

be pleased to hear from people willing to give it a go.

“Save our Sector”

MK Council is facing difficult budget challenges. Community Action MK is wanting the voluntary and community sector to have a voice. Please check out www.communityactionmk.org for info on an online survey and the Council’s Budget roadshows.

“Save the YMCA”

The YMCA homeless hostel is under threat due to the proposed Council budget cuts. An appeal is out to register support for the hostel. *Visit the Consultation page:* <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/budget> *Email:* letstalkbudgetmk@milton-keynes.gov.uk *Write to:* Let’s Talk Budget MK, FREEPOST ANG 7122, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ. *Twitter* @mkcouncil #budgetMK

Christian Solidarity Worldwide:

Before Christmas we asked you to pray for people living in countries around the world where religious intolerance leads to harassment, violence and worse. We were delighted to hear that Christians celebrated Christmas peacefully in some parts of the world that are usually known for religious intolerance. Thank you so much for your prayers. God works amazing miracles when we pray!

St Andrew’s Bookshop, Wolverton is sadly closing at the end of February. As a thank you for our custom, there will be a 25% discount on most items from the beginning of January. St Andrew’s will be supplying the shop at Cornerstone in the future and there are hopes of an independent Christian bookshop opening in Stony Stratford.

HOUSEGROUPS

Monday:

- 1st Monday of the month, (meeting for Bible study, fellowship and prayer) 1.30 pm at 11 Haltonchester, Bancroft. Contact Beryl 321322 for more details.

Tuesday:

- 7.30 pm, at present meeting in the church annexe. Contact: Henry 605926.

Wednesday:

- **WOW (Women on Wednesdays!)** Usually on the last Wednesday of the month, 7.30 – 9.30 pm at 136 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands MK13 7LD. Contact Rachel 07837 184736 or Jill 07986 088625 or Andy 320850.

Thursday:

- 10.00 am Morning Bible Study at 1A Atterbrook. Contact: Jane 320850.
- 7.30 pm Housegroup (1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month), usually at 12 Atkins Close, Bradwell. Contact: Pam 312042.
- Thursday Evening (new group) meeting at 2 Loughton Road, Bradwell. Contact: Ann & Grayham (318418) or Penny (07816 477728).

Sunday:

- 7.30 pm Sunday Evening Housegroup meets at various homes. Contact Rob & Kathy Coles 310831.
- 7.30 pm Housegroup at Nursery Gardens. Contact: Diana 319405 for more info.

ALL THE GROUPS ARE ‘OPEN’ AND WELCOME NEW PEOPLE TO JOIN THEM.

The Stantonbury Parish website is at:

www.stantonbury.net

The Mission Partnership website is at:

www.missionpartnership.org.uk



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH
PART OF THE ECUMENICAL PARISH OF STANTONBURY
(BAPTIST, CHURCH OF ENGLAND, METHODIST,
UNITED REFORMED)

FOLLOWING JESUS, SHARING HIS LOVE

Minister: The Rev. Andy Jowitt 01908 320850, 1A Atterbrook, Bradwell MK13 9EY

SUNDAY—JANUARY 18TH

9.00 am Holy Communion

(led by Andy)

10.45 am Family Service (led by Rob Coles) & **God’s Gang**

Readings:

‘Jesus begins to build a team’
Deuteronomy 29:10-15 (p.198);
Mark 1:14-28 (p.947)

Andy is leading a Covenant Service at Cross & Stable Church at 11.00 am.

6.00 pm Evening Service at Bradwell Church – Worship with a Celtic style (including Celtic hymns, prayers and readings) led by one of our housegroups. Please do come.



NEXT SUNDAY—JANUARY 25TH

9.00 am Morning Worship (led by Andy)

10.45 am All-Age Holy Communion (led by Andy)

Our preacher at both services will be church member Rod Ruston.

Readings: ‘The kingdom is among us’
Psalm 103:1-12 (p.579);
Mark 1:29-39 (p.948)

6.00 – 9.00 pm BURNS NIGHT SOCIAL

at church. Children welcome (with accompanying adults). Come when you can. A very informal, take it as it comes, evening, including: some games for the young and young-at-heart; community singing; the invitation to ‘do a turn’ (song, dance, monologue?). Bring & Share food; mulled wine and fruit punch provided. *The evening will be a fundraising event and donations will be invited to support the school for Dalit children in Melayakudi village, Tamilnadu, South India.*

LIGHTHOUSE PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM



We offer Prayer for Healing with the laying on of hands in the Chancel on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 9.00 am service and on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 10.45 am service. To ask for prayer for yourself or someone else, please contact Wendy 311277, Joan 579954, Gill 314768, Pam 312042. Gill is happy to offer 1 to 1 prayer and listening in the church chancel by arrangement on a Monday. Contact Gill on 01908 314768.

PRAYER POINTERS

Please pray for:

- † Our local community and our city; for its peace and prosperity, and for neighbourliness and security.
- † The Soup Run team and provision for the homeless in MK.
- † Our local schools, and for the children in our church family and our activities for them.
- † Those who preach and teach, and for all of us as we learn from the Bible.
- † Refugees in the Middle East hit by harsh weather and for the communities that have received them.

Our **Mission Focus** in January is **Scripture Union**.

Scripture Union is currently testing a major Bible project for children for full launch later this year. "Guardians of Ancora" is a new digital environment for 8-11s that combines a high-spec online game with an immersive experience of Bible content and faith formation. Delivered initially through app and free of charge, it aims to provide a fun, positive, social space where children can explore their relationship with God and the Bible. The project aims to meet children where they're at with their interests, be instinctively compelling and offer the wealth of God's word freely. More details (including a chance to help with the testing!) at <http://guardiansofancora.com/>



PRAYER WATCH

We pray for Pauline Cussell in hospital and Stan Stimpson in nursing care; for young Noah Howard in his ongoing treatment and for little Mirella Jackson; for Ruth Frere, Les Dekock, Hazel Staten and Stephen Cabbage in their ongoing care, and also for Betty Gallagher (home from hospital), Arthur (Elaine's Dad), John Brookman, Stella Jipson, Ruby Trippett, Lynda Dougherty, Giles Margerison, John & Joyce Pobjoy, Wendy & Iris Hanson, Gill Carey, Judy Leyton, Sheila Crome, Veronica Tunney, Pat Doyle and all those known to us whose names are on our continuing prayer list in the annex.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Mary Margaret Lawrance, Marge Stimpson, John Jowitt, Marion Peters, Barbara Harrow and all those recently bereaved, and pray that they may know the consolation of God's love in their time of bereavement.

Margaret Lawrance's funeral will be at 10.00 am on Friday, 23rd January at the Oak Chapel, Crownhill.

John Jowitt's funeral will be in Hetherset, Norfolk on Friday, 30th January.

Marge Stimpson's funeral will be at Bradwell Church on Monday, 2nd February at 1.00 pm, followed by committal at Crownhill Crematorium.

DIARY DATES

WEDNESDAY

10.00-12.00 noon. Coffee morning. Drop in for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat in the annexe. The church is open for quiet prayer.

1.15 – 2.45 pm Chatterbox is an open group, meeting in the Memorial Hall, for carers with pre-school children from babies up. More info from Jane on 320850.

7.30 pm Deanery Synod at Holy Cross, Two Mile Ash.

THURSDAY

2.00 pm Holy Communion at Bellfounder House

3.00 pm Holy Communion at Highclere.

4.00 pm Holy Communion at Flintergill Court.

7.00 for 7.30 pm (refreshments from 7.00 pm) **'Prayer for our City'** at Christ Church, Stantonbury (marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity). Come and join local Christians from different churches gathering to pray together for the welfare of our community. There will be opening prayer and worship together, followed by 'prayer stations' for people to visit.



NOTICES

'Challenging Lifestyle' – a DVD course which explores Jesus' teaching on the Sermon on the Mount. Now underway, but you can still join! Contact Grayham & Ann (318418) or Penny (477728).

Toybox: We raised £494.99 from our carol singing and Christingle service. £5.01 has been added to this and so we'll

be sending a grand total of £500. Well done!

Open Door

(drop-in for the homeless and vulnerably housed) There's a thank you letter on the board acknowledging the £106.69 we raised from our Mega Christmas card.



Thelma Billington's daughter has passed on the news that Thelma has moved into a Bridge House residential home in Abingdon, near to family. She is settling in well and the family hope she may sometimes be able to make a visit to Bradwell.

Ely Retreat 1st-3rd May 2015

Duston Church, Northampton have once again invited us to join them on their annual retreat. For more info and cost contact Anne Taylor on 01908 319993 or e-mail anne_taylor@rocketmail.com

CoMPass courses: Why not make the most of one of these opportunities? 3 courses starting soon: "Choosing the right government"; "You are Here"; "Sharing Faith". More details in leaflets in church or at www.missionpartnership.org/compass. All the courses are FREE but please book in advance if at all possible.

Evening Services: Andy is putting together a programme for our evening services over the year. These can take a variety of forms and we've enjoyed little teams of people working together to plan and lead services on different themes. Andy would