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CHRISTMAS 2017

Church News

SUNDAY 24TH

Advent 4

10:30

SJB, Stone

Morning Worship

Leaders: Raymond Medhurst

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 & Luke 1. 26-38

16:00

SJB, Stone

Crib Service

Leaders: Jenny Pickup

23:30

SPP, Dinton

Midnight Mass

Leaders: Canon Phil Groves

Readings: 2 Samuel 7. 1-5, 8-11, 16 & Luke 1.67-79

MONDAY 25TH

Christmas Day

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord

(Luke 2:11)

10:30

SJB, Stone

Christmas Family Communion

Leaders: Canon Phil Groves

Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7 & Luke 2. 1-14



THIS WEEK

Sun
31

10:30

Benefice Holy Communion, SPP, Dinton

Leader: Rev. Nadine Rose & Rev. Margot Hodson

Readings: Isaiah 61. 10 - 62. 3 & Luke 2. 15-21

Posada 2017

Thank you to everyone who took part in this years posada, and thank you to Jenny Pickup for once again organising it.

You can view the journey online at www.stonedintonhartwell.com or on our social media

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.

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Service Pattern Revision

As off January, (starting on the 28th,) BCP Mattins will now be held at SJB at 9.00am on the 4th Sunday of the month instead of the 1st Sunday.

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.

We wish you all a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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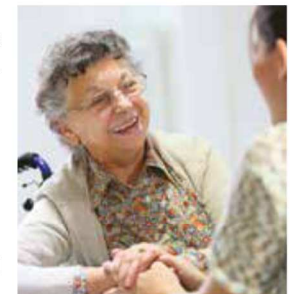
DECEMBER 24 – 30

FAMILIES

“Love is patient and kind ... not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged ... Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.”

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

- SUN 24** Heavenly Father, thank You for the unique relationship of marriage and that children can grow under the protection and care of a mother and father within their wider family network. Please help couples who are struggling in their relationship to renew their love for each other and grant them new hope for the future. Amen.
- MON 25** CHRISTMAS DAY Rejoice today that Jesus Christ left the perfect bliss of heaven to come to earth, born of Mary in a lowly stable, to change the whole world and become our Saviour! May we worship Him with joy and gladness because of all He has done!
- TUES 26** Remember older and infirm people who live by themselves and perhaps feel forgotten and isolated, especially the 500,000 who are alone over Christmas. Pray for more Christian volunteers to support local initiatives that visit those in their own homes and residents in care homes. (carehomefriends.org.uk)
- WED 27** Lord, we lift to You those who are parenting alone because their partner has died or is absent for other reasons. Fill them anew with Your love and give them hope for the future, even if they are feeling daunted by challenges in the year ahead. Amen.
- THURS 28** Pray that the Government will acknowledge the evidence that shows men and women in a marriage relationship are more likely to stay together and successfully raise a family. Pray it will keep its commitment to support married couples in the taxation system, especially those with children, who struggle to make ends meet.
- FRI 29** THANKSGIVING: for adoptive and foster families that embrace children without a safe, loving home of their own. Ask God to grant them patience, understanding and wisdom, especially where children have serious emotional and behavioural problems.
- SAT 30** Please pray about abusive family relationships: that such situations will be brought to light so that victims can be safely rescued and helped to rebuild their lives. Ask God to direct them to Christian counsellors and befrienders and to draw them into church families that will nurture and love them.



“The family was ordained by God before He established any other institution, even before He established the Church.”
“If the home deteriorates, civilisation will crumble and fall.” (Dr Billy Graham)