

writes: "I want us to explore the reasons why Milton Keynes is not always a city alive to God. I want to show you where our thinking is taking us so that you can engage with us and help us find the next steps we need to take."

Saturday, 2nd December Bradwell Craft Group 10:00am If you like to sew, knit, crochet, make cards, draw, beadwork and many more craft activities join the Craft Group, at Bradwell Chapel.

Special Christmas services:
 Sunday 3rd December. Christingle 4:00 pm
 Sunday 17th December. Christmas Carols 4:00pm & 6:00pm
 Sunday 24th December. Crib service 4:00pm
 Sunday 24th December. Midnight Communion 11:30pm
 Monday 25th December. Christmas Family Communion 10:00am

QUOTE/UNQUOTE

After a girl heard about an appeal for toys for under privileged children, she went through all her dolls and toys and sent the best ones. When asked why she kept back an old doll with no eye and one arm missing she said, "Nobody else would love a poor thing like this".

Pause for thought

Everything makes music if people have ears to hear, rivers, the breeze, the grass and reeds. There is music everywhere. All we need are ears to hear and hearts in tune with the beauty of the world around us. (Anon)

CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

Please pray for ten North Korean defectors, including a four-year-old child, who were arrested in China this week. They're facing the threat of being forcibly returned to N.Korea by the Chinese authorities, where they will likely face imprisonment in one of N.Korea's harsh prison camps – where the survival rate is almost zero - or even public execution. Their situation is dire, so please urgently petition God for their safety and freedom. Please pray for God's protection while they are in custody, that the international community would come together in their defence and that they would be given sanctuary.

HOUSEGROUPS

Monday:

- **1st 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

Contact details during the vacancy: Tel. 07593 511182 or e-mail bradwellchurch@gmail.com

Sunday November 19th
9:00 am Holy Communion (led by Rob Coles presided by Maggie Prisk)
10:45 am Morning Worship (led by Rob Coles) & Gods Gang

Readings:
 Psalm 57:1-11, (p.552);
 1 Thessalonians 5.16-22 (p.1123)

Church Officer:
 9.00 am – John Trippett.
 10:45 am – Chris Spikings

6:00pm Meeting for Prayer in the Annex (see Page 3).

Peter Green is leading Morning Worship at 11:00 am at Cross & Stable.

Sunday November 26th
9.00 am Morning Worship (led by Chris Spikings)
10.45 am Holy Communion (led by Chris Spikings presided by Judy Rose) & **Gods Gang**

Readings: Psalm 62:1-12, (p.555);
 1 Thessalonians 5.16-22 (p.1123)

Church Officer:
 9:00am – Lynn Laidlaw.
 10:45am – Alan Potter

3:30 pm Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving (with Susan Jackson and Peter Barnes)
 For those we have known and loved

Paul Smith is leading Morning Worship at 11.00 am at Cross & Stable 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.

Contacting the church during the vacancy

There are several ways you can do it:

- Via the church website - <http://bradwellchurch.com>
- Church e-mail - bradwellchurch@gmail.com
- A church mobile number - 07593 511182
- Items for the NoticeSheet - bradwellchurch@gmail.com
- For any additions/changes to the 'Let's pray for' list on the NoticeSheet - Contact Beryl on 01908 321322 giving her the relevant details

PRAYER POINTERS

Pray for

- † The peoples of the Middle East, suffering conflict, hunger & poverty.
- † Those who were bereaved, injured or made homeless in the earthquake in Iran and Iraq.
- † The people of Zimbabwe at a time of uncertainty and change.
- † Our service of remembrance and thanksgiving next Sunday afternoon (November 26) - that it will be a special time for all who come to remember loved ones who have died.
- † The Jowitt family; they'd welcome a speedy conclusion to the legalities around their house sale and purchase.

Our Mission Focus in November is the Church Mission Society, especially remembering our link with Tony & Katherine and their children Anna, Innes, Euan and Eilidh in South East Asia.

Christ Church, Stantonbury to host second Messy Church

A second Messy Church is being planned to be held at Christ Church, Stantonbury, on December 18.

It will be held during the church's Coffee and Cake Morning. From 9.30 to 11.30am.

There will be Christmas craft activities, a treasure hunt, games, play



activities for under fives and Carols around the trees as well as a quiet place, plus coffee and cake.

Messy Church is a less formal way of reaching out to those who would not normally attend church, forming part of mission.

DIARY DATES

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 Beth on 01908 319295.

FRIDAY

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



Saturday

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

11:00am – 3:00pm Memorial Hall Christmas Bazaar There are stalls offering homemade jams and pickles, jewellery, handmade garments, and a Tombola. There are also light refreshments including filled rolls, cakes and sausage rolls as well as tea and coffee.

10.30am – 12 noon Advent Coffee Morning at St Andrews Church Great Linford.

NOTICES



Christmas Publicity:

It's that time of year again! The publicity for our Christmas services and activities is available in the annexe and your help in getting this out into our Parish homes is very much appreciated. Please take cards for your own road plus, if you are able, another road(s) so together we aim to complete delivery prior to the Christingle on the afternoon of 3rd December. **A BIG THANK YOU** in anticipation of your part in this important delivery.

Church redecoration plans: a call for volunteers. Please see the additional notice sheet and think prayerfully about whether you might be able to help

Christingle: Volunteers also required to help distribute the flyers next week to schools and chatterbox parents as well as help preparing the Christingles themselves on the Saturday (2nd). Speak to Mike Morris if you can help.

CAN YOU BE A HELPER? Christmas Cracked Friday 1st December...

In church, we will be hosting more than 120 students (can you imagine?!) as we present the Christmas Story in a fun-packed, high energy session written by Bridgebuilder Trust. There are 2 schools, 2 sessions. 9am-11.30am then 12.45pm-3.15pm. Can you help with a warm welcome, refreshments and craft activities? Everything is prepared for us and although it takes a lot of energy, we all feel so rewarded and privileged to share with these young people. If you are available, please could you give Janet Edsall a call on 01908 225691. Thank you in advance for your support!

Advent Course: There will be a Study Course for Advent at 3.00pm 28th November and 5th, and 12th December in the Library at St Michael's Priory led by Margaret Moakes and Paul Smith using Bishop Steven Croft's course on The Beatitudes. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Paul Smith. 01908 606689 or email paul.a.smith.mk@btinternet.com

Dates for your Diary

Sunday, 19th November, 6.00 – 6.45pm. Meeting for Prayer in the Annex – including some songs and readings. We pray for Bradwell Church at this time – for unity, for vision, for us, for what we do. See you there!

Sunday, 19th November 'A Big Sing' with John Bell of the Iona Community. 5:00pm Great Linford Church. All will be welcome to come along to sing through the season, using songs from around the world and the Iona Community. (A suggested minimum donation of £10 will be graciously asked for in support of St. Andrews' work and the cost of the event.)

Sunday, 26th November 'The Call' – a gathering for worship and prayer for MK. 7.00 – 9.00 pm on Sunday evenings at Christ the Cornerstone.

Tuesday, 28th November Abraham Mwangi, representing **Christian Aid's** partners in Kenya, will be visiting Newport Pagnell United Reformed Church (through the archway opposite Nationwide) from 7.00 pm. The evening includes a fish and chip supper. All welcome. Suggested donation for the meal £6. To book PEvans@christian-aid.org or ring 01865 246 818.

Wednesday, 29th November Mission Partnership 7.30pm at Christ the Vine, Coffee Hall. John