ST ANDREW’S CHURCH, GREAT LINFORD
STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARISH
Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church

Sunday 2nd September
10am Open Door
& Baptism of baby Cal Stanton
Chuks Iwuagwu
Reading: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Followed by Church BBQ

Following Sunday: Sunday 9th September
10am Eucharist
and re-starting of Sunday School

Trinity 15
Chuks Iwuagwu

Diary Dates

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MONDAY EVENING HOUSE GROUP
The group reconvenes after a summer break NEXT MONDAY (3rd September) from 7.30pm at Julian and Ella’s. Newcomers are most welcome!

1st WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION & OPEN CHURCH
10AM – 12.30/1pm in the church
John is presiding and will be delighted to see regulars and newcomers alike at Holy Communion, and following the service and refreshments, those who wish are also welcome to join his short seminar:-

Towards a simple faith held in knowledge; The Time Between the Testaments
In conjunction with the rise of the Temples and the Priesthood four significant 'philosophies' influenced the milieu into which Jesus was born. The Sadducees (ultra-conservative aristocratic nobles, merchants, and government officials who some saw as corrupt collaborators with the Jewish overlords); the Scribes (lay. Guardians and expositors of 'the Law'); the Pharisees (extreme legal rigorists challenging tradition and corruption); and the Zealots (Jewish nationalists and patriots.)

COFFEE MORNING NEXT SATURDAY
10.30am – 12 noon on 8th September in the church
followed by church remaining open for the Ride & Stride Churches Open Day
It’s time to get back into gear already for our September coffee morning, so plenty of offers of help with setting up, coffee making and kitchen duties, baking cakes, bringing contributions for the raffle and spreading the word.

THANKS TO ALL!
A big thank you to TEAM ST. ANDREWS for coming together true to form and working so hard to make the August Afternoon Teas once again so successful. Even the atrocious
weather on the last Sunday did not deter a great turnout. Well done to all for whichever of the many ways you contributed – donations for supplies, signing up for duties, baking cakes, manning stalls, stepping in at the last minute when you saw a need, spreading the word amongst friends and neighbours. The list goes on, as you well know. Total raised will be made known soon.

PS Please collect your cake etc. containers from the kitchen a.s.a.p. They’re on the draining board of the flower sink.

~ FUNDING BID UPDATE ~

The planning group had its second meeting on Tuesday August 28th and we want to say a big thank you to everyone who has responded to our requests for information and help. We have had a terrific response and are now able to begin drafting the two preliminary reports which we need before we can proceed with any detailed plans - the Statement of Significance and Need for the Diocese and the Expression of Interest report for the Heritage Lottery Fund. Unless and until we obtain support from these two organisations we cannot proceed with any detailed plans.

Please bear with us while we do the drafting. We aim to have a draft report for the Diocese for consideration at our next planning group meeting on October 16th. We will then seek comments and contributions from the wider congregation before the report is finalised.

Please note - neither of these reports will contain any detailed proposals about what we want to do. This will come at the next stage and after further consultation with the congregation. In the meantime please speak to any one of us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you for all your help and support with this.

The Planning Group ~ Janet Galley, Graham Clarke, Jill Clarke, Jackie Williamson

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Morning Prayer: every Saturday at 8.30am in church
(on certain Saturdays during the summer - announced in newsletter – church will be open from 9.30 – 12 noon – visitors welcome)

Sunday School: a programme of activities in the Bell Tower for children of the congregation as part of Sunday services (except for "Open Door")

Healing Prayer Group: 2pm the 1st Monday of month (please enquire about venue and date which occasionally vary)

House Group: 7.30pm on Monday evenings (date/venue varies)

Church Bellringers: every Tuesday at 7.30pm

Communion on the first Wednesday of the month: 10am at St. Andrews followed by coffee. Church usually stays open till 1pm

Children’s Choir: rehearsals every FRIDAY during term time from 5.15–6.15pm

WHO TO CONTACT AT ST. ANDREWS

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Lay chair: Mary O’Neale ~ Verger: Ann Fountaine 07443 956000
Church music co-ordinator: Glenys Bloomfield ~ Children’s Choir: Glynis Dudeney
Newsletter: Jennifer Foskett (items for inclusion by the previous Wednesday please)
Newsletter email: greatlinford@googlemail.com

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