



'The Wisdom House – Live' – An evening with best-selling author Rob Parsons on Weds. 18th October 7.30 – 10.00 pm at the Ridgeway Centre MK12 5TH.

Tickets from £4, phone 029 2081 0800 or visit careforthefamily.org.uk/wisdomhouselive *Andy adds:* "I've heard Rob Parsons speak several times. His events are moving, helpful, funny, and wise".

Pause For Thought

'Our Father in heaven ... In the midst of the desert of our day, when there is so much suspicion of everyone and everything, I thank you the Infinite God, that I can address you as a dad – one who loves us to bits, whatever we're like'. (*A Gift of Prayer – the Methodist Church*)

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.

CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

Please pray for Burma's Rohingya Muslims who are experiencing a humanitarian crisis that has left tens of thousands homeless and hundreds dead at the hands of the Burma Army. International experts say the Burma Army faces crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing, and there are early warning signs of potential genocide. Pray that the Burmese government would act quickly to stop the crisis and recognise the Rohingya as Burmese citizens and that God would provide aid and comfort to the survivors of this horrendous violence.

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 September 17th

9.00 am Holy Communion (led by Andy. Preacher: Chris Spikings)
(Andy will be making a quick exit at the end of the service to arrive at St James' 10 am service in time to preach and preside).

10.45 am Family Service (led by Rod Ruston) & **God's Gang**

Readings: John 13:34-38 (p.1021); 2 John (p.1162)



Flowers in Church this week donated by Eric Brown in memory of his wife Margaret.

3.00 pm Service of Thanksgiving & Blessing for little Logan Kirk, brought by his parents Andy & Suzanne.



6.00 pm Evening Service at Bradwell Church: 'Finding Freedom Behind Bars' – led by church member Paul Rushton. Paul visits prisons with his band 'Seeds in the Earth' and some of the music this evening will be from that ministry.



2.00 – 5.00 pm You are invited to the Memorial Hall for Bronte & Sue's Afternoon Tea raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Sunday September 24th

9.00 am Morning Worship (led by Andy)
10.45 am Family Service with Holy Communion (led by Andy) & **God's Gang**
Andy writes: "I'm delighted that we will be welcoming Dr Martin J Hodson as our guest preacher at both services on the 24th. Martin is a plant scientist and environmental biologist, Operations Director for the John Ray Initiative (JRI) (an organisation connecting Environment, Science and Christianity) and Principal Tutor for CRES (Christian Rural & Environmental Studies). He will be speaking on "Creation, held together in Christ".

Readings: John 1:1-14 (p.1004); Colossians 1:15-20 (p.1115)

There will be a lay-led service at 11.00 am at Cross & Stable Church at which Helen Rouse will be preaching.

7.00 – 9.00 pm THE CALL at Christ the Cornerstone (first night). This is planned as a **monthly prayer gathering for the city of Milton Keynes.** (Further dates: 29 October, 26 November).

PRAYER POINTERS

We give thanks for our Open Day Saturday a week ago and for all who came, and for the JAM Club members who did the Ride & Stride.

Please pray for:

- + Our Church Officers and Council members working hard on our behalf, and for preparations for the time of vacancy.
- + Chatterbox, needing to build a team for the future, giving thanks for the happy and busy start it's made this term.
- + Young people off to college and uni, that they'll make good friends and good choices.
- + The Soup Run teams, and for the increasing problem of homelessness.
- + The Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership that we are part of, and for fruitful working together in mission.
- + The ongoing work to rebuild lives and livelihoods after floods in Sierra Leone, the USA and South Asia, and after the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma.

Our **Mission Focus** in September is **A Rocha UK**, a Christian environmental charity working to 'care for God's earth' through practical involvement in nature conservation projects and ecological research; campaigning on biodiversity issues, and engaging with churches, schools, communities and individuals.

BRADWELL CHURCH IDEAL FOR WEDDING

Bradwell Church is an absolutely ideal setting for your wedding.

With a versatile layout thanks to its comfortable modern chairs it can comfortably accommodate 80 people and slightly less comfortably 100.

For more details and to arrange a meeting with minister, Rev Andy Jowitt call 01908 320850



DIARY DATES

MONDAY

4.00 pm Holy Communion in *Flintergill Court*.

7.45 pm Bradwell Church Council meeting in the Chapel.

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.

1.15 – 2.45 pm Chatterbox is an open group, meeting in the Memorial Hall, for carers with pre-school children from babies up. Contact Jane 01908 320850.

FRIDAY

3.45 pm in the Chapel: an

introductory session to the new photocopier for anyone who wants to learn how to use it.

7.00 – 8.15 pm JAM Club meets in Bradwell Chapel. *JAM is our new club for 8-12 year olds. For more info contact Paul Rushton on 07976 182925 or e-mail paulstevensushton@gmail.com*

SATURDAY

10.00 am – 12.00 noon at church: Safeguarding Awareness Training (children and adults at risk). Trainer: Dawn Ansbro, Bradwell Church Safeguarding Officer. This is a vital piece of training for us and a great opportunity to benefit from Dawn's experience in this field. If this is relevant to you, please do your best to attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the annexe noticeboard.

NOTICES

Dates for your Diary:

♦ *Saturday, 30th September* **HARVEST FUN (Messy Church)**

3.00 - 5.00 pm at Cross & Stable Church. Crafts, games, story and eating together, incl. tea at 4.30 pm before going home.



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

♦ *Sunday, 8th October* is our **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**. There'll be more info next week. Please put *Saturday, 7th October* in your diary if you can help with decorating the church for Harvest.

GOD'S GANG is a very important part of our church life and Sunday worship.

Our team is short-staffed and needs support. At the same time we're really hoping to be able to offer two groups (for older and younger children) which means an extra (third) helper each week. Please make this a part of your thinking and praying. If you could offer to join the team, please contact Nancy on 01908 222794 or Andy on 320850.

♦ *Sunday, 8th October* will be Andy's last Sunday morning at Bradwell Church. On *15th October* he will be at Cross & Stable Church in the morning and then joining Bradwell Church for lunch and an afternoon service.

Church & Churchyard Work Day



Saturday, 28th October from 9.30 am. Please put the date in your diary. There'll be light jobs and heavy jobs, inside and outside. These days have been really good and productive, but we need a good crowd of helpers. Could that include you?? Keeping the team happy with refreshments is also a vital part of the day! For more info please contact Peter.