

Congratulations

Big congratulations to **Amanda** who has passed her Level 2 Child Care with Distinction and received an award for Outstanding Student.

Notices

Monday 19 June 2.45 pm Service at Highclere. Also 17 July, 21 August, 2 October.

Friday 23 June 1:15-2:45 Family Tots t

Rev'd Nicola Martyn-Beck's Ordination

Nicola is the Methodist Minister who works quarter time in Stantonbury Partnership, mainly at St James.

Sunday 25 June 4pm **Ordination Coventry Cathedral**

Wednesday 28 June 7.30 pm Conniburrow Community Choir concert at the Salvation Army, Ramsons Ave. Tickets £5 (conc. £3)

Thursday 29 June Home Bible Study meets 2:00 for 2:30 pm at the home of Mike and Pru (15 Kemble Court, Downhead Park MK15 9AX). A welcome awaits anyone who'd like to join us. Next dates: 13 July, then taking a break for the summer holidays, and re-starting on 7th September.

Monday 3 July 10am Officers' meeting at 43 Pannier Place

Tuesday 4 July 7.15 for 7.30 pm Deanery Synod at St Martin's, Fenny Stratford.

Thursday 6 July 7.30 pm Mission Partnership AGM at Christ Church, Stantonbury

Sunday 9 July 10.30 Circuit Service at Cornerstone This will be Rev'd Peter Hancock's (Meth District Chair) final service in this circuit.

Monday 10 July 2.45 pm Service Neath House. Future dates: Wednesday, 9 August; Monday 9 October.

Thursday 13 July ROOM'N'ATE 7.00 pm – a BBQ at St James Church, New Bradwell. BBQ £5. Tea/coffee £1. Bring your own drinks. Plus donations to support 'Street Angels'. Fred & Fran Gill will be bringing the 'PILGRIM BIKE' – a very special Harley Softail custom bike made in memory of their son Robert. Fred & Fran have a powerful story to tell of God helping them to forgive Robert's killers and to set up Bedford 'Street Angels' protecting young people. Please contact Roy (322064 or roy@laurent.eclipse.co.uk) or Andy (320850) to book a place. More info. on blue flyers.

Sunday 16 July 6pm Farewell Service for Peter Hancock at Daventry Methodist Church

Sunday 16 July 6 pm at St Lawrence, Bradwell: Stuart Windsor, special ambassador for Christian Solidarity Worldwide (working to support those persecuted for their faith – including other faiths).

Sunday 20 August 6 pm Tree Cathedral Service at Newlands (nr. Gullivers Land)

prayer

*On Sundays during Trinity
- from now until December -
we shall offer a favourite prayer
each week.*

*If you have a favourite
you would like included
please let Gwen know.*

○ Lord, in a world where many are lonely,
we thank you for our friendships;
in a world where many are captive
we thank you for our freedom;
in a world where many are hungry
we thank you for our provision.

We pray you will enlarge our sympathy
deepen our compassion,
and give us grateful hearts.

Amen.

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THE CROSS AND STABLE

18th June - First Sunday after Trinity

Hannah Word Search

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ANSWERED	PRIEST
BABY	PROPHET
BLESSED	SAD
ELI	SAMUEL
GAVE	SLEEPING
HONESTY	SPOKE
LEARN	THANK
LISTENED	TRUSTED
PRAY	WORSHIP
PROMISE	



Next Sunday - Second Sunday after Trinity - 25th June

11 am Morning Service - Mike Morris

ABIGAIL 'Cool head in a crisis' | Samuel 25:2-31 (32-44)

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Hymns: 50, 16, 381, 631

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. **AMEN**

I Samuel 1:1-20 (+ 1:21-2:11)

Hannah - Pouring out her heart to God

There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the Lord Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the Lord. Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her; and the Lord had closed her womb. Because the Lord had closed

Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on year after year: Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah would say to her, 'Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?'

Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.'

As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, 'How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.'

'Not so, my lord,' Hannah replied. 'I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.'

- Our new Parliament - for a working together for the common good.
- Family Tots and other tots groups in the SEP, praying for the teams of helpers and for the families involved. (June is the National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups).

Messy Church – a Partnership enterprise? We are exploring the way forward. Christ Church are planning to hold a Messy Church on Sat. 21st October as part of their 'Coffee & Cake' morning. Before that, we hope to run a Messy Church at Cross & Stable on a Harvest theme on Sat. 30th September 3.30 – 5.00 pm. But first we need a team and are looking for 8 people minimum (half from C & S, half from the Partnership). Please let Andy know if you'd like to experience Messy Church and lend a hand. You don't have to have any experience or expertise.

Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.'

She said, 'May your servant find favour in your eyes.' Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

Early the next morning they arose and worshipped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her: So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the Lord for him.'

Luke 1:5-17

Hear the Gospel according to Luke

Glory to Christ our Saviour

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshippers were praying outside.

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.'

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Gill is providing envelopes for the extra contributions.

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MOUSE (Moving On Up Secondary Education) The MOUSE teams are a Bridgebuilder project, visiting Year 6 children to help them prepare for the big move up to secondary school. The presentations are fun and interactive, using a Bible story as a starting point. The children are given a little book called 'It's Your Move' which we help to sponsor(*). MOUSE are booked to visit Southwood on Mon. 10th July at 9.30 am and hopefully there'll be a Brooksward date too. It's great if one or two church members can attend to enjoy the presentation and represent the church. Please let Andy know if you could do this. (*) We are giving £100 from our funds to cover the cost of the books. We'd love to give more to support the work of Bridgebuilder and so are inviting Cross & Stable members and friends to add to our donation if they'd like to.

Prayer Pointers

For our members and friends: Dan Cavanagh, Jeremy Radford, Amanda and Tony Stokes, Chloe, Katie and Jessica

For the sick: Becca Page and Richard Crawshay, convalescing after ops; Shirley, Phyllis, Doreen, Cyril, Shelly and Martina.

For the departed: for Pete Wilks (Dina's brother) For his family and friends. The funeral is on 20th June.

Please pray for:

- all involved in the Grenfell Building fire, remembering those injured, bereaved, traumatised, homeless; for healing for the community and for a just and constructive outcome from the debate that will ensue.