

## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; To give, and not to count the cost, to fight, and not to heed the wounds, to toil, and not to seek for rest, to labour, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will. Through Christ our Lord. *Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)*

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### 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

We take comfort in the fact that God knows everything about the daily life of the people living in one of the world's most closed, oppressive regimes, North Korea. CSW's new report on the country paints a picture of a society that is changing, even if the government isn't. Pray for the North Koreans who are wondering if they will ever be free, for God to effect powerful change in the country's leadership, and that CSW's report will be seen by policy-makers around the world.

## HOUSEGROUPS

### Monday:

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

### Thursday:

- **10.00 am Morning Bible Study.** Contact Pam 01908 312042.
- **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**

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### Sunday February 11th

**9.00 am Morning Worship** (led by Rod Ruston)

**10.45 am Holy Communion** (led by Rod Ruston presided by Judy Rose) & Gods Gang

#### Readings:

2 Chronicles 34:14-21 (p. 450);  
Hebrews 4:12-13 (p.1138)

#### Church Officer:

9:00am – Dawn Ansbro  
10:45am – Stuart Wicks

### Sunday February 18th

**9.00 am Holy Communion** (led by Jenny Boxwell)

**10.45 am Family Service** (led by Chris Spikings) & **Gods Gang**

**Readings:** Psalm 1 (p. 522);  
John 11:1-16 (p. 1017)

#### Church Officer:

9.00am – John Trippett.  
10.45am – Carol Wood

**6.00 pm Prayer Meeting.** There are some songs to sing, some readings, and prayers.

## PRAYER POINTERS

### Thank God

This week sees the start of Lent, which traditionally is a time of reflection and preparing to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Thank God for the gift of His Son.

### Please pray for

- † A positive, Godly effect as many people choose to do (or to not do) something special for the 40 days of Lent.
- † All of us to learn more of God through the Bible, especially via the current challenge to read 1 Corinthians and our recent series on 2 Chronicles.
- † Children and families in this half-term holiday week.
- † All those who are particularly struggling with the cold weather or seasonal illnesses.

**Our Mission Focus in February is MK Bridgebuilder Trust.** It works in over 100 primary and secondary schools in Milton Keynes and surrounding villages, helping children and young people consider their beliefs, explore Christianity and make positive life choices.



### DIARY DATES

**There is no Service at St Lawrence but there are the following in the local area:**

- *St Mary Magdalene, Willen: 12.15pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist*
- *St Andrews, Great Linford: 7.00pm Service*
- *St James, New Bradwell: 8.00pm Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes.*

**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.

**NO Chatterbox** meeting—half term. Contact Beth on 01908 319295.

**7:30pm – 9:00pm – Bell ringing** practice in the Church tower, open to new and experienced ringers.

### NOTICES

**Andy & Jane move.** For those who didn't see the announcement last week. Andy, Jane and Ruth moved last Tuesday to Sudbury, Suffolk. Andy & Jane have said how much they really do appreciate the prayers and support during what has been an odd time for them.

**Donations for flowers** - A new list has been put up in the annex (by the bookcase) with dates for flowers in Church for the rest of this year. If you would like to donate cash for flowers to be dedicated to someone or for some event, please put your name in the donations column and we will do our best to accommodate you. Jenny Brookman.

**Bringing Hope into Prison:** Could you bring hope to a prisoner? There is an open day by the Prison Fellowship MK on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2pm until 5pm. There will be guest speakers such as Peter Holloway, Revd. Bob Wilson and Cannon Alan Hodgetts, also information stalls including Prison Alpha, Fellowship and Visiting. Refreshments provided. Location: Water Eaton Church Centre, Drayton Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 3RR. It is hoped that there will be at least 2 representatives from each MK church to attend. To register or questions please email [mikecrussell1@gmail.com](mailto:mikecrussell1@gmail.com) "I was in prison and you came to visit me" matt 25:36

**Thank You,** to all who generously gave of their time and effort to re-plant hedging along the northern boundary of the churchyard. We'll look forward to how things develop in the coming months

**Well Done** Bucks Historic Churches Cycle ride. The JAM group and their leaders raised over £500 in sponsorship money and so Bradwell Church has just received a cheque for £287.13 as our share of the money raised. Thank you to all who took part and those who supported them

currently has no bookings for the chapel. If you know of anyone who needs a meeting room please put them in contact with Paul on [plund89@yahoo.com](mailto:plund89@yahoo.com)



**Appeal:** The crab apple tree. We have an unexpected expense in removal of the crab apple tree. Andrew & Angela did a splendid job in clearing the branches from the footpath. Now we are engaging a contractor to remove the trunk and the branches. The price is £400. Any help towards this will be much appreciated. Thank you.

**Booklet** Please pick up your copy (one per household) of 'Growing through a vacancy'. This booklet is a summary of a survey of 40 churches, and their experiences during a pastoral vacancy. It claims to be a 'must' for Church Officers and Council Members. We think every household should also have a copy

**Bradwell Chapel:** Paul Lund currently has no bookings for the chapel. If you know of anyone who needs a meeting room please put them in contact with Paul on [plund89@yahoo.com](mailto:plund89@yahoo.com)

**Compass courses Spring 2018** – Including Getting to Grips with Paul, A Go(o)d argument- science and faith in dialogue, Leading for a Change. Please help yourself to a leaflet in the annex

or check out - <http://www.missionpartnership.org.uk/compass/>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ⇒ **February 18th** 6.00-6.45pm Church Prayer Meeting. There are some songs to sing, some readings, and prayers. Short prayers; long prayers; halting prayers; fluent prayers. The word is prayer, not length or eloquence. Come and pray!
- ⇒ **February 19th** Monday: 7.45pm – 9.30pm Church Council meeting Bradwell Chapel
- ⇒ **March 7th** Wednesday: 7.30pm Mission Partnership Assembly Cornerstone Church
- ⇒ **March 16th** Friday: Easter Cracked. Volunteers will be requested nearer the date
- ⇒ **March 18th** Sunday: Church AGM (time to be confirmed)
- ⇒ **March 24th** Saturday 10.00am – 4.30pm Buckingham Area Day Conference with the Bishop of Oxford. Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Oxford Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8PE. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential, either through [bucksareaconference.eventbrite.co.uk](http://bucksareaconference.eventbrite.co.uk) or email [bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org)
- ⇒ **March 25th** Sunday: Daylight Saving time starts
- ⇒ **April 1st** Easter Sunday
- ⇒ **April 17th** Tuesday. Visiting bell ringers will ring a quarter-peal in the morning.
- ⇒ **April 21st** Saturday: Church Officers meeting 8.30am – 10.00am Annex
- ⇒ **April 24th** Tuesday: 6.30-8.00pm Citizens:mk Accountability Assembly, Cornerstone Church
- ⇒ **May 13th – 19th** Christian Aid Week 2018