

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, GREAT LINFORD

STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARISH

Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church

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**25<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10am Eucharist**

**2<sup>nd</sup> after Trinity**  
**Chuks Iwuagwu**

**READINGS:** Romans 6, 1b-11, and Matthew 10, 24-39

**Next Sunday:**

2<sup>nd</sup> July  
10am Open Door

3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity  
David Lewis

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## DIARY DATES

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Prayer Group**

7.15 for 7.30 at 6 Byward Close, Neath Hill

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**Morning Prayer**

8.30am in the church

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Eucharist & Open Church**

10am to 1pm

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**Health & Safety/Safeguarding Workshop**

9.30am-1pm in the church

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**Sing a New Song Gospel Festival**

6.30-9.30pm in Christ the Cornerstone

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**Bridgebuilder 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

2-4pm, The Oak Tree Centre, Shenley Brook End, MK5 7GZ

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## THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PRAYER GROUP

**7.15 for 7.30pm at 6 Byward Close, Neath Hill on Monday**

Jim Billenness is hosting the next meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June for Session 4 (of 5) in the current series. The subject will be 'Receiving Christ: Through Prayer and Fellowship' and led by John Beazley. All are most welcome.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST & OPEN CHURCH

All are welcome to come along, maybe bringing friends and neighbours, to this regular monthly service and stay on (or perhaps call in later) for coffee, companionship and joining the discussion in the series "Understanding the Creeds": "On July 5<sup>th</sup> we move forward to explore the different versions of the Nicene Creed and the Formula of Faith on which they are based. We shall look particularly at the layout of the Creeds, and how they begin." John Beazley

## FOOD CUPBOARD

Please bring your donations next Sunday (or the following Wednesday) of non-perishable tinned vegetables and fruit and other dessert items, cereals and dried pasta, grains etc. long-life milk, tea bags and coffee.

## A RECENT ADDITION

The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed that we now list our Verger (Ann Fountaine) under 'Who To Contact' – clearly a longstanding omission. To give you an idea of the origins of this weighty role:

The office of verger has its roots in the earliest days of the Church's history and it shares certain similarities with the former minor orders of "porter" and "acolyte".

Generally speaking, vergers were responsible for the order and upkeep of the house of worship, including preparations for the liturgy, the conduct of the laity, and even grave-digging among many other duties in the church.

There is evidence of the existence of vergers as far back as the 12<sup>th</sup> century, since when they have maintained the buildings and furnishings of the church, led the liturgy, and served God in the church for many centuries.

In medieval times, the verger (spelled "virger" in England and older texts) was the Protector of the Procession and led the way, often through crowds of people and animals, clearing a pathway with the "virge" (a mace or staff) by swinging it in front of them. "Each Verger is at the forefront of the Church's ministry of hospitality, welcome, care (of people, buildings and sacred things)" is Ann's preferred description in light of her current duties which, thankfully, no longer seem to include grave-digging (but the image of her beating aside sheep, cattle etc. in the churchyard is an appealing one don't you think?).

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### **'SING A NEW SONG'**

Eight choirs (including the Cornerstone Choir, Gospel Children's Choir and MK Community Choir) will be performing in Christ the Cornerstone on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30-9.30pm. Tickets are free and available online (if you don't have access to the internet, you probably know someone who does!). Further information from [mark.okor@cornerstonemk.co.uk](mailto:mark.okor@cornerstonemk.co.uk). Tickets from [www.eventbrite.com/e/sing-a-new-song-gospel-festival-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sing-a-new-song-gospel-festival-tickets).

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### **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Morning Prayer:** 8.30am in the church every Saturday

**Healing Prayer Group:** 2pm at 9 Solar Court on the 1st Monday of month

**House Group :** 7.30pm on Monday evenings (date/venue varies)

**Church Bellringers:** every Tuesday at 7.30pm

**Communion on the first Wednesday of the month:** 10am at St. Andrews followed by coffee. Bring the children as well. Church usually stays open till 1pm

**Children's Choir:** rehearsals every Wednesday during term time from 5.15-6.15pm

**Lunch & Learn:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 10.45 at Christ Church, Stantonbury

### **WHO TO CONTACT AT ST. ANDREWS**

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