



SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2018

Church News

TODAY
Epiphany 3

11:00

Stone
Methodist
Chapel

Convent Service Holy Communion

Leaders: Rev. Keith Edwards & Canon Phil Groves
Readings: Romans 12. 1-2 & John 15.1-10

THIS WEEK

Mon 22	19:45	Focus Group, Stone Methodist Chapel
Tues 23	14:30	Funeral of Roger Batson, SJB, Stone
Wed 24	19:45	Welcome and Hospitality Group, Holy Trinity, Aylesbury
Thurs 25	19:30	Faith and Vision Meeting, SJB, Stone
Fri 26	11:00	Funeral of Pam Trotman, SPP, Dinton
Sun 28	9:00	Matins, SJB, Stone <i>Leaders: Raymond Medhurst</i>
	10:30	Holy Communion, SJB, Stone <i>Leader: Canon Phil Groves & Rev. Dr. Gordon Kuhrt</i> <i>Readings: Deuteronomy 26. 1-11 & John 6. 25-51</i>
	16:00	All Age Messy Church, SPP, Dinton



Parish Magazine Advertising

Tom Claridge's sad passing means we need to recruit someone to help with selling advertising for the magazine. This is a vital role and includes,

- Deal with enquiries from advertisers and selling advertising. Most advertising is annual but we sometimes sell space for shorter periods.
- Approaching potential new advertisers.
- Preparing, sending and chasing invoices.
- Post or deliver copies to advertisers.
- Attend monthly meetings. The magazine is a community resource for all the residents of the parish.

Tom did all this excellently and we miss him.

Please contact me if you can help or have any queries about advertising in the magazine.

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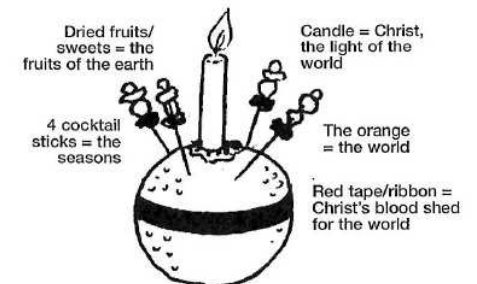
Christingle Service

Christingle services can be held at any time between Advent Sunday and Candlemas.

We will be celebrating Candlemas this year with this special service which reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Please make a note of the date and time now, and remember to invite your neighbours and friends!

Sunday 4th February @ 4:00pm.





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www.stonedintonhartwell.com

Focus Groups

Journey through the lords prayer.

This focus group will start at 7:45pm and will finish by 9:30.

This group is led by Rev. Nadine Rose and will be in 6 sessions.

Benefice Administrator

Wychert Vale Benefice, is looking for an Administrator to support our group of churches. This is a part-time position based in Haddenham.

If you are interested, please send a covering letter and your current CV to Val Walker c/o St Mary's Centre, Church End, Haddenham, HP17 8AJ or by email to val.walker@haddenhamstmarys.org

The closing date for applications is February 2nd and interviews will be held on February 12th."

The role will suit a good administrator who is able to carry out a range of administrative tasks to ensure the effective operation of the benefice.

The job is for 24 hours a week and is based at St Mary's Centre, Haddenham.

This will be mainly on weekday mornings, but some evenings and possibly occasional weekends too. This will be flexible to cover holidays. The salary will be £10/hour with 28 days annual leave pro rata, including Bank Holidays. A full Disclosure and Barring Service check will be required.

You will be responsible to the churchwardens.



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JANUARY 21 - 27

PERSECUTION AND FREEDOM

"Can anything ever separate us from Christ--s love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?--

ROMANS 8:35 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)



SUN 21 Dear God, we intercede for our 215 million brothers and sisters in the 50 countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian, suffering because of their faith. Grant them a powerful sense of Your presence and love and help them to be courageous as they face persecution. Amen.

MON 22 Pray that more governments and world leaders will use their influence to condemn the growing violence and harsh discrimination against Christians and those of other faiths. Remember the heads of repressive regimes, asking God to soften hearts and change attitudes.

TUES 23 Intercede for Christians in many refugee camps that are essentially controlled by militant Islamists who are threatened, driven away and even killed. Pray that the authorities will act to stop this and that Christians who are vulnerable to such violence will find refuge and hope.



WED 24 Lord of the Church, thank You for the thousands who are forsaking extreme Islamism to follow You. Protect them and help their faith to grow as they meet secretly and access broadcasts and websites providing Bible teaching, worship and prayer. Amen.

THURS 25 THANKSGIVING: for organisations that support the persecuted church, such as: Barnabas Fund, China Aid, Christian Freedom International Mission, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, FRRME, Network News, Open Doors, Release International and Steadfast Global.

FRI 26 Please pray for the many church leaders who will attend the P Word Conference in Cardiff tomorrow, co-hosted by CARE and Naked Truth. Pray that they will be equipped to help people who want to be set free from an addiction to pornography. (pwordconference.com/cardiff)

SAT 27 y!The power of words (hmd.org.uk)
Pray that the truth about the wicked genocides that took place under the Nazis and in Armenia, Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur will not be silenced through lies, indifference or forgetfulness y that stories of courage, love, faith and hope will live on.

In North Korea, if a secret church is discovered, everyone is taken to the death camps, including all relatives of the families y even if they have not been involved in worship activities. One Christian found in possession of a Bible was taken to prison. A friend said of him, "When he came to faith, he made the decision that one day he would die for Christ. Every Christian in North Korea has made that choice-- (Open Doors)