

This Week

Tues 7 th	19:30	Choir practice at the Chapel
Tues 7 th	20:00	Service of Induction, Installation, and Thanksgiving St Nicholas Church in Cuddington
Sat 11 th	10:30	Choir practice at Dinton Church
Sun 12 th	10:30	Service of Holy Communion Revd Harriet Orridge

Christmas tree Festival



The Christmas Tree Festival is held at Haddenham 10th – 12th December and is a fantastic display of trees from around the Benefice. I have offered to be responsible for our tree and would like to follow the theme “From darkness to Light” and need your help. I would like to portray hope after COVID and so decorate the tree with Rainbows and Decorated Face Masks.

If you could decorate a face mask or material that looks like a face mask in any way or make a hanging rainbow for the tree then please let your imagination run wild and help me to decorate a 5’ tree with hope and colour.

Any decorations can be left at church for me to collect and **as long as I have them by Monday 6th December** they will be on the tree .I know I can count on you as past engagement has shown - remember the poppies!

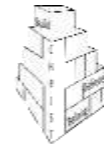
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Christmas card

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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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 5th December Second Sunday of Advent



Each of the four Sundays in Advent reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. On the second Sunday by tradition we reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was ‘foretold’ by the prophets.



*Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God’s love. Amen*



10:30am CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Canon Phil Groves



Please wear a mask when moving around in church and when singing. Thankyou.

Here is the link for the online service:

www.stonedintonhartwell.com/wychert-vale-benefice-youtube-videos/

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Our Rector writes.....

Our nation has entered a time of uncertainty and waiting again as we move through this pandemic. We wait for our scientist to explore this new variant and its implications for our health. We are encouraged to continue to take a sensible approach to our everyday activities which we are well used to by now. However, the discombobulation caused by times of uncertainty is wearying and we may need in this time to draw more deeply on our spiritual resources to support us. François Fenelon has a lovely prayer of relinquishment, which we may like to pray and then spend five minutes in quiet contemplation.



*Lord, I do not know what to ask of you;
only you know what I need.
I simply present myself to you;
I open my heart to you;
I have no desire other than to accomplish your will.
Teach me to pray. Amen.*

Care Home Ministry

One of the key aspects of senior's ministry is how we as a benefice serve our care homes. The ministry team has kept up zoom services and ministry at the time of death when needed over the last eighteen months. However, we have been longing to be able to get back to in-person ministry in the care homes, so I am delighted to say that Harriet (Orridge) has been working on setting this up on behalf of the ministry team and this week we held two in-person communions in Stone House and Bartletts, which were very much appreciated by the residents. Provision for Abbeyfield in Haddenham will start in the next couple of weeks. Please pray for this ministry and the residents of our care homes.

An invitation

Myles and I would like to invite you to a Christmas Open House at the Rectory (12 Cricketers Way, Haddenham HP17 8FL). We have set two dates as we are a large benefice and I am not sure if everyone came if we could fit people in! So, the suggestion is, that certain churches come on certain days with some leeway if you can make one day to spread people out. If, as some of you do, go to more than one church in the benefice then just take your pick 😊

Mon 20th Dec 3pm – 9pm - Stone, Dinton and Cuddington

Wed 22nd Dec 3pm – 9pm - Kingsey, Aston Sandford and Haddenham

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Prison Socks

Each Christmas the Prison Chaplaincy team at HMP Grendon and Springhill like to give a present to each of the men who come to the Christmas Day service in the prison. It is their custom to give them each a new pair of socks. For some men this is the first or only present they have received for many years. We are fortunate to have a personal link to the prison ministry through Rev Sue Smith who is a member of the chaplaincy team and she lives here in Stone. In recent years SJB has supplied the socks as part of our church giving. It is our way of sharing God's love with those who may otherwise feel forgotten. If you would like to help you can either contribute a new pair of men's socks or give a financial donation. Speak to either Jenny Pickup tel. 748170 or Richard Smith tel. 07584246268 for further details.



Aylesbury Community Christmas Hampers

For several years we have supported the community Christmas Day meal run by St Marys Church in Aylesbury. We have done this through our 'coffee cup' collections at the end of our morning services when we have refreshments. The scheme offered a free dinner in the church on Christmas Day to those most in need and those who would otherwise be spending Christmas alone. This year due to covid concerns, and to avoid a crowded Christmas event, the plan is to provide luxury hampers and personal hygiene boxes instead. We would like to support this project as it reaches those in our community who need extra support at this time of year. However, we are not running our 'coffee cup' collections in church at the moment. Instead there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards this scheme at the morning service today.

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Sunday 19 th	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

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. Come early if you want to volunteer to take part. Please check the website/church notice board nearer the time in case arrangements have had to be changed. Further details: Jenny Pickup tel. 748170

