



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
December 9th - 11th



We have again been invited to take part in the Haddenham Christmas tree Festival. Will you make a small tree decoration? It can be made by anyone in any craft form. If you can help please bring your creations and put them in the box at church or contact: s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com for more information.

Thank you



CHRISTMAS COFFEE & CRAFT MORNING
Monday 12th December 10.30am - 12.30pm



While you have a coffee and chat you could help to make Christmas decorations for the church, to make it feel like a real community place. Things will be provided so come along and make this a great social morning.

* Bring and Buy Stall * Jigsaw Puzzle Sale * Home Produce Stall *

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

CHRISTMAS CRIB EXHIBITION
SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

@ Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road, Stone

FREE ADMISSION- Donations welcome for ACTION FOR CHILDREN

*** RAFFLE ***

SOUP LUNCHES in aid of ACTION FOR CHILDREN are available 12 noon to 2 p.m.

If you have a NATIVITY CRIB you would be willing to loan for this Exhibition

please contact Sue Spinks

tel: 01296 748369

email: royandsue1@btinternet.com

(Our Mary and Joseph figures from the Posada will be visiting the Chapel then too)



Once again we will be supporting the work of the prison chaplaincy at HMP Grendon and Springhill as they give a pair of socks to each resident who attends the Christmas Day service.

If you want to contribute a new pair of socks please speak to Richard or Sue Smith. The socks do not have to be yellow! and it is better if they are patterned and not plain black.

Thank you

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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 27th November
Advent Sunday

10:30am

FAMILY COMMUNION
with choir

Led by: Revd Phil Groves



Our Explorers Group will meet during the service today and is suitable for children aged 3 – 11

Mary and Joseph will be setting out on their Advent journey at the end of the service today, as the first hosts will be taking them home.



**** At 3pm this afternoon there is a craft and Christingle session at SPP Dinton ****

Tues. 29th	11:00am – 1:00pm 7:30pm	CAFÉ IN THE PARK @ the Jubilee Pavilion CHOIR PRACTICE @ the Chapel
Thurs. 1st	2:30pm - 3:30pm 8:00pm - 9:00pm	ADVENT COURSE @ St. Mary's Centre ADVENT COURSE online
Fri. 2nd	5:00pm – 7:00pm	CHRISTINGLE PREPARATIONS @7 Badgers Rise (see separate notice)
Sat. 3rd	10:00am – 12:00 noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK @ the Jubilee Pavilion
Sun. 4th	10:30am	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE Leader: Revd Phil Groves

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Matthew 24.36-44

The Day and Hour Unknown

36 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

The season of Advent marks the start of the Christian year. It is a season of expectation and preparation as the Church looks forward to celebrating the birth of Christ, but the gospel reading reminds us that we should also be preparing for His promised return - even though nobody knows when that will be. A lot of time and energy has been wasted throughout the ages by those who try to pinpoint the date, but they are missing the point. Whenever he comes it is going to be a surprise and the key is to always be ready for him to come at any moment. So as we join the Christmas festivities this year let us also be watchful for the day when Christ comes again in glory, and be ready to welcome him with joyful hearts.



*O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Online Advent resources

Krish Kandiah, Season of Sanctuary a daily email for the Advent season:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcNJsKKRrGO>

Church of England emails and app:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/resources-advent-and-christmas#na>

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Advent Books

We have three Advent books on sale or return through the benefice office

tel: 01844 291108 office@haddenhamstmarys.org

- 'Sleepers Awake: Getting Serious About Climate Change' by Nicholas Holtman
- 'The Meaning is in the Waiting' by Paula Gooder our Advent course book
- 'One True Light' by Tim Chester

Aylesbury Deanery Confirmation Service

Sunday 4th December

You are invited to the Aylesbury Deanery confirmation service hosted by our benefice at St. Mary's, Haddenham. We have eight candidates from our benefice please pray for them and come and support them as they take this next step of faith. *Cassa*

Christingle Making Event

Friday 2nd December 5pm to 7pm



Join Canon Phil and family to make Christingles at 7, Badgers Rise, HP17 8RR. Children and adults welcome, Pizza for children and drinks and nibbles for adults. For catering purposes please send me an email or text, or phone me to let us know you are coming. *Phil*

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ St Mary's in Aylesbury

This year the team will again be offering a free Christmas Day lunch to anyone who is on their own or in need. It is anticipated that the uptake will be even greater this time and so a lot of support will be needed. In recent years SJB has contributed to this event either through our Coffee Cup collections or by giving the collection from one of our December services. So, we have decided to give our **Advent/December coffee cup collection** to this worthy cause (please be generous if you can) and we will **also** give the **collection from our Carol Service** on 18th December. For more information about the Community lunch please see: <https://www.freechristmasdinner.com/>

Updates to SPP Dinton services

- Morning Worship on 18th December has been cancelled
- Carol Service at Dinton on 11th December starts at 4pm.
- In January and February the Evensong @ the second Sunday starts at 3pm.

Rosemary

* * * * * **SJB Stone Carol service** * * * * *

In order to avoid a clash with England playing in the World Cup Final in Qatar, our Carol Service will be **IN THE MORNING** on 18th December this year. We are people of **HOPE**.

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