

Coffee Cup Collection

Our Coffee Cup Collections in SJB this month will be sent to the **Community Christmas Lunch** project that offers a free Christmas Day meal in St Mary's Church in Aylesbury on Christmas Day.

Further information can be seen here <https://www.freechristmasdinner.com>

Request for Yorkie bars



This year we are supporting the chaplaincy at HMP Springhill and Grendon by asking for 46g Yorkie Bars. These will be given out on Christmas Day to the men who attend the chapel service. There is a marked box at the back of the church for the Yorkies. Thankyou!

Haddenham Christmas Tree Festival St Mary's Church, Haddenham


Today is your last opportunity to visit the tree festival 12:00-5:00

REFRESHMENTS - MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
FREE entry - Donations for Thame Foodbank and Friends of St Mary's

haddenhamchristmastreefestival@gmail.com

Our very own SJB Socially Crafty group has decorated a tree called "Hearts of Love" - so please go and see it!


PLEASE NOTE: The SJB Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December is at 4:00pm NOT at 6:00pm as advertised in some publications.



Network Name:
SJB Congregation

Password:
StJohnBaptist

We now accept online donations.
You can donate at:
www.stonedintonhartwell.com/donate



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Sunday 8th December

Notices for the week

Our church is a member of the Wychert Vale family of churches



2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT



10:30am

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Led by Revd Phil Groves



Almighty God, grant us the grace to hope in you with unwavering trust. As we journey through this season of Advent, may our hearts be filled with the hope that comes from knowing your promises are true. Amen.

6:00pm

DINTON CAROL SERVICE with choir

Next week

9:00am

MATINS *led by David Pickup*

10:30am

FAMILY COMMUNION

led by Revd Sue Smith & Richard Smith

The week ahead

Tue 10th 11:00am

CAFÉ IN THE PARK in the Jubilee Pavilion

7:30pm

CHOIR PRACTICE at 29(b) Eythrope Road

Thur 12th 9:00am

LITTLE WRIGGLERS in the Jubilee Pavilion

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Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

*“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.*

*⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.*

*The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.*

⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.’”



CHRISTMAS SERVICES



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| 22 nd Dec | 4:00pm | SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
with the choir |
| 24 th Dec | 4:00pm | CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE
for all the family |
| | 11:30pm | MIDNIGHT COMMUNION |
| 25 th Dec | 10:00am | CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION
at St Peter & St Paul DINTON |
| 29 th Dec | 10:30am | MORNING WORSHIP |

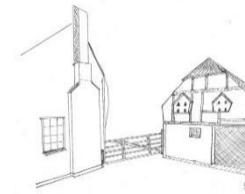
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Mary and Joseph have been travelling around the parish all week. Thankyou to everyone who has hosted them so far, and to those who are still waiting for them to arrive.



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Carols in the Courtyard



Wednesday, 18th December from 6pm

Please will you, family and friends join us to celebrate the Christmas season at Vicarage Farmhouse on Church Way. We will serve hamburgers, hot dogs and a vegetarian chilli and rice as well as hot and cold drinks both leaded and unleaded. Please just bring yourselves (dressed in your winter woollies), your singing voice and a healthy appetite and we will do the rest.

During the evening we will have a collection for the Free Christmas Day Dinner hosted at St Mary’s Church in Aylesbury. The free dinner is available to anyone who might be alone at Christmas, or homeless, or whose home circumstances might be difficult in some way.

RSVP Terry on 07968 368524 or terrycooper@gmail.com

With love, Terry and Clare xx

Getting to know Bishop designate Dave Bull

A few excerpts from the Diocesan news

‘If you could invite one person from the Bible or Christian history to dinner, who would it be?’

‘Jesus, obviously, but otherwise Moses. He talked with God face to face and I’d love to ask him about it and about his extraordinary life.’

‘We know you enjoy time sailing and mountain biking – where do you find God in any or all of these?’

‘Like many people, I often feel closest to God outdoors. Whether it’s cycling through a sun-dappled wood and surprising a squirrel or toiling to the top of a steep hill and enjoying the view – I love stopping to simply be with God in the beauty. I feel very close to God when I’m sailing and find it easy to pray when I’m surrounded by wind and water and alone with my thoughts and with God in the hugeness of his creation.’

‘How do you pray?’

‘That’s a bit like asking me how I move. In lots of different ways, but not always elegantly! My spiritual director once said to me “pray as you can, not as you can’t”. I love that advice and try to learn as many different ways of praying as I can.’

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