thatched Boathouse Partially Destroyed By Fire

One of Goring’s most photographed Victorian buildings near Goring lock has been badly damaged by a fire which started late last Friday 23rd February.

The recently sold building was unoccupied at the time and no-one was hurt. Fire crews from Wallingford, Oxford City and other brigades responded quickly and the building was still being dowsed 12 hours later, as seen in the photograph below.

Though future local publications will likely provide more detailed information, I wanted to let everyone know what has happened.

Cllr Bryan Urbick
South Stoke Parish Council
b.urbick@consumer-knowledge.com

Share Your Views On The Chilterns AONB For Your Chance To Win

The Chilterns Conservation Board is asking people to participate in a short survey to tell them what you love about the Chilterns, any concerns you may have about threats to the area and what you think the priorities should be to protect our special landscape.

Participants will be entered into a draw to win £50 in vouchers to spend at the Chiltern Brewery. To complete the survey, please go to https://chilternsociety.org.uk.

Chiltern Society
New Community Lottery Coming Soon

We’re preparing to launch a new community lottery called SO Charitable Lottery to raise money for local charities and voluntary groups.

The lottery will run online and there will be a weekly draw with prizes ranging from free tickets through to a jackpot up to £25,000.

The lottery is all about raising money in the community, for the community – supporting local voluntary and community groups, with 60p out of every pound going to good causes. Players will be able to choose which cause they want to support when they buy tickets.

SO Charitable Lottery is part of our work to help the voluntary sector and support communities in South Oxfordshire. We already give around £1.5 million in grants is to voluntary and communities groups, and there’s a much greater demand for financial help. The council will not receive any of the proceeds.

From every £1 ticket bought online:
• 60p will go to good causes
• 20p to the prize fund
• 17p to the external lottery management operator
• 3p to VAT

A voluntary or community group will be able to register to be part of the lottery, if it provides community activities or services within South Oxfordshire; has a formal constitution or set of rules and a bank account requiring at least two unrelated signatories; operates with no undue restrictions on membership; is able to tell the council how it will promote the lottery to its supporters.


Communications
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Become A Home Library Service Volunteer

Choose And Deliver Books To Those Who Can’t Get To A Library

Home Library Service volunteers deliver the wonderful world of books to those who can’t get to a library. Volunteers are a friendly face who can stop by once every three weeks to bring customers some new books or CDs and spend some time to share their own stories.

The Home Library Service is run by Oxfordshire Libraries but would not be possible without the support of volunteers. Find out how to become a volunteer by contacting your local librarian or go to https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Name Our Food Trucks

South Oxfordshire has got some new food waste trucks to collect your food waste. To celebrate, they’ve asked local school children to come up with some names. The most popular names will be printed on the trucks and you’ll see them out and about collecting food waste for recycling.

The children with the winning names will receive £150 of book tokens for their school and a family swimming pass.

Vote now at http://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/SouthTruckNaming/
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In Praise of the Daffodil

Golden trumpets sounding out the Spring, beautiful and reliable almost maintenance free, with a range of varieties large and small, scented, delicate or strong; can be grown in a pot or in the ground, featured in a bed or naturalised in grass, in gardens and along roadsides; flexible, all weather, simple, yet complex-the daffodil [let’s call it that- Narcissus is just the botanists of the past getting all latinate] the daffodil.

It’s a slightly silly sounding word originally from early English ‘Asphodel’ with the ‘d’ possibly arriving via those great bulb experts the Dutch. What a wonderful flower it is! British cut flowers begin to appear these days around Christmas and tide us over the dark months until we can see them for real. By the way if you buy cut daffodils or any cut flowers for that matter cut off the first few centimetres of the stalk to refresh the plant before putting it in water.

*The picture is the classic daffodil ‘King Alfred’*

Gardening Tip of the Month:
Get out there and protect any vulnerable plants from slugs before they beat you to it!

Mr B (Chris Bertrand)
candjbertrand@gmail.com

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John Howell, MP Writes…

Each month I write my newsletter around the middle of the month as this is the time that seems to capture most of the many and varied copy deadlines for the parish magazines that go out in communities across the constituency. This month it happens to coincide with a Parliamentary recess and also half term. I hope that those who had a break enjoyed it – despite the varied British weather.

When Parliament is in recess it does not mean that MPs are on holiday. Recess offers a time when we can undertake visits which do not fit with the Parliamentary cycle of business when the House is sitting. For example, in my role as the Prime Minister’s Trade Envoy to Nigeria I sometimes visit the country in recess. Recess can also offer the opportunity to be out and about in the Constituency much more than in a usual week. In this recess that is precisely what I have been doing. I have spent most days out walking in a number of different communities stopping and chatting to those I meet. These ‘conversations on the street’ have proved to be very valuable to me in learn what issues are uppermost on people’s minds. I have had discussion on many things from Brexit to potholes including health, traffic, parking, Neighbourhood Planning and housing along the way.

With our system of central and local government it can be both confusing and frustrating to find out who to contact on particular issues. I do not sit at the top of our system of government where I have authority over our local councils. (I’m sure those who serve on our councils will be pleased to have this stated!) Each council has specific responsibilities devolved to it. Whilst I am always interested to know what is going on and where things are not working as well as they could, there are some issues raised with me that I cannot directly assist with. I have to refer to the relevant council for their view on the problem and to ask them to respond. I am happy to do this but it seems that there is an often underused resource in our local councillors. In addition to an MP every resident has an elected representative at the County Council, the District Council and several representatives on the Parish Council or Parish Meeting. All of these people have put themselves forward to work for the good of their communities. For all of us elected representatives it is important to know what issues are important to those whom we represent and to assist, as best we are able, with particular problems experienced in relation to the services of the organisation on which we sit.

**For more information, John Howell’s website is regularly updated and offers information on work in Westminster and in the constituency. The address:** www.johnhowellmp.com. You can also follow him on twitter @johnhowellmp or on Facebook www.facebook.com/john.howellmp.

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*Excerpted from the mid-February 2018 Update.*
ThinkPink2018
Ladies’ Pamper Night!
In aid of Breast Cancer Awareness
16th March
7:00-9:30pm @
South Stoke Village Hall
Tickets £10 on the Door
Includes a glass of Pink Fizz & A Beauty Treatment

See ThinkPink2018 on Facebook for more information
The Royal Harmonics

Saturday 10th March 2018, 7.30pm
St. Andrews Church, South Stoke

On Saturday 10th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m., The Royal Harmonics male chorus will be in concert at St. Andrews Church, South Stoke.

The Royal Harmonics continue to be one of the UK’s most acclaimed close-harmony a cappella choirs recently having gained a silver medal in international competition. With an eclectic mix of songs ranging from Andrew Lloyd Webber, The Bee Gees and Glenn Miller to traditional English folk songs and negro spirituals, the Royals’ programme has something for everyone.

The Royals are delighted that they will be joined on the show by South Stoke’s very own Fiona Linton, soprano and Catherine Jarvis, violan. They wowed at the Christmas Cracker Show and you will be in for another musical treat.

Tickets are on sale now at £12 per head to include a welcoming drink. The Royals’ previous show was sold out so please mail/phone/text Julian Charman now on jjcharman@aol.com/01489 872300/07318 065293 or Robert Small on robandsue1975@btinternet.com to arrange for delivery of your tickets.

After covering all overheads, ticket revenues plus profits from the raffle and bar sales will be donated to the charity Children with Cancer.

The Royals can guarantee a fun evening of quality live music so come and join us in casting off dreary old winter and anticipating the advent of Spring.
March News from the Woodcote Library…

What a busy month we have ahead!

Thursday 1st March will be the AGE UK Information Fayre in the Library from 10-12am. Please come along and find a wealth of free information and advice from a variety of organisations who are here to help you. This is a free drop in event. Please note that there will be no Rhymetime that Thursday.

The 1st March is also World Book Day. What will you be reading? For more information see: http://www.worldbookday.com. We will be helping to support the ‘Share a Story’ campaign and will be hosting a special story session on Saturday 3rd March 10.30-11.30am. Pop in and read with us and even come along as your favourite book character? See you there!

On Saturday 10th March, we will be holding a special Craft Session between 10.30 and 12am for the children to celebrate Mothering Sunday the next day on the 11th. It’s a free session, but donations to the craft fund are always appreciated.

The next meeting of our Adult Book Club is Monday 19th March at the usual time of 6pm.

Easter Sunday is 1st April. May all of our Readers feel the hope of new beginnings, love and happiness during this joyful Easter period.

Easter opening hours: Please note that the Library will be open on Saturday 31st March 9.30-12.30, but closed for the Bank Holidays of Friday 30th March and Monday 2nd April. We will re-open at the normal time of 2pm on Tuesday 3rd April.

Our lovely Rhymetime sessions continue each Thursday from 10am. Come along with your under 5 for stories, songs, rhymes and fun.

New members are always most welcome.

Joanne Green
Library Manager, 01494 682323
woodcote.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Library Opening Hours:

- Monday 2.00pm - 7.30pm
- Tuesday 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- Wednesday Closed
- Thursday 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Sunday Closed

24-hours renewal hotline: 0845 1202811 - PIN required

Wallingford Museum Castle History walk

By popular demand on Saturday 31st March, an historic guided walk around Wallingford Castle has been arranged, which will be led by Judy Dewey (local historian and Museum curator).

This Castle history walk will start at the Museum at 2.30pm and last about 2 hours, [unsuitable for dogs!]. There is a charge of £6 for this guided walk, but you could combine it with a season ticket to the Museum, and view ‘Wallingford Castle - the Inside Story’.

So, why not immerse yourself in the town’s fascinating local history for the day!

Treasures with Tales

There's been a great response to the public appeal for the loan of ‘Treasures with Tales’ for the new 2018 exhibition opening on 1st March at Wallingford Museum.

The volunteers are delighted to have had a wide variety of fascinating objects brought in, each with its own special significance - from exotic to fun to poignant - or just beautiful! Visitors are able to follow the ‘Treasures Trail’ and discover these things for themselves throughout the museum. Each will have its own ‘tale’ displayed and can be enjoyed by the whole family. The treasures are woven in amongst our other exhibitions which include not only the story of Wallingford's Saxon origins, its great Royal castle, the town's links with Agatha Christie, but also updates on the recent archaeology that is being uncovered by new developments around the town.

Look out for special events this year including Town and Castle history walks (31 March), A Night at the Museum (18 May and 26 Oct), Family Archaeology Day (28 July), BunkFest offers, and a Castle Day (18 Aug).

Lots of fascinating things to see and enjoy!

Guided Town Walks

Guided Historic Town Walks on Saturday mornings will recommence on 31 March, starting from the Town Hall at 11.00am. Walks last 1 - 2 hours and cost £5 per head, money which will be donated to support Wallingford Museum.

These are general walks covering the rich history of Wallingford, but also touching on the links with Agatha Christie and ‘Midsomer Murders’. They will appeal to residents and visitors alike.

If you’d like to organise a Town Walk like this for your group / society / school at a different time, then please contact Philip Burton on 01491-836200 or pburton6@talktalk.net.

The Wallingford Museum
South Stoke Parish Newsletter
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John Leighfield will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the development of mapping.

This talk will be heavily illustrated with pictures of all the key maps that show Wallingford from 1574 onwards. It will provide a brief introduction to mapping from prehistoric times up to the earliest, primitive maps of Britain. It will also look at the first extant map of Britain with genuine cartographic content and the revolution in mapping in the 16th century (particularly Saxton and Speed), in the 18th century (driven by a prize given by the RSA), in the 19th century (the Ordnance Survey), and then the transformation in mapping brought about by the technological revolution of the late-20th and the 21st centuries. The talk will be accompanied by a display of a number of the key maps that have been discussed, and by an illustrated handout.

John Leighfield was educated at Exeter College Oxford, and his career has been in IT from the pioneering days of 1962 onwards. He has been Chairman of various national IT institutions and of a number of IT companies. John has been collecting maps (of Oxfordshire and adjoining counties, and of Cornwall) since 1966 and regularly lectures on the topic.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 14th March, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary’s Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan
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St. Andrew's Church, South Stoke
Services in March 2018

March 4th 11.15am  Steve's Special Family Service
4.00pm  Evensong (St Thomas' Goring)

March 11th 11.15am  Mothering Sunday Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

March 18th 11.15am  Matins (Book of Common Prayer 1662)

March 25th 11.15pm  Palm Sunday Holy Communion Common Worship

March 29th 8.00pm  The Last Supper United Benefice Holy Communion & Foot Washing

March 30th 2.00pm  Good Friday Meditation (St Thomas’ Goring)
3.15pm  Open Air Witness at Goring Lock, followed by Hot Cross Buns

March 31st 8.00pm  United Benefice Easter Eve Vigil (St Mary’s Streatley)

April 1st 11.15am  Easter Day Family Communion

The Prayer Meeting held at 2.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month, at Crossways.

The monthly Coffee Morning is the third Wednesday of each month, from 10.30am - 12.00noon in the church, though this month only, on Tuesday 20th.

Thursdays continuing through March, The Alpha Course at 7.30 pm in the Canterbury Room, St Thomas's Church, Goring. Meal provided; ask Steve Johnson, (07855) 850667 if you can come.

The church is open daily for quiet prayer and reflection.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Harry Hogg & Michael Codner Church Wardens

Next Issue
All contributions are welcome. Please e-mail to editor@southstoke.org.uk, deliver to South Stoke Community Shop or telephone 01491 871 055. Please include a telephone number and an e-mail address if possible. Photos are welcome and encouraged. Please get your submissions in as early as possible. The deadline for the April issue: Friday 23rd March 2018.

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March 10th  Royal Harmonics Concert (St Andrew’s Church, 7.30pm)
March 13th  Women’s Institute (Village Hall, 2.15pm)
March 16th  ThinkPink2018 Ladies’ Pamper Night in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness (Village Hall, 7.00-9.30pm)
March 19th  Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall, 7.30pm)
March 20th  Coffee Morning (Tuesday, this month only) - all welcome. (St Andrew’s Church, 10.30am - 12noon)
March 23rd  South Stoke Historical Society, Martin Bullock’s Film Night (Village Hall, 8.00pm)
March 24th  Film: Slumdog Millionaire Themed evening with Indian Food & Drink (Village Hall, 7.30pm)
April 27th  South Stoke Historical Society, talk on the Child Labour, by Liz Woolley (Village Hall, 8.00pm)
October 26th  South Stoke Historical Society, The Poor Law in the 18th Century, by Deborah Hayter (Village Hall, 8.00pm)
November 30th  South Stoke Historical Society, Judith Curthoys, Christ Church Archivist (Village Hall, 8.00pm)

Reminder
Don’t forget to put your clocks forward an hour for the beginning of British Summer Time on Sunday 25th March.