



Haddenham Christmas Tree Festival

Once again we will be taking part in this at St. Mary's, Haddenham .
Do come along and see our Parish tree along with lots of others representing local churches and charities.

Viewing times are:

Friday, Dec. 8th – 10.00 am – 6.00 pm;

Saturday, Dec. 9th – 11.00 am – 6.00 pm;

Sunday, Dec. 10th – 12.30 pm – 5.00 pm.

Refreshments available.

Our tree will then form part of the decorations in SJB, Stone over the Christmas season.

Publicity Network Team Members Needed

We would like to develop a network of volunteers throughout the village who will deliver church publicity to homes in their immediate area from time to time. For example we have a lot of leaflets for our Christmas Parklife Café that need to go out to as many homes as possible in the next week.

If you could take maybe a dozen of these and let us know where you will deliver them that would be tremendous. Later on we will want to deliver the parish Christmas card to every home as well. There will be more publicity in the new year too as we reach out to our community in as many ways as we can.

If you can help by joining the publicity network team please let us know TODAY or as soon as possible. Unfortunately we do not provide snazzy uniforms, but you can wear your own welcome smile instead !

Please speak to one of the church wardens – Eryl Morgan or Raymond Medhurst or email Eryl.Morgan@stonedintonhartwell.com or Raymond.Medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com

Thank You.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice this week is the last practice till the new year

pewsheet@stonedintonhartwell.com

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 2017

Church News

TODAY
Advent 2

10:30

SJB, Stone

Family Service

Leaders: Rev. Nadine Rose

Readings: : Isaiah 40.1-11 & Mark 1.1-8

18:00

SPP, Dinton

Carols and Readings

Leaders: Rev. Nigel Featherstone

18:30

St Mary's
Haddenham

Christmas Tree Festival

Leaders: Canon Phil Groves

THIS WEEK

Mon 11	18:30	Candlelit Carol Service, SJB, Stone
Tues 12	19:30	Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road
Fri 15	9:30	Stone Pre-School Nativity, SJB, Stone
Sat 16	10:30	Choir Practice, SJB, Stone
Sun 17	9:00	Holy Communion, SPP, Dinton <i>Leader:</i>
	10:30	Morning Worship, SJB, Stone <i>Leader: David Pickup</i> <i>Readings: Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11 & Mark 1-8</i>
	16:00	Service of 9 Lessons and Carols, SJB, Stone <i>Leader: Canon Phil Groves</i>



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Carols by Candlelight

On Monday 11th we have a Carols by Candlelight at St John the Baptist, Stone, Led by the Mandeville Choir and Orchestra at 18:30.

Posada 2017

The Posada is well underway,
And making swift progress round the parish.
You can track the posada online at www.stonedintonhartwell.com or on our social media

Welcome & Hospitality

Are we a really welcoming church? what do visitors think of us? what does the Bible say about Welcome & Hospitality? The Aylesbury Deanery Learning Community is hosting a 3-part series of interactive evenings – learning and sharing good practice, as well as discussing and discovering new ideas. This series really is for everyone in the church so please come along on the following dates - Wednesday 24th January; Wednesday 14th March; Wednesday 9th May – all starting at 7.45pm and all are at Holy Trinity Church in Aylesbury. You can register at aylesburydeanery-welcome.eventbrite.co.uk or speak to Jenny Pickup or Liz Tomkins.

Christmas Tree Festival Celebration Service

Christmas Tree Festival Celebration Service at St Mary's, Haddenham
Sunday Dec 10th 6.30pm Led by Phil Groves

You are all welcome to the celebration service for our Community and we invite you to bring family, friends and neighbours and especially those involved in the organisations represented by the Christmas Trees.

An ethereal atmosphere amongst the glittering trees, festive singing with the



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DECEMBER 10 – 16

HUMAN DIGNITY AND FREEDOM

£Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them."

ISAIAH 58:6,7 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

- SUN 10** } **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**
God of justice and love, You alone offer true liberty to human beings. We praise You for sending Your Son to live and die that we might live freely and forgiven. Help us to uphold the rights of people everywhere to be treated with fairness and dignity. Amen.
- MON 11** } Pray about the widening gulf in Britain between rich and poor; many incomes having gone down whilst living costs have risen. Remember the four million children classed as poor, including nearly half of all single parent families.
- TUES 12** } Pray that, as Lord McColl's Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill proceeds through Parliament, the Government will be persuaded to increase support for victims of trafficking, and that the time allowed will be lengthened to give opportunities for them to recover and rebuild their lives.
- WED 13** } **Heavenly Father, please stretch out Your hand to free the 300,000 child soldiers recruited and sometimes kidnapped to work as fighters, cooks, suicide bombers, human shields, messengers, spies, or for sexual purposes. Grant success to those seeking to help them. Amen.**
- THURS 14** } Remember those who have been lured into the multi-billion-dollar global pornography industry: adults and children coerced and used to produce pornography, and the individuals who are accessing it. Pray for those breaking the law to be brought to justice and for victims to be rescued.
- FRI 15** } **THANKSGIVING:** for the overwhelming community response that has resulted in 260 local councils throughout Britain offering to house almost 22,000 Syrian refugees z with over 6,000 having been settled so far. Pray that these offers will be successfully followed through in coming months.
- SAT 16** } Ask God to prosper the efforts of local community groups, Christian churches and charities to support asylum seekers in need of food, clothing, advice and friendship. Remember the millions worldwide who have been driven from their homes.



£The world is in the grip of one of the worst forced displacement crises ever. Over 65 million people around the globe have had to flee their homes z that's like the entire British population having to leave. Millions have had to leave their country entirely and have become refugees." (British Refugee Council)