

Food Cupboard: Just a reminder to still keep donating for the Food Cupboard ministry, the box is in the annexe. John and Diana will be collecting regularly throughout the year. The **Soup Run** donation box is also in the annex

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 20th January: Next Church Officers meeting 8:30-10:00

Saturday 2nd February: Bradwell Community Craft Group meet in Bradwell Chapel 10am to 12noon, £2 per session. If you need more details call Ceri Strickland on 01908 227487

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

To get joy, you must give it; to keep it you must scatter it.

'You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence'. Psalm 16:11

HOUSEGROUPS

Monday:

• **1st Monday** of the month, (meeting for Bible study, fellowship and prayer) 1.30 pm at 11 Haltonchester, Bancroft. Contact Beryl 01908 321322 for more details.

Thursday:

• **10.00 am Morning Bible Study** at 12 Atkins Close. Contact Pam 01908 312042.

• **Evening Group: 7.30-9.00pm** at 2 Loughton Road. Call Grayham 01908 318418 or Rod 01908 319295.

Sunday:

• **7.30 pm Sunday Evening Housegroup** meets at various homes. Contact Rob & Kathy Coles 01908 310831.

• **7.30 pm Housegroup** at Nursery Gardens. Contact: Diana 01908 319405 for more info.

• All the groups are 'open' and welcome new people to join them.



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH
Part of the Ecumenical Parish of Stantonbury
(Baptist, Church of England, Methodist, URC)

Following Jesus Sharing his Love

Contact during the Vacancy Tel 07593 511182 email bradwellchurch@gmail.com

Sunday 14th January

10:00 am Holy Communion (led by Mary Cotes) **& Gods Gang**

Readings: 2Chronicles 30:1-27 (p.445); 1Corinthians 11:23-32 (p.1088)

Church Officer – Carol Wood

Following the service there will be a full **Church meeting** to discuss the proposal of appointing an interim Minister. All church members are invited to discuss this important matter.

Sunday 21st January

9:00 am Holy Communion (led by David Lewis)

10:45 am Morning Worship (led by David Lewis) **& Gods Gang**

Readings: 2Chronicles 31:2-13 (p.446); 2Corinthians 9:6-15 (p.1099)

Church Officer 9am – Dawn Ansbro.
10:45am – Stuart Wicks

3:00pm Christian Unity service at St Andrews

Sundays in January to mid-February

We shall be looking at 2Chronicles 29-34, and in particular the revivals under King Hezekiah and his great-grandson, King Josiah. The spiritual condition was in serious decline. Far from worshipping God, his people had introduced idol worship, and even closed the temple doors. God used Hezekiah and Josiah to bring about tremendous revivals. We shall be reading and hearing what characterised those revivals, so we can be encouraged and challenged in our day.

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

CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles." *Psalm 34:17* Last year, Chinese pastor, Gu Yuese was imprisoned on false embezzlement charges. Just before Christmas, he was released from prison after the case against him was unexpectedly dropped. Thank the Lord for his release and pray that he will recover physically and mentally from his time in prison. Pray also for Pastor Gu's family for strength and healing as they welcome him home.

PRAYER POINTERS Please pray for

- An awareness for us all of God's presence guiding and strengthening us, as we begin another year.
- The church meeting this morning to discuss the proposal to appoint an interim minister.
- Wisdom for all in positions of leadership and authority, in the church and the world.
- The people of Zimbabwe suffering significant hardship, that leaders will make wise decisions and positive change will come soon.
- Those working in health and care services at this extremely busy and stressful time of year.

Our Mission Focus in January is Scripture Union which aims to provide opportunities for young people to explore the Bible, respond to Jesus and grow in faith. Last month the Queen attended a service of thanksgiving as Scripture Union marked 150 years of ministry; see *Songs of Praise* this afternoon (BBC1 4.30pm).



We pray for John Trippett, Stella Jipson, Terry Rees, Ann Lucas and Andrew Underwood in their treatment. We also hold in our prayers Janet Spindler, Victoria Wood, Jeremy Murray, Michael Bailey, Beryl Blundell, Beryl Wilson, David James, Wendy Hanson, Mick Carey, Lorraine Kelly, Gibson and parents Debbie & Jay, Barry Dougherty, and Paul Drozd, as well as all those known to us whose names are on our continuing prayer list.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Peter Billingham, Peggy Robinson, Eric Faux and Peter Beatty and all those who have recently lost loved ones. We pray that they may know the comfort and consolation of God's love in their bereavement.

*We were very sorry to hear of the death at home of **Peter Billingham** on New Year's Day. Peter & Barbara have had close connections with Bradwell Church over the years in which they've lived here. **Peggy Robinson** was the mother of Wendy Cunningham and has occasionally attended the 10.45 service with Wendy and John. **Eric Faux** was the cousin of Jill Scoins and **Peter Beatty** the cousin of Ray Scoins.*

DIARY DATES

Wednesday

10:00am – 12 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 – 2:45pm Chatterbox: is an open group, meeting in the

memorial hall, for carers with pre-school children from babies up. Contact Beth on 01908 3129295

7:30pm - 9:00pm Bell Ringing practice in the church tower open to new and experienced ringers

Thursday

10:00am Funeral for Peter Billington. Church & friends are welcome to attend.

Friday: 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 on 07976 182925 or e-mail paulstevenrushton@gmail.com

NOTICES

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

ONE COR IN EIGHTEEN? reading 1 Corinthians between Jan 2018 and Palm Sunday. Late registrations accepted! Register with either Rod Ruston or Sue Robertson. Certificates and Prizes!

Church redecoration plans in the new year to redecorate the Annexe: a call for volunteers. Please see Peter Lazard or a Church Officer about whether you might be able to help. Sign-up sheet in Annexe.

A big thank you to those who helped finance, bring and arrange flowers for our Christmas Services. It was a beautiful display and much appreciated. Jenny

Christian Aid Week 2018 13th - 19th May. Please note the dates in your diary. Planning to organise a door to door collection in our usual area this year. (Bradwell, parts of Heelands and Bancroft by arrangement, or your own road elsewhere by our arrangement with the appropriate organiser from another church). If you prefer not to take part in the door to door collection, we need help with the count at the end of the Week. If you would like to run a coffee morning or another event to raise additional funds for Christian Aid, it would be very welcome. We could order publicity materials if you let Alison know by the end of February, when it is planned to order the envelopes. Please contact Alison Peace. 07983 471391 (Please text for preference)

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 website - <http://www.missionpartnership.org.uk/compass/>

Christian Unity: There will be a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at St Andrew's, Great Linford, at 3.00pm on Sunday, 21 January, organised by the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership.