



Cassa to become Archdeacon of Buckingham

The next Archdeacon of Buckingham will be the Revd Cassa Messervy. Cassa is currently the rector of our benefice - Wychert Vale – and is based in Haddenham. She has been with us since 2021 and has spent all her time in the diocese since she was ordained in 2011. She served her curacy in Beaconsfield, before moving to Seer Green and Jordans, and then to Wychert Vale. She takes up her new role in March next year.

She said: "I was surprised and delighted by my call to this role! It has been a joy to serve in the Wychert Vale Benefice and to see God at work here. I am looking forward to seeing all that God is doing in our deaneries and working with and for the wonderful people of the Buckingham Archdeaconry."

During her time in the diocese, Cassa has served as an associate Area Dean in Amersham and as a Co-Area Dean in Aylesbury. She has also served on the Diocesan Synod, the Bishop's Council, and Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust. Cassa is chair of the English Clergy Association and Lighthouse Haddenham.

Cassa takes up the role after the Revd Guy Elsmore retired in September last year, after nine years' service.

New appointment to the Ministry team

We are delighted to be able to announce that Tracey Jones (TJ) has been appointed as Assistant Curate, but to be known as Vicar, for the Parish of Cuddington, in the Buckinghamshire Archdeaconry. It is hoped that TJ will begin her new ministry in January. Please pray for her and her husband Richard as they prepare to move. TJ served as an A&E Nurse in the Royal Navy and NHS before her Ordination in 2019. She served her Curacy at Hughenden (Wycombe Deanery) and at Wexham (Burnham and Slough Deanery).

TJ and Richard enjoy camping, hiking and playing multi-sports at a local Sports Centre. TJ is also a bellringer so hoping to visit other towers around the benefice. She and Richard are very much looking forward to moving here and getting to know you all.

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Sunday 30th November 2025

Notices for the week

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



10:30 ADVENT SUNDAY

led by Revd Sue Smith and Richard Smith



*Almighty God,
 give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
 and to put on the armour of light,
 now in the time of this mortal life,
 in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
 that on the last day,
 when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
 to judge the living and the dead,
 we may rise to the life immortal;
 through him who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen*

This week

Tues 11:00 - 13:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
 19:30 **Choir practice** – 29b Eythrope Road

Thurs 9:00 - 10:30 **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
 20:00 - 20:30 **Praying together online** for 30 minutes
<http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers>

Sat 10:00 - 12:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion

Sun 10:30 **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**
Led by Revd Canon 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.

Posada 2025



Our Posada will be starting during the morning service today. The Mary and Joseph figures will be staying with a different host household each night before moving on and eventually returning to church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. The Posada is open to all ages. jennifer_l_pickup@hotmail.com tel no: 01296 748170

Request for Yorkie bars

Regular readers of the SJB pewsheets will remember that in recent years we have supported the Chaplaincy at HMP Grendon and Springhill by providing socks and Yorkie bars as a Christmas present for the men who attend the Christmas Day service in the prisons. We are doing the same again this year.



If anyone would like to donate a **46g YORKIE BAR** (or two!) they would be most gratefully received. It is important that **only** the 46g size is provided so that all the men are treated equally.

The socks should be NEW and in larger sizes. These will be given out at Christmas with the Yorkie bars. Please give your donations to Richard Smith. Thankyou

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Coffee Cup Collection

Our Coffee Cup Collections in SJB during November and December 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 from noon until 3pm. This event has been taking place for more than twenty years. 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. There is also entertainment, games, presentsand no washing up!

Come and see an amazing display of trees decorated by local organisations

Haddenham Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 5th to Sunday 7th December

St Marys Church

Friday 11:00 – 5:00 * Saturday 11:00 – 5:00 * Sunday 12:00 – 5:00

Refreshmentsmusical entertainment.....children's activities

FREE ENTRY: donations for Thame Foodbank and the Friends of St Marys

Our very own SJB Socially Crafty group are decorating a tree so please go and see it!

Closure of Churchyard

The Churchyard will be CLOSED again on Friday 5th December. All entrances will be taped off during the daytime and there will NOT be any way through. This is due to work taking place on many trees around the church which need a lot of dead wood removed to make them safe.

DO NOT TRY TO MAKE YOUR WAY THROUGH, IT WILL BE DANGEROUS!



Carols in the Courtyard

Please will you, family, pets 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. Just bring yourselves (dressed in your winter woollies or raincoat), your singing voice, a healthy appetite and cakes, puddings etc if you would like to. During the evening we will have a collection for the Free Christmas Day Dinner hosted at St Mary's Church in Aylesbury.

Wednesday, 17th December from 6pm

RSVP Terry on 07968 368524 or terrycooper@gmail.com

With love, Terry, Clare, Pumpkin and Treacle xx



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