

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, GREAT LINFORD

STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARISH

Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church



23rd July

Trinity 6

**10am Eucharist & Baptism of Louie Robert Berry
John Beazley & Chuks Iwuagwu**

READINGS: Ezekiel 36: 22-28
Matthew 3: 13-17

Next Sunday:

30th July
10am Eucharist

8th after Trinity
Chuks Iwuagwu

*** MORNING PRAYER: Every Saturday at 8.30am in church ***

DIARY DATES

Today 16th July

Evening Service at St Lawrence, Bradwell

6pm (Vicarage Road, Bradwell Village, MK13 9AG)

Sunday 23rd July

Celebration Evensong for Feast of Mary Magdalene

6pm at Willen Church with Quorum

Saturday 29th July

Young Church development meeting

6pm in the church

Wednesday 2nd August

1st Wednesday Eucharist and Clothes Collection

10am – 1pm

Sunday 6th August

First of the August Afternoon Teas

2 – 5pm in the church

AFTER-SERVICE COFFEE ON SUNDAYS

There are still problems with providing this much-enjoyed weekly event due to dwindling numbers on the Coffee Rota. Specifically, there will be no coffee on Sunday 27th August unless new people can come forward. Please see Nick today if you could take a turn (with a good number on the rota it doesn't come up very often). There's no requirement to bake, just biscuits is fine.

AUGUST CREAM TEAS

There has been an encouraging take-up for the first Sunday (6th August) so please turn your attention if you would to the 2nd Sunday (13th August). The sign-up sheets are on the back table. Scones and jam will be provided, you may just be asked to buy the milk and cream for the day but Carol will tell you exactly what is needed.

'ST. ANDREW'S REMEMBERS'

(Pte CHRISTOPHER LORTON SAPWELL)

"Those of you who way back in 2014 very kindly bought the book 'St. Andrew's Remembers', which commemorated the soldiers of WW1 who are listed on the War Memorial inside the Church, will remember reading about Pte Christopher Lawton Sapwell of the RAVC, who died on the 16th August 1918.

Pte Sapwell's body was taken to St Andrew's Church on a gun carriage and was covered by the Union Flag and escorted by 12 men from Newport

Pagnell Wireless Corps on the 19th August 1918 but, unfortunately, we could never discover where his body was laid to rest. So in 2015 it was decided to approach the Commonwealth War Graves Commission about the possibility of having one of their memorials erected for Pte Sapwell.

After providing evidence of Pte Sapwell's death and funeral - death records, army and service records all had to be verified - the Commission agreed it was right to have such a memorial in our churchyard. In November 2016 permission was granted by Rev. Paul Smith to erect the headstone, a meeting with the CWGC regional supervisor followed, and a decision made about its location. Following a further three-month period of appealing for relatives who could have added a short message to the memorial to come forward (none did), the wheels were set in motion and the top-grade stone was to be engraved

Originally the stone used would have come from Portland, Dorset, but sadly they could not keep up with the demand, so at present all the stone comes from Beaurains in France. The memorials are all engraved in France and then transported back to England.

After a lot of correspondence and many telephone calls to check on progress, I had the phone call we had all been waiting for at 08:30 on the morning of Thursday 6th July 2017. The erectors from the CWGC would be at St Andrew's to place the memorial for Pte Sapwell in 2 hours' time! David Kent and I were there to see this wonderful achievement being put into position and it can now be seen in all its glory in the south-east corner of the churchyard near south wall." *Ann Fountaine* PS St Andrew's now has two Commonwealth War Graves Commission maintained war memorials.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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: 4th Wednesday of every month at 10.45 at Christ Church, Stantonbury

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