

## SOCIALLY CRAFTY

We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, except Bank Holidays.

10.30am - 12.30

in St John the Baptist Church, Stone

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

There is no commitment to come every month



### Did you know that there is no Baby/Toddler group in Stone?

We are planning a weekly term-time session on **Thursdays 9.00am – 10.30am** in the Jubilee Pavilion for children to play and socialise with a Bible story, snacks, singing and dancing, etc – and a place for parents, grandparents and carers to get out the house for a cuppa and chat.

### Could you help on Thursday mornings from 8.30am – 11.30am?

Setting up, serving drinks/snacks, welcoming, playing/talking to little/big ones – either weekly, fortnightly or monthly. It would be great to have some men on the team as well as women.

### Do you have any good quality play mats, baby and toddler toys, toy animals, cars, dinosaurs, etc which you could donate?

Time for a clear out!


### Can you come up with a good name for the group?

Haddenham has 'Pitter Patter', Brill has 'Little Saints' There'll be a **prize** for the winner.

Please get in touch if you can help:

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Thanks *Naomi*



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## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January

### Second Sunday of Epiphany

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP** *led by Richard Smith*



*Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

4:00pm **CHORAL EVENSONG at SPP DINTON**  
to celebrate Epiphany *led by David Pickup*

#### This week

<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am	<b>SOCIALLY CRAFTY</b>	<i>in the church</i>
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00am	<b>CAFÉ in the PARK</b>	<i>Jubilee Pavilion</i>
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00pm	<b>SJB COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup></b>	9:00am	<b>MATINS</b>	<i>led by David Pickup</i>
	10:30am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION &amp; EXPLORERS</b> with baptism	<i>led by Revd Phil Groves</i>

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**John 1:43 – 51**

**Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael**

*43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”*

*44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”*

*46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.*

*“Come and see,” said Philip.*

*47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”*

*48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.*

*Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”*

*49 Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”*

*50 Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” 51 He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”*

Up to this point Jesus has only gained followers who had already been disciples of John the Baptist, but now he actively seeks out Philip and calls him to follow. Philip then responds by finding Nathanael and declaring that Jesus is the one that Moses and the prophets had written about.

We can see that good news is for sharing. As soon as he had met and understood something of Jesus’ identity Philip went and shared it with someone he knew. John is showing us that the appropriate response to meeting and knowing Jesus is to share him with others. When Nathanael initially shows scepticism Philip does not get into a deep discussion. He simply echoes Jesus’ words to Andrew and Simon Peter earlier in the chapter ‘Come and See’.

And that’s how it has worked ever since. One person says to another, “I follow Jesus and invite you to do so too”. It’s always person-to-person. We too can witness to Jesus without knowing or understanding everything about him. We simply need to invite our friends to ‘Come and See’.



*Dear God, give us the courage to share what we know and enjoy about our life of faith with others, trusting that you will take care of the rest. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

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**Coffee Cup collection**



The Archdeacon of Buckingham’s Clergy Charity supports local clergy and their families who are in financial need, hardship or distress. The emotional and other demands on our clergy continue to increase and the effect of the Covid pandemic and continuing economic challenges has meant more clergy families are in need of practical support.

Grants have been provided for unexpected medical and dental charges, urgent house repairs, kitchen equipment etc. The Trust employs a member of staff who visits clergy widows and also co-ordinates the work of the volunteer visitors.

The Trust raises its income from collections and donations throughout the year from parishes within the Archdeaconry.

**Community Christmas Day lunch**

A lot of preparation and planning went into making the Christmas Day lunch a success, and much of that started in September. This year 62 volunteers were recruited for a variety of tasks. They wrapped 120 presents; peeled and sliced 50kg of vegetables; transformed the church into a large full service restaurant; and served 132 guests with a three course Christmas meal. That is an increase of 20% in the number of guests from the previous year.

Entertainment was provided by an amazing ukulele band and a local ladies choir. Free haircuts and nail painting were also available.

If you would like to volunteer in 2024 then take a look at the website here [www.freechristmasdinner.com](http://www.freechristmasdinner.com)

**Prison socks**

Thankyou to everyone who donated socks for the prisoners at Christmas again this year. Revd Sue Smith is pleased to report that 24 pairs were given out and they were as usual greatly appreciated.



**Brew Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

The third Monday in January is sometimes referred to as ‘Blue Monday’. However, the Samaritans organisation is encouraging us to overcome that by reaching out to others and sharing a cuppa and listening. Once someone starts to share how they are feeling it is important to listen to them. This could mean not offering advice, not trying to identify what they are going through with your own experiences, and not trying to solve their problems. Just listening.

For suggestions about how to be a good listener take a look at these tips [link.stonedintonhartwell.com/brew-monday](http://link.stonedintonhartwell.com/brew-monday)

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