



### Orphanages in Myanmar

There are 30 orphanages in Myanmar which need toys, children's books, baby clothes, children's clothes, sheets and towels. Mary John in Oxford Road (Stone) would be pleased to receive any of these items on their behalf. She has also been busy knitting teddies for them, so she needs more knitting wool to keep her going. Thankyou.

Mary John tel no: 01296 747932

### What is Christingle?

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.



Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness

### Christmas Services

21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6:00pm	<b>SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS</b> with the choir
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4:00pm	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE</b> for all the family
	11:30pm	<b>MIDNIGHT COMMUNION</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00am	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION</b> at St Peter & St Paul DINTON
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:30am	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>

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# Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Notices for the week

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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



9:00 **MATINS** led by David Pickup

10:30 **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

led by Revd Canon Phil Groves



*Lord Jesus, Light of the World,  
as we hold our Christingles today  
and think about your great love for us,  
help us to take your light out into the  
world and to share your love with  
others, especially those who feel they  
are living in darkness and are in need  
of care and compassion. Amen*

### This week

<u>Tues</u>	11:00 - 13:00	<b>Café in the Park</b> – in the Jubilee Pavilion
	19:30	<b>Choir practice</b> – 29b Eythrope Road
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00 - 10:30	<b>Little Wrighglers</b> – in the Jubilee Pavilion
<u>Sun</u>	10:30	<b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b> with <b>JOYFULL JUNIORS</b> Led by Revd Mike Bissit
	16:00	<b>LEGO CHURCH</b> - in the Jubilee Pavilion
	18:00	<b>CAROL SERVICE</b> – SPP DINTON

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## Matthew 3:1-12

### John the Baptist Prepares the Way

*3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:*

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

*<sup>4</sup> John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River.*

*<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.*

*<sup>11</sup> "I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

### 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, presents .....and no washing up!

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## Posada 2025

Our Posada started last Sunday and since then Mary and Joseph have been travelling around the village staying with a different host household each night. They will eventually return to church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.



### Request for Yorkie bars

Regular readers of the SJB pewsheet 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. There is a box at the back of the church for your donations. Thankyou.

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

### Haddenham Christmas Tree Festival

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**St Marys Church**

**Today is your last opportunity to enjoy the display 12:00 – 5:00**

*Refreshments .....musical 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!**

### 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, 17<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm**

RSVP Terry on 07968 368524 or [terrycooper@gmail.com](mailto:terrycooper@gmail.com)

*With love, Terry, Clare, Pumpkin and Treacle xx*



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