

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th Canon Phil Groves will be preaching in **Westminster Abbey** as part of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network event. Please remember to support him with your prayers.

Saturday 14th 10.30am – 2.30pm Christmas Coffee morning, Open Church, and Soup Lunch at SJB. Proceeds to the Facilities Fund.

Tuesday 17th School Carol Service

Wednesday 18th Carols around the Christmas Tree outside Stone Village Hall. Meet at 7.15pm to start at 7.30pm

Sunday 22nd 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 4th 10.00am -12.00 noon the first Café in the Park of the New Year

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A prayer for the General Election



God of grace and truth,
send your Spirit to guide us
as we discover your will for our country.
Help us to discuss the issues before us
with courtesy, truth and mutual respect,
and grant that all who stand for parliament
will seek to serve the common good,
through him who came not to be served but to serve,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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Wychert Vale Benefice
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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 8th DECEMBER 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

10:30am **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**
Leader: Canon Phil Groves



6:00pm **PARISH EVENSONG** at SPP DINTON
Leader: George Lamb

Tues 10th 7:30pm choir practice at 29(b) Eythrope Road

Sat 14th 10:30am choir practice in SPP DINTON

Next week....Sunday 15th December

10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP**
Leaders: David Pickup & David Robinson
We will be giving thanks for the grants recently received towards our facilities project, and we will be praying for the work to start soon.

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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.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019

The total this year is £3272 which is a bit down on last year's £3460. This came from twenty two businesses and static collecting points and fourteen door to door sales. Again the two schools in Stone and Fairford Leys were very generous raising over £560 between them. Thanks also the Stone History exhibition which raised £293.

All of Bishopstone and Dinton is covered door to door and much of Stone is. Many thanks to everyone who has supported this important work.

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Christmas Coffee Morning, Open Church and Soup Lunch

This will be held in church on Saturday 14th December 10.30am – 2.30pm and all proceeds will be for the Facilities Fund. There will be a Cake Stall, Christmas Gift Stall and Hamper Draw as well as coffee and then a soup lunch.

If anyone can help on the day, or provide cakes, items to sell or make soup I would really appreciate your help.

Most of all do come along on the day and bring your friends and neighbours. Contact me - Sue Birrell - or just bring in your items as soon as possible. THANK YOU

Haddenham Christmas Tree Festival

Today is the last day of the Christmas Tree Festival. If you haven't already been to see the wonderful display of trees in St. Mary's church make sure you go this afternoon 12.30pm – 5.00pm. See if you can spot the tree from our church which has been decorated with the Poasada as its theme.



Facilities project – keep on praying!

We have recently been awarded two grants of £10k each towards the kitchen and toilets project so we are getting closer! It is hoped that the work can start in March. Thankyou to everyone over many years who has contributed to this project either financially or in practical ways. Above all though we give our thanks to God. Last week a few of us met before the main service to eat croissants and pray for the new facilities. Next week during our Morning Worship Service we will again focus our prayers of thanksgiving and petition on this project.

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 follow a 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 !



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 in January 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

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 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.

