

Focus Groups

The next focus groups will start on 22nd January. If you want to join or lead a group, please contact the church office: tel: 291108 or email office@haddenhamstmarys.org

Pastoral Care

If you would appreciate a pastoral visit from the church, or know someone else who is asking for a visit, please contact either a churchwarden or a member of the ministry team. They will seek to arrange a visit and can organise home communion if requested.

The visit may be by a church member or a member of the benefice ministry team.

...Please tell the Welcome Team if you require gluten free communion wafers

...For those with hearing difficulties the church operates the loop system. Please see the Welcome Team if there is a problem

...Toilet facilities (with access for the disabled) are available at the back of the church

...Coffee & squash is served after the service

- Rector:** The Revd Margot Hodson ~ 01844 291244
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St Mary's Centre, Church End, Haddenham. Open 10-12 Mon-Fri

Please take this notice sheet with you when you leave the service as a reminder of meetings, events, organisations and individuals for whom your prayers are asked

St Nicholas Cuddington Welcome

January 7th 2018

10am Holy Communion

Leader: Canon Phil Groves Preacher: Ven Dr Gordon Kuhrt

Subject ~ The one who is close to the Father's heart

NOTICES

Thurs	Prayers	Church	9am
Fri	Toddler singing group	Church	10am
	Bellringing practice	Church	7.30pm
Sun	Prayers	Church	9.10am
	All Age Service	Church	10am

The Manor House String Quartet will be presenting a

***New Year's Viennese Gala
on Saturday 20th January 2018
at 7.30pm in St Nicholas' Church, Cuddington***

The programme will include pieces from Johann Strauss II, Lanner, Lehar, Brahms, Weber and other celebrated composers ~ so come and celebrate the New Year with us!

The concert is in aid of Utugi Street Children in Kenya

Tickets at £12 each (under 16's free) are available from:

Caroline Saker - 01844 291825

Cuddington Village Stores

or book online at <http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com>

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PRAYER TOPICS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Let us pray for the start of the new school term. We pray for all the young peoples' groups - Toddlers Singing Group, Sunday Special, Chattabox, the FT's, and Nod to God.

If you would like prayer for someone please give the name to Graham (290000). Please seek permission from the person; names will stay on the list for 2 weeks. Thereafter, anyone needing ongoing prayer support will continue to be supported by one or more of our homegroups, and names will be listed here on the 1st Sunday of each month.

New Testament Reading – Ephesians 1: 3-14

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹²in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

CHRISTMAS CARD STAMPS

Don't forget to pass on your used postage stamps to Cilla or Eileen so that we can continue to support the work of Inter-Continental Church Society

We are again collecting for the homeless of Oxford

Any donations would be welcome ~ please place in the marked box at the back of church ~ towels; single duvets and covers; underwear; toiletries etc. Many thanks

Gospel Reading – John 1: 1-18

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. **11** He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. **12** Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— **13** children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") **16** Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.