

Notices

THANKS to Cross & Stable Management Committee for the new toilets!

Monday 4 September The funeral of Joan Archer at 1.15 pm at the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium.

Monday 4 September Officers meeting at 3pm at Gill's

Monday 4 September 7:30 in the vestry. **MESSY CHURCH Planning Meeting** – Saturday 30th September.

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. We hope to run a Messy Church at Cross & Stable on a Harvest theme on Saturday 30 September 3.30 - 5.00 pm. We need a team of 8 people minimum (half from C & S, half from the Partnership).

Thursday 7 September 2.00 for 2.30 to 4.00 pm Home Bible Study, by kind hospitality of Mike and Pru McConnell at 15 Kemble Court, Downhead Park. This autumn we'll be exploring the book of Acts. Future dates: 21 September, 5, 19 October.

Friday 8 September 1.15 – 2.45 pm Family Tots re-starts. This is an open group for parents and carers with pre-school children.

Saturday 9 September. End of Summer Open Day at Cross & Stable Church: Tea and Coffee and Cake from 10am-12noon. Please pass on any invitations you can to family, friends and neighbours.

Starting **Sunday 24 September** 7.00 – 9.00 pm "THE CALL" - "a monthly prayer gathering for the city of Milton Keynes" at Christ the Cornerstone. Further dates: 29 Oct; 26 Nov.

Monday 2 October 2.45 pm Service at Highclere. Also 2 October.

Monday, 2 October Room'n'ate (Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership's Men's Group – family, friends, neighbours welcome!) at 7.30 pm at Wolverton House (Stonehouse Pizza & Carvery) Social Evening and Supper; incl. "Andy's Old Curiosity Shop". See invite.

Monday 9 October 2.45 pm Service Neath House. Future dates: tba

Sunday 15 October Andy's last Sunday – You're invited to come for breakfast (coffee and croissant from 9.30 am) before the 11 am service. There will be a lunch at Bradwell Memorial Hall from 12.30 pm. Booking is required. Bob has the details.

CoMPass courses – Autumn 2017

Mission Shaped Course – Katherine Crossley. (From 13 Sept. at Holy Trinity, Wolverton)

see more details inside

THE CROSS AND STABLE

3rd Sept - 12th Sunday after Trinity



STOP PRESS: Chloe's Fun Day raised over £100 for the homeless

Next Sunday - 13th Sunday after Trinity - 10th September

11 am Communion Service- Peter Green

Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-end, Matthew 18:15-20

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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.*

*Today's prayer
via Pru McConnell*

Open our eyes, Lord,
that we may see your presence all about us.

Open our ears, Lord,
that we may hear the voice that is quiet yet very near.

Open our heart, Lord,
that we may feel the love of God close and real.

Open each sense, Lord,
and make us aware of your Power and Peace
always there.

Amen.

Theme

Jesus at a lonely spot by the lake

Hymns

MP 600 Sing to God new songs of worship

MP 37 As the deer pants for the water

MP 1261 Brother, sister, let me serve you

MP 201 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Compass Courses continued

Understanding Faith – John Robertson. (From 19 Sept. at Cross & Stable Church)

Prayer – Anthony Purvis. (From 6 Nov. at Christ the Cornerstone). More info at www.missionpartnership.org.uk/compass/

Prayer Pointers

For our members and friends: Beverley Zialor; Sue Baines and family, Elizabeth Payne, Phyllis West, Billy Wood.

Congratulations to Ric and Martina on arrival of Lena Victoria in July as little sister to Lucas

For the sick: Betty Lloyd (Andrea's Mum) with broken knee on board ship, Paul (Sue's cousin) receiving on going treatment, Becca Page convalescing after her op, Neville Gray, Ruth Chilcraft, Shirley, Phyllis, Doreen, Shelley, Yvonne

RIP: Joan Archer died Tuesday 22nd August on the ward in the hospital – a bit sooner probably than expected, but very easily and peacefully, while sitting in her chair. Her funeral will be on Monday, 4 September at 1.15 pm at the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium. Pray for her family and friends

Psalm 78:23-29

Yet he gave a command to the skies above
and opened the doors of the heavens;
he rained down manna for the people to eat,
he gave them the grain of heaven.
Human beings ate the bread of angels;
he sent them all the food they could eat.
He let loose the east wind from the heavens
and by his power made the south wind
blow.

Please pray for:

- Zuwaira (Hephzibah) and her children Adetokunbo (Abigail), Adetomiwa (Jeremiah) and Adekoya (Daniel) who were baptised last Sunday. Please pray for them as they follow Christ together.
- Activities re-starting this week (including Home Bible Study and FamilyTots) and for schools re-starting.
- Our church officers' meeting on Monday and for our Open Morning on Saturday, that we'll be able to give a warm welcome to visitors.
- Communities recovering from floods in Texas and Louisiana as well as Bangladesh, Nepal and India.
- Wisdom and determination to find ways to resolve conflicts and build peace in our world.

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He rained meat down on them like dust,
birds like sand on the seashore.

He made them come down inside their camp,
all around their tents.

They ate till they were gorged –
he had given them what they craved.

Matthew 14:13-21

Hear the Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus feeds the five thousand

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's

already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.'

Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'

'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered.

'Bring them here to me,' he said. And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.



**CROSS & STABLE CHURCH,
DOWNS BARN**
DOWNS BARN DOULEYARD, MK44 7RZ

YOU ARE INVITED TO DROP INTO YOUR LOCAL
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR AN

OPEN MORNING
SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017
10.00 AM – 12 NOON

 PLEASE CALL IN FOR
COFFEE, TEA AND CAKE 

BRING & BUY STALL

FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT THE REV. ANDY JOWITT (01908 320850)



MESSY CHURCH in SEP

Please join us!

Saturday, 30th September from 3.30 – 5.00 pm.

Planning meeting
Monday, 4th September at 7.30 pm
Cross & Stable Church Vestry