

## 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 the team based at St Marys have instead packed 300 luxury hampers and 45 family sized hampers as well as personal hygiene bags. These have been handed out to people in need who have been identified through various support agencies.

**There will be an opportunity to donate towards this project at the SJB Carol Service today.** Thankyou to our Dinton friends who have already made a donation.

We have been sent some pictures taken at St Marys while the volunteers were hard at work putting the hampers together.



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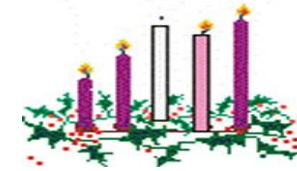
## Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell



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## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent



Each of the four Sundays in Advent reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. On the fourth Sunday by tradition we reflect on Mary who was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus.



*Heavenly Father who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and rejoice in your salvation just as Mary did;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**9:00am MATINS (Prayer Book Service)**

*David Pickup*

**10:30am MORNING WORSHIP**

*Richard Smith / Revd Harriet Orridge*

**4:00pm CAROL SERVICE**

*Revd Cassa Messervy*

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



A friend of mine shared this painting of a modern-day depiction of the Holy Family on a small boat in the middle of the sea. I found it a powerful reminder of the hardship Mary, Joseph and Jesus endured in those early years. It also brought home what Jesus says in Matthew 25, "I was a stranger and you invited me in.... whatever you do for the least of these, you did for me". Jesus is to be found in the faces of many in need in our world, some live in our communities, and many live hundreds of miles away. In our own times of national crisis and uncertainty it is important not to be distracted from those who need our prayers, time, and generosity.

**Covid-19**

Our Churchwardens, ministry team and operations groups have been working to review our risk assessments in line with the Plan B government guidance. I am very grateful for their wisdom and hard work in what is a changing situation. We have good Covid mitigations in place, often going beyond the government guidance to try and keep people as safe as we can. Please be assured that we are keeping a watching brief as things develop.

**As the situation is changing rapidly please check email/website/Facebook before coming to a service.** website – [www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)

Each of us will need to make decisions given our own circumstances. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the weekly and Christmas services on our YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsW\\_rDktNqSs4IoTkQ3WvBA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsW_rDktNqSs4IoTkQ3WvBA)

Which can also be accessed from our website:

<https://www.wychertvale.org>

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**In memory of Nan Cattell**

The community of St Nicholas Cuddington are mourning the loss of Nan who has been such a significant part of their community for nearly 60 years. Many others will know Nan. Her prayers, faith and action shaped St Nicholas - transforming it into a church that welcomes all and challenges us to walk faithfully with Jesus.

Nan's funeral will be at 2pm in St Nicholas on December 23.

*Phil*

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**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
- Please keep your masks on for singing (yes it is difficult but safer)
- We strongly advise that everyone takes a LFT test before attending any of our services, and we ask that you stay away if you have a +ve result.

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

**Crib Service update**



This year we will modify the Christmas Eve Crib Service to reduce the risk of spreading the covid virus. We will keep to a simple service of carols and readings suitable for all ages during which the Crib figures will be put in place under the altar as usual. Please check the website and church noticeboards though for any further updates nearer the time.

**Looking ahead**

Christmas Eve	4:00pm	SJB Crib Service – carols and readings
	11:30pm	SJB Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10:00am	Family Communion at SPP Dinton
Boxing Day	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion St Nicholas Church Cuddington
Sun. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	10:30am	SJB Epiphany Family Service

*Happy Christmas from your pewsheet team!*

*Our next news sheet will be in two weeks' time*

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