

**Dates for your diary .....**

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> School Carol Service
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Carols around the Christmas Tree outside Stone Village Hall. Meet at 7.15pm to start at 7.30pm
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 4.00pm Carol Service with the choir
- Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib Service for all the family  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion
- Christmas Day 10.00am Family Communion at SPP Dinton
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00am -12.00 noon Café in the Park



God of hope,  
in these times of change,  
unite our nation  
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.  
Give us courage to overcome our fears,  
and help us to build a future  
in which all may prosper and share;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

You can now donate to the church by your mobile phone. Just text **CHURCH (amount)** to **70470** to donate from £1 to £20 (e.g. CHURCH 8 to donate £8). The donation plus a standard rate message fee will be debited to your mobile account.

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**Please send anything for inclusion in the pewsheetsheet by 7pm on a Friday**

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Wychert Vale Benefice  
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# Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL  
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St. John the Baptist STONE

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP**

Leaders: David Pickup & David Robinson

Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10 (page 720)

Matthew 11.2-11 (page 976)

Psalm 146.5-10 (page 632)

Tues 17th 7:30pm choir practice at 29(b) Eythrope Road

Sat 21st 10:30am choir practice in the church

***Next week....Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December***

9:00am **MATINS**

Leader: David Pickup

10:30am **HOLY COMMUNION**

Leader: Canon Phil Groves

4:00pm **CAROL SERVICE with choir**

**Nine lessons and carols**

Leader: Canon Phil Groves

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Please stay for refreshments after the service today. Our coffee cup collection this month is for the free Christmas Day lunch at St. Mary's church in Aylesbury. This offers a meal and friendship to anyone who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Take a look at our **Christmas tree in the porch** to see how much we have raised so far.

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Our prayers today will be focussed on our ongoing facilities project. We are moving closer to the installation of the longed for toilet and kitchen.

- We will be giving thanks for the grants we have recently received.
- We will be praying for the remaining funds to be raised.
- We will be praying for all the practical details to fall into place
- We will be praying for the Fabric committee who discuss and make the key decisions
- We will be praying that we can put the new facilities to best use so that we can serve our community well

Our prayer time will be informal today. When we pray we are simply speaking to our Heavenly Father in our everyday language about what is in our heart. Everyone is invited to take part or pray silently if they prefer.

**THANKYOU** to Sue Birrell and her helpers for the fundraising event here in church yesterday. It has brought us closer to our goal.

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#### Children's group in Stone Church

As the number of children at our services has increased we would like to start a Children's Group on **9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. This would take place for part of the service and will use the Scripture Union materials as a basis. Our children can learn and enjoy church and parents can benefit from the 'adult service' without distraction.

Would you like to help teach our children? Please talk to Naomi Corbould on 01296 747689 or email [treasurer@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:treasurer@stonedintonhartwell.com)

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#### Crib Service

Our Crib Service will again be at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve. It is suitable for ALL AGES so please bring as many relatives, friends and neighbours as you can. We will follow our familiar format with readings, carols, and dressing up. The children will put together the Crib Scene under the altar and Mary and Joseph will arrive with the final host family on our Advent Posada.

Although the service starts at 4.00pm you will need to come before then to be sure of a seat, and if you would like to take part please get here at 3.30pm so we have time to sort out costumes. If you already have your own angel or shepherd costume please come ready dressed !

This service is a lot of fun for all the family and is a good way to switch off from the pre Christmas rush and focus on the wonder of God coming into the world as a human baby.



#### Prison Ministry

Rev Sue Smith has sent a **message of thanks** to everyone who generously contributed to the Christmas presents for children at the HMP Springhill and HMP Grendon Family Day. The chaplaincy was able to provide enough presents for all the children.

If you missed out on this opportunity to support the prison chaplaincy another one has arisen. Every prisoner who attends the **Christmas day service** is given a present of a pair of socks and a bar of chocolate. Another church is providing the chocolate, but if anyone would like to buy one or two pairs of men's socks they would be gratefully received. Large size is best. Please speak to Jenny Pickup if you would like to help.

#### #Follow the Star daily Christmas reflections

Did you know you can sign up to receive daily reflections by email from Christmas Day to Epiphany from the Church of England? Each day includes a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and an action on which to reflect. To sign up visit this website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar>

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