

We're hoping that some **JAM Club members** will be taking part too, ending with a BBQ party at church at 6.00 pm.



Messy Church in SEP – please join us! We're having a go at doing a Messy Church on a Harvest theme at Cross &

Stable Church on **Sat. 30th September** from 3.30 – 5.00 pm Families from around the partnership will be welcome and it would be good to have people from other churches involved in welcoming and running crafts/games. We're holding a **planning meeting on Mon. 4th September** at 7.30 pm in the Cross & Stable Church Vestry (door round the side). Please come to this meeting if you can. If you can't make it for that meeting but can help on the day, no problem, but please let us know by 4th September if you can be part of the team. For more info or to volunteer, contact: Chenda Nuttall 01908 804913 cnuttalx2@aol.com or Andy 320850.

Quote/Unquote

From a questionnaire put to children in the USA:

Q. What do you think your Mum & Dad have in common?

A. Both don't want no more kids!

Q. When is it OK to kiss?

A. The law says you have to be 18, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

Howard Lam, a Christian member of Hong Kong's Democratic Party, was abducted and tortured by men believed to be Chinese Mainland security agents on 10 August. Lam says he was abducted and beaten by Mandarin-speaking men after sending a photo of footballer Lionel Messi to Liu Xia, the widow of Nobel Laureate and activist Liu Xiaobo, who died in Chinese custody on 13 July. Liu Xia was last seen at her husband's funeral and her whereabouts are currently unknown. If the perpetrators were indeed agents of the Chinese Communist Party in mainland China, it is also an extremely worrying sign of the increasing boldness of mainland law enforcement operating in Hong Kong. Pray for Liu Xia and all Chinese Christians in Hong Kong and mainland China.

HOUSEGROUPS

Monday:

- **1st Monday** of the month, (meeting for Bible study, fellowship and prayer) 1.30 pm. Contact Beryl 01908 321322 for more details.

Tuesday:

- **7.30 pm**, meeting Contact: Andrew on 01908 562027 for more details.

Thursday:

- **10.00 am Morning Bible Study.** Contact Jane 01908 320850.
- **Evening Group: 7.30-9.00pm.** Contact Grayham on 01908 318418 or Rod on 01908 319295.

Sunday:

- **7.30 pm Sunday Evening Housegroup** meets at various homes. Contact Rob & Kathy on 01908 310831.
- **7.30 pm Housegroup.** Contact: Diana for more info.
- **ALL THE GROUPS ARE 'OPEN' AND WELCOME NEW PEOPLE TO JOIN THEM.**
- **NOT SURE WHAT A HOUSEGROUP IS? PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK ANY OF THE ABOVE FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU ATTEND CHURCH.**



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

FOLLOWING JESUS, SHARING HIS LOVE

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

Sunday August 20th

9.00 am Holy Communion (led by Andy; Preacher: Rob Coles)

10.45 am All-Age Family Service (led by Rob Coles)

Readings: 'Jesus and the Great Outdoors' – Jesus in a grain field (on a Sabbath day) Micah 6:6-8 (p.884); Matthew 12:1-8 (p.924)

Andy is leading worship at 10.30 am at Christ Church, Stantonbury. (Apologies in advance for the sharp exit after the 9.00 am service).

The Rev. David Lewis is leading worship at 11.00 am at Cross & Stable Church.

6.00 pm "In Him all things hold together" – An outdoor service of worship, prayer and reflection at the Tree Cathedral, Newlands (Nr. Gullivers Land). *Parking in public car park off Livingstone Drive – Newlands roundabout – 80p an hour. Rain or shine! Please bring your own chair/umbrella.*

Sunday August 27th

9.00 am Morning Worship (led by Andy. Preacher: Canon John Robertson)

10.45 am All-Age Family Service with Holy Communion (led by Canon John Robertson)

Readings: 'Jesus and the Great Outdoors' – Jesus by the lake shore (telling a story about a sower and seed) Matthew 13:1-9 (p.925); James 1:22-25 (p.1147)

Mike Morris will be leading worship at 11.00 am at Cross & Stable Church, at which Andy will be baptising a mother called Zuwaira and her three children. Please include Zuwaira in your prayers, together with Adetokunbo (Abigail), Adetomiwa (Jeremiah) and Adekoya (Daniel) – and pray for Andy that he gets the names right!

WHITE ENVELOPE — Have you replied?

On October 15th we are celebrating Andy's and Jane's ministry at Bradwell. Please remember to return the ORANGE 'My Reply' sheet (that is in the envelope). There is a 'post-box' in the Church for them. **Replies by Sunday, August 27th** (Bank Holiday weekend). Ask either Rod Ruston or Diana Stammers for details—or if you haven't had a white envelope

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 01908 311277, Joan 579954, Gill 314768, Pam 312042.

PRAYER POINTERS

We give thanks for a lovely afternoon for our picnic last Sunday, and pray for fun and fellowship on the Sundays to come before the summer ends.

Please pray for:

- † The people of Freetown, Sierra Leone and the desperate work to recover from the floods and mudslides.
- † A wise and courageous response to the hatred that corrodes, as we grieve for those killed and injured in Charlottesville in the USA and Barcelona and Cambrils in Spain.
- † The Mission Partnership, and for John Robertson in his role as Director of Ecumenical Mission.
- † Young people receiving important exam. results this month.
- † JAM Club making plans for its re-start in September, and Chatterbox too.
- † Those attending the Baptism preparation course as they explore what it means to follow Christ.
- † Phil & Mary and Steve & Janis being married this coming Saturday in church.

Our **Mission Focus** in August is **Christian Solidarity Worldwide**, supporting Christians and people of other faiths who are suffering persecution around the world.

Advance Notice – The Wisdom House LIVE:

'Because you don't always have to learn the hard way'. Rob Parsons of Care for the Family, pictured, is coming to Milton Keynes: Weds. 18th October – 7.30 – 10.00 pm at The Ridgeway Centre, MK12 5TH. To book, call 029 2081 0800 or <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/other-events/the-wisdom-house-live> Early bird tickets (book before 29 Aug) £4.



DIARY DATES

MONDAY

- 2.45 pm Holy Communion** at Highclere House.
- 4.00 pm Holy Communion** at Flintergill Court.
- 7.00 pm Wedding rehearsal** at church.

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am – 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.

Chatterbox: takes a break for the summer holidays, re-starting on Weds. 6th Sept. *Chatterbox is an open group, meeting in the Memorial Hall, for carers with pre-school children from babies up. Contact Jane 01908 320850.*

THURSDAY

6.00 – 7.30 pm Preparation for Baptism – An informal course for adults at 1A Atterbrook over 4 Thursdays. (Future dates: 31 August, 7 September).

FRIDAY

JAM Club is taking a break for the summer, re-starting on 8th Sept. 7.00–8.15 pm in Bradwell Chapel. *JAM is our new club for 8-12 year olds. For more info contact Paul on 07976 182925 or e-mail paulstevencrushton@gmail.com*

SATURDAY

Weddings at church:

11.30 am Philip Kiehl & Mary Rowswell
2.00 pm Stephen Hodges & Janis Perrin

NOTICES

Enjoying the Great Outdoors:

We have planned some simple fun activities to link in with the theme of our Sunday Bible readings over the summer. Here's what's still to come:



This Sunday – 6.00 pm An outdoor service at the Tree Cathedral, Newlands. (See front page).

Sun. 3rd September "Last of the summer wine" – From 4.00 pm Outdoor games (e.g. crocker and parachute games) on the field. From 5.30 pm A simple tea-time BBQ in the garden at 1A Atterbrook. (Some basics provided, but bring and share will be welcome too).



CoMPass courses Autumn 2017

- ◇ *Mission Shaped Intro.* – Katherine Crowsley. (From 13 Sept. at Holy Trinity, Wolverton)
 - ◇ *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/

Farewell to the Holm Oaks

Next Sunday the path to church will look very different. Sadly these trees have become a serious problem to our neighbours (light and structural foundations) and are not amenable to pollarding. After taking advice, we have had to make the decision to fell them, and have received permission for this. Our neighbours have been very helpful to us in this issue and we are grateful to them. The contractors start work on Monday. The plan is that in due course we will plant a hedge using native species that will provide good cover and habitat.

Safeguarding Training (Sat. 23rd Sept. 10.00 am – 12.00 noon)

Dawn Ansbro, our Bradwell Church Safeguarding Officer, will be leading a training morning for us. This is important for those involved in leadership, children's and young people's work and caring for vulnerable adults. Please ask Dawn or Andy if you'd like to know more, and please let Dawn know that you can attend (in person or via the sign-up sheet on the board).

Church Open Day – Saturday, 9th September

We are taking part in the Heritage Open Day and will also be welcoming cyclists and walkers for the Bucks Historic Churches Trust 'Ride & Stride'. We'll be open 10 am – 6 pm and serving tea, coffee and cakes, etc. **Peter Lazard** will be giving guided tours from 12.30 pm. Could you lend a hand / take part? **Carol Wood** will be coordinating a rota of people to welcome and serve refreshments (as well as sign in the Ride & Striders). **Susan & Sim Jackson** will have the info needed for you to get sponsors and take part in the Ride & Stride. You can choose your route (long or short).