

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

December 9th-11th



Once again we have been invited to take part in the Haddenham Christmas tree Festival and I have offered to do a tree on our behalf but I need help!.....Will YOU make a small tree decoration?

It can be made by anyone young, old, male, female, adult, or child. It can be knitted, crochet, macrame, tapestry, carved, crafted, or stuck to mention just a few ideas.

If you can help please bring your creations and put them in the box at church or contact: s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com if you want further information. Any help you can offer will be very much appreciated. *Thank you*

The Friends of Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches

Annual Lecture

Wednesday 9th November

"The Secrets of The House of Commons"

By Sir David Lidington KCB CBE



St Mary's Church, Church Street, Prince's Risborough HP27 9AW
Doors open at 6:00pm for the lecture to start at 6:30pm
Tickets £10.00 available at the door, complimentary drink provided on arrival
Further information available from Nick Morgan 01844 291217

Tuesday 'Café in the Park' is evolving.....

With Winter coming bringing it's colder mornings – we have decided to change what we offer at the Tuesday Café in the Park.

From **Tuesday 15th November**

we will be changing our opening times to

11.00am – 1.00pm



We will be offering a **choice of homemade soups with bread/rolls** to warm everyone up (as well as still having yummy cakes, cheesy crumpets, hot drinks, etc.)

We want to offer a simple, wholesome, healthy lunch for everyone in a warm welcoming place – in the dreariest, darkest months of the year.

As always there will be no charge so everyone can come and enjoy (although donations are accepted)

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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 6th November

10:30am

FAMILY WORSHIP

Leader: Revd Phil Groves

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13



There is **no Explorers group** today - the main service is for all ages together

Mon. 7th	10:30	COFFEE, CAKE and SEWING MORNING in the church
Tues. 8 th	10:00am – noon 7:30pm	CAFÉ IN THE PARK @ the Jubilee Pavilion CHOIR PRACTICE @ the Chapel
Weds. 9 th	8:00pm	PCC MEETING @ SPP Dinton
Sun. 13 th	10:45am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY OPEN AIR SERVICE in the War Memorial Recreation Ground Silence will be observed at 11:00 Leader: Revd Phil Groves There is no service in church today



Sun 27th Nov. Advent Sunday with choir – Posada begins

Sat 3rd Dec. 10:00-noon - Café in the Park

Sun 4th Dec. Christingle Service

Sat 10th Dec. 11am - 4pm Christmas Crib Exhibition at the Chapel

Tues 13th Dec. 3pm – 9.30pm Christmas Open House at the Rectory in Haddenham by kind invitation of Cassa our Rector

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1 Corinthians 13

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This is one of the most beautiful and best known passages in the New Testament. Many people would recognise it as it is often read at weddings. Yet this love is far wider and deeper than that. Paul describes the love he's talking about. It is not a love of swollen feelings that may come and go. It is not the love of flowery or eloquent words. This is God's love—from the Greek *agape*—often described by Christians as "unconditional love", and it is a love which is everlasting. It is unconditional in the sense that it does not depend on the one being loved, but on the commitment of the giver – are we always patient and kind etc though? well I know I am not, even though I try! So we need God's help to love in this way.



Lord, we desperately need this kind of love in the church today. Help us to grow in love for you and for each other in the way St Paul describes. May this love be the driving force behind all our thoughts and actions. Amen

Advent Course

We will be offering a benefice Advent course of four sessions using Paula Gooder's book 'The Meaning is in the Waiting' this Advent. There will be two opportunities to join this course: Thursday 2.30-3.30pm in the small hall in St. Mary's Centre (Haddenham) and Thursday 8-9pm on Zoom starting 24th November. Please contact Chloe in the benefice office or speak to Cassa for more details.

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Confirmation Courses

We are running two benefice confirmation courses in preparation for the deanery confirmation on Sunday 4th December 4pm, at St. Mary's Church, Haddenham:

Being Christian – Reflecting on the basics of the Christian Life. Preparing for Confirmation and refocusing on the foundations of faith. Thursday evenings.

For more information ring Phil on 01296 748390.

To book a place please email Chloe office@haddenhamstmarys.org

Faith Confirmed – this is a three-session course starting Sunday 13th November 4-5pm (2nd session 20th November and 3rd session 27th November). The venue is the St. Mary's Centre in Haddenham.

The course will be led by our rector Cassa, please contact her if you would like to join the course by emailing cassamesservy@gmail.com or ringing 01844 335924.

Posada 2022

Following a break during the pandemic we are now planning to run our Advent Posada again. This is when figures of Mary and Joseph travel around the village staying at a different home each night, returning to church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. It reminds us of the journey Mary and Joseph undertook and also helps us focus on our own preparation to receive Christ into our hearts and homes at Christmas.

An important part of the Posada is the receiving and the giving of Mary and Joseph from one host to another. It means spending a little time in quiet reflection and simple prayer with whoever brings the figures to you (a basic 'script' is provided for this).



The Posada is not just for children – it brings all generations of our church family together. The Posada begins in our **Advent Sunday service on 27th November**. The details of how it will be organised this year are still being worked out and we will speak about it in church over the next few weeks.

Thank you

To the Parish Council grant makers.

.....For the generous grant that enabled us to receive new mowers for the church. This is going to make the work to keep our churchyard looking well mown and cared for a little easier to do.

Thank you

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