

**This Week**

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	SJB Fabric Committee meeting online
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Choir practice in the Church
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Matins (Prayer Book Service) <i>David Pickup</i>
	10:30	Morning Worship <i>Richard Smith/Revd Harriet Orridge</i>
	16:00	Carol Service <i>Revd Cassa Messervy</i>



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent



Each of the four Sundays in Advent reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. On the third Sunday by tradition we reflect on the way John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus



*Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.*

### 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

*Revd Harriet Orridge*

Here is the link for the online service:

[www.stonedintonhartwell.com/wychert-vale-benefice-youtube-videos/](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/wychert-vale-benefice-youtube-videos/)



### **Christmas Tree Festival**

*Thank you to those who made such beautiful rainbows to go on our entry to Haddenham Christmas Tree Festival. If you have time to go and have a look at the trees today it will be your last chance.*

*They are doing take away tea and cake so a good afternoon can be had. Thank you for your help.  
Sue*

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### **Our Rector writes.....**

My word of the week is 'gratitude', as I am giving thanks for the huge amount of time and energy being given by our church families to prepare for all the wonderful Christmas services we will be hosting in our churches. Please pray that God will speak into the hearts of people attending our services and events this December.

Myles and I have decided to postpone our Open House to the New Year when we feel we will be better able to understand the risks posed by this new variant of Covid. We will look forward to a lovely gathering then..

**Cassa**

### **Thank you everyone for your generosity**

At the Christingle last week we raised £71 for the Children's Society. We are also still raising money for gifts for prisoners and Aylesbury Community Christmas Hampers - thank you for all that you have given and will be giving over the Christmas period.

Just to let you know that Mike Lambert of Starveall farm has donated 60 turkey joints to the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse. If you ever want to give to AVS there is always a collection point at Cuddington Church.

Thank you also to all who give regularly to the life of our church.

**Phil**

### **Aylesbury Community Christmas Hampers**

For several years we have supported the community Christmas Day meal run by St Marys Church in Aylesbury. This year due to covid concerns, and to avoid a crowded Christmas event, the team based at St Marys are instead packing more than 300 luxury hampers and also some personal hygiene bags. These will be given away to people in need who have been identified through various support agencies.

There will be an opportunity to donate towards this project at the Carol Service next week.

### **Christmas tree Festival**

Today is your last opportunity to see the wonderful display of Christmas trees in St Mary's church Haddenham, including the one representing our own church. Many thanks to Sue Birrell for her creativity and organisation yet again!

Haddenham church is open 12noon until 5:30pm today for you to visit this lovely event.



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### **Christmas services**



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm**

**Carol Service**

*Revd Cassa Messervy*

**Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm**

**Crib Service**

*Jenny Pickup/Revd Phil Groves*

**11:30pm**

**Midnight Holy Communion**

*Revd Phil Groves*

**Christmas Day**

**10:00am**

**Family Communion at SPP Dinton**

*Revd Nigel Featherston/Revd Phil Groves*

### **Keeping everyone safe at our Christmas services**

With the rise in Covid numbers we are working together to make coming to church as safe as possible.

- Every one aged 12 and over will be asked to wear a mask while in church
- Doors may be left open - so please wrap up to keep warm
- Choir singers will take LFTs so they can sing without masks

If you are in doubt as to if you should attend, please keep yourself safe. We have a range of Advent and Christmas Services on our [YouTube](#) channel

### **Crib Service 4:00pm Christmas Eve**

This year we are planning to hold our traditional Christmas Eve Crib Service again. This is our informal telling of the nativity story and it is suitable for all ages. We will adapt the usual format slightly though to take account of the building work in the church, and also the new covid guidelines.

We will still be looking for volunteers to take part though! So please come early to be allocated a suitable role, and remember to check the website/church notice board nearer the time in case arrangements have had to be changed.

Further details: Jenny Pickup tel. 748170



### **Christmas card**

We will again be delivering a Christmas card to every home in the village. The card will list all our Christmas services with a greeting from the church. We will need a team of people to deliver them all though. If you could spare some time to help with this please let Naomi know tel no. 747689

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