

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

*Six thriving and growing churches, making Christ known in
our area of Milton Keynes.*



September 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to September's edition of the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Newsletter

Partnership Events for September

Saturday 3rd September

09:30 – 12:00 SEP Prayer Morning

At **Christ Church**, come when you can, stay as long as you like.

On the half hour 5 minutes of led reflection and Prayer.

Coffee, tea, cold drinks and snacks available.

BECOMING KINGDOM PEOPLE

Our prayer will centre on how we take Jesus into our communities, and our local and global concerns especially climate change and the cost of living crisis.

Prayer options: interactive Prayer stations, making collage working together or individually, chatting and sharing stories, praying with scripture.

Please take this opportunity to pray and listen to God's leading.

Sunday 11th September

16.00 Tree Cathedral Service.

All in SEP invited – Rev David Lewis' last Tree Cathedral service.

For more details see individual Church notice sheets.

Thursday 15th September

19:30 SEC Meeting

Venue tba

Partnership News

The Standing Committee met on 18th August to discuss the Operating Procedures for the Partnership and the suggestions for a new structure for ministry within a global future of less ordained ministers. They will meet again on 1st September and Nicola will meet with members of the ministry to discuss our spiritual journey together on 8th September.

August Sunday Teas at St Andrews

I enjoyed a lovely cup of tea and a cake with my friends last Sunday and enjoyed talking to Dominic, who sat with us. Thank you to all who were helping there.

Partnership Prayer Meeting

(See above). Thank you to Margaret Broadhurst and Colin Taylor for organising and enabling this meeting.

Tree Cathedral Service

David Lewis has invited the congregations of all six churches in the Partnership to his last service at the Tree Cathedral. Ministers from each denomination will say goodbye to him there, but his final service will be at Christ Church, Stantonbury on 3rd October.

Heritage Week 9th – 18th September

The theme is Astounding Inventions

The booklets are available in all libraries and supermarkets. Many events are in churches as there are many heritage buildings around us. St. Mary Magdalene has an event every day, so please look at the attached leaflet. The week begins with the Bucks Ride and Stride, visiting churches all day on Saturday 10th September.

Thank you, John, and could everyone at our six churches please refer to this newsletter for dates of services, so that your church newsletter can hold other information and it saves 5 people a job.

Warm blessings, Sharron secchair22@gmail.com

Churches Together in Milton Keynes Trust.

We are pleased to announce that the new Ecumenical body has now been registered as a CIO with the Charity Commission. This means that the trustees can now meet as a body and decide how to take the process forward. More information will be coming out soon.

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership CIO registration.

Encouraged by the short time that it took to get the 'Churches Together Trust' registered we hope to have the SEP registration confirmed in a short while. We received some good news in July that the Baptist Pension fund is no longer in deficit so there will not be a debt to carry over to the new charity. This was proving to be a potential barrier to proper registration, and we are relieved that that has been removed, but we await the final legal niceties.

Adrian Prisk *Treasurer SEC*

Our Churches Services and Events

Bradwell Church, St Lawrence

Sunday 4th at 10:30 **Morning Worship**

Led by Maggie Prisk

Sunday 11th at 10:30 **Communion Service**

Led by Rev Dr Paul Smith

Sunday 18th at 10:30 **All Age Worship**

Led by Rev Esther Squire

Sunday 25th at 10:30 **Communion Service**

Led by Rev Steve Barnes



Services are frequently live-streamed on Facebook using the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/BradwellChurchMK>

Christ Church, Stantonbury

Sunday 4th at 10:30 **Morning Worship**

Led by Rev David Lewis

Sunday 11th at 10:30 **Morning Worship**

Led by Rev Jenny Boxwell

Sunday 18th at 10:30 **Communion Service**

Led by Rev David Lewis

Sunday 25th at 10:30 **Morning Worship**

Led by Rev David Lewis



All Sunday services are live-streamed to Christ Church's Facebook page, using the link below. You don't need to belong to Facebook in order to follow the service.

Streaming starts from 10.25 <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchmk/>

There is also a Christ Church website at www.christchurchmk.org.uk which has the service details on it and which is updated each week

Saturday 17th at 09:30 **Coffee and cake morning**

all donations received go to Christ Church coffee money charity.

Morning Drop-In every Wednesday 10.00 – 11.30.

This has returned to Christ Church, refreshments available

Cross and Stable, Downs Barn

Sunday 4th at 11:00 **Signed Communion Service**

Led by Rev Peter Green

Sunday 11th at 11:00 **Communion Service**

Led by Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe

Sunday 18th at 11:00 **Morning Worship**

Led by Stephen Fletcher

Sunday 25th at 11:00 **Communion Service**

Led by Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe



Services are live-streamed on Zoom with the link normally being published on www.stantonbury.net on a Saturday

Chatterbox every Wednesday from 10:30 to 12:30. All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet and chat. Come and meet others

St. Andrews', Great Linford

Sunday 4th at 10:00 **Open Door with Baptism**

Led by Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu

Sunday 11th at 10:00 **Communion Service**

Led by Rev David Lewis

Sunday 18th at 10:00 **Communion Service**

Led by Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu

Sunday 25th at 10:00 **Communion Service**

Led by Rev Prof John Beazley

Sunday Evening Prayer at 5:00 on Zoom



Morning Services are live-streamed on Facebook using this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsGL>

Sunday 4th at 12.00 **Back to School BBQ**

Once again, Chuks is hosting a barbecue in the church grounds for any families who would like to come along and join members of our Youth Group for burgers and hotdogs (£1.50 each) and fun and games for all ages. Proceeds will go to our Organ Fund. You will need to bring chairs or blankets to sit on and will find plenty of parking adjacent at the end of Parklands (off St Leger Drive, Great Linford).

Please let St Andrews know via greatlinford@googlemail.com if you would like to attend and note that it will go ahead even if BBQ bans are still in place as we have a contingency plan! (See poster at end of Newsletter).

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th September

Heritage Weekend at St Andrews

Refreshments, displays and guided history walks in the Manor Park.

Further information at theparkstrust.com

St. James', New Bradwell

Sunday 4th at 10.00 **Communion Service**

Led by Rev Dr Paul Smith

Sunday 11th at 10:00 **Morning Worship**

Led by Helen Rouse

Sunday 18th at 10:00 **Communion Service**

Led by Rev Dr Paul Smith and Rev Duncan Barnes

Sunday 25th at 10:00 **Methodist Communion Service**

Led by Rev Nicola Martyn-Beck



Every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 St James' hosts a Coffee Morning and every Thursday from 14:00 to 16:30 there is a drop-in Café.

Visit St James' website at www.stjamesnewbradwell.org.uk for more information.

St. Mary Magdalene, Willen

Sunday 4th at 09:30 All Age Worship

Led by Margaret Moakes

Sunday 11th at 09:30 Communion Service

Led by Rev Hannah Akibo-Betts

Sunday 18th at 09:30 Morning Worship

Led by Margaret Moakes

Sunday 25th at 09:30 Communion Service

Led by Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe



Every Monday at 1:30 Willen Choir rehearse and at 7:30 Quorum rehearse.

Every Saturday 10:00-12:00 Volunteer Gardening at St Mary Magdalene Church.

Join volunteers as they continue with the restoration.

New faces welcome!

Monthly T.T.T.T.

Third Tuesday Twelve Thirty – There will be no lunchtime concert in September.

(See Heritage week notice at end of Newsletter).

Future Events

5 WAYS CAFÉ at St. Andrews' Church (in partnership with The Parks Trust and the Friends of Great Linford Manor Park)

11:00–13:00 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

A dementia friendly community café offering a cuppa and a chat and the option of joining an accessible guided walk around Great Linford Manor Park and the village.

Visits from care homes, walking groups and other dementia support clubs can be accommodated. To discuss, please contact events@theparkstrust.com or call **01908 233600**. Wheelchair ramp and accessible toilet available.

Also in the 5 Ways Café on the 4th Tuesday of each month, free textiles workshops with local artist, Jane Charles. Learn new skills and contribute to a community project organised by the Friends

Saturday 8th October

13:00 St. Andrews' Harvest Lunch

Ploughman's, dessert & coffee with musical entertainment from 'Cross Roots' band and singers

Tickets from greatlinford@gmail.com

Saturday 8th October

Time tba Barn Dance at St. James'

Featuring the 'Barnestompers'

Further details to follow.

Saturday 22nd October

19:30 Band Concert

Bradwell Silver Band play their Autumn Concert at St. James'.

Further details to follow.

Wednesday 26th October

13.00 – 15.00 A History of Wolverton Railway Works

Did you know that the railway Works at Wolverton was built in 1838 and is now the oldest continuously operating standard gauge railway works in the world ?

These and many more interesting facts about the Works will be revealed in a presentation by Phil Marsh at New Bradwell Community Centre as above. Admission is free. This is being hosted by the New Bradwell over 50's club.

Because a similar presentation was due to have been held at St. James church in early 2020 but fell victim to the pandemic, it has been decided to open the presentation to a wider all age audience and for this reason Phil Marsh has kindly waived his fees. Phil started work with British Rail in 1973, taking on many managerial roles and is now a railway consultant, journalist, author, T.V and radio broadcaster for informed comments on railway matters.

If you would like to join us for the event, please would you let me know in advance by calling Graham Crisp on 01908 315752 or by email :- grahamc90@gmail.com

Monday 31st October

17:00-19:00 'Glow in the Dark Party'

St. James' alternative to Halloween

Saturday 5th November

Time tba Friends in Tune

A classical concert from St. James'.

Further details to follow.

Saturday 26th November

Time tba St. James' Christmas Fayre

Further details to follow.

Other Items

News from Diocese of Oxford

The Great Big Green Week 24th September to 2nd October 2022 is a nationwide celebration of all actions on climate change, taking place across the U.K. This falls during the Churches Season of Creation, giving Christian groups the perfect opportunity to join in. Last year over 5000 groups joined in. Go to the GBGW website for ideas and resources for your church group.

This also supports Bishop Steven's new question within the Baptism Service; Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth? With the help of God I will.

All Bishops now drive electric or Hybrid vehicles.

Creation Care Journey

Are you an Eco Church? There is a map of registered churches on the A Rocha UK website, so check yours is there.

There is a Greenshoots network for like-minded Christians so hopefully the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership will take this forward for all our churches.

COVID National church guidance

The guidance is clear that we should continue to offer Holy Communion in both kinds, but it is important that no pressure is placed on individual members of congregation to receive the sacrament if they feel unable to do so.

News from the Regional Central Baptist Union

Meet the new Team Leader, Lisa Kerry via YouTube on centralba.org.uk, where she is asked quick fire questions.

EQUIP online workshops begin on Saturday 10th September from 2-4. Equip is a two year online course open to everyone between the ages of 18 and 30 who is in a Christian leadership and would like to explore what it means to lead from a place that is Christ centred. The course is free to all learners.

News from the Methodist Circuit

The new President from the Methodist Conference 2022 attended the recent Lambeth palace Conference, and his address can be read on the Methodist Circuit website.

News from The United Reformed Church

The September issue of REFORM, has an article titled, "What is the Russian Church thinking?" The United Reformed Church is trying to get to grips with what is happening in Ukraine and writes about the number of Ukraine refugees living in manses.

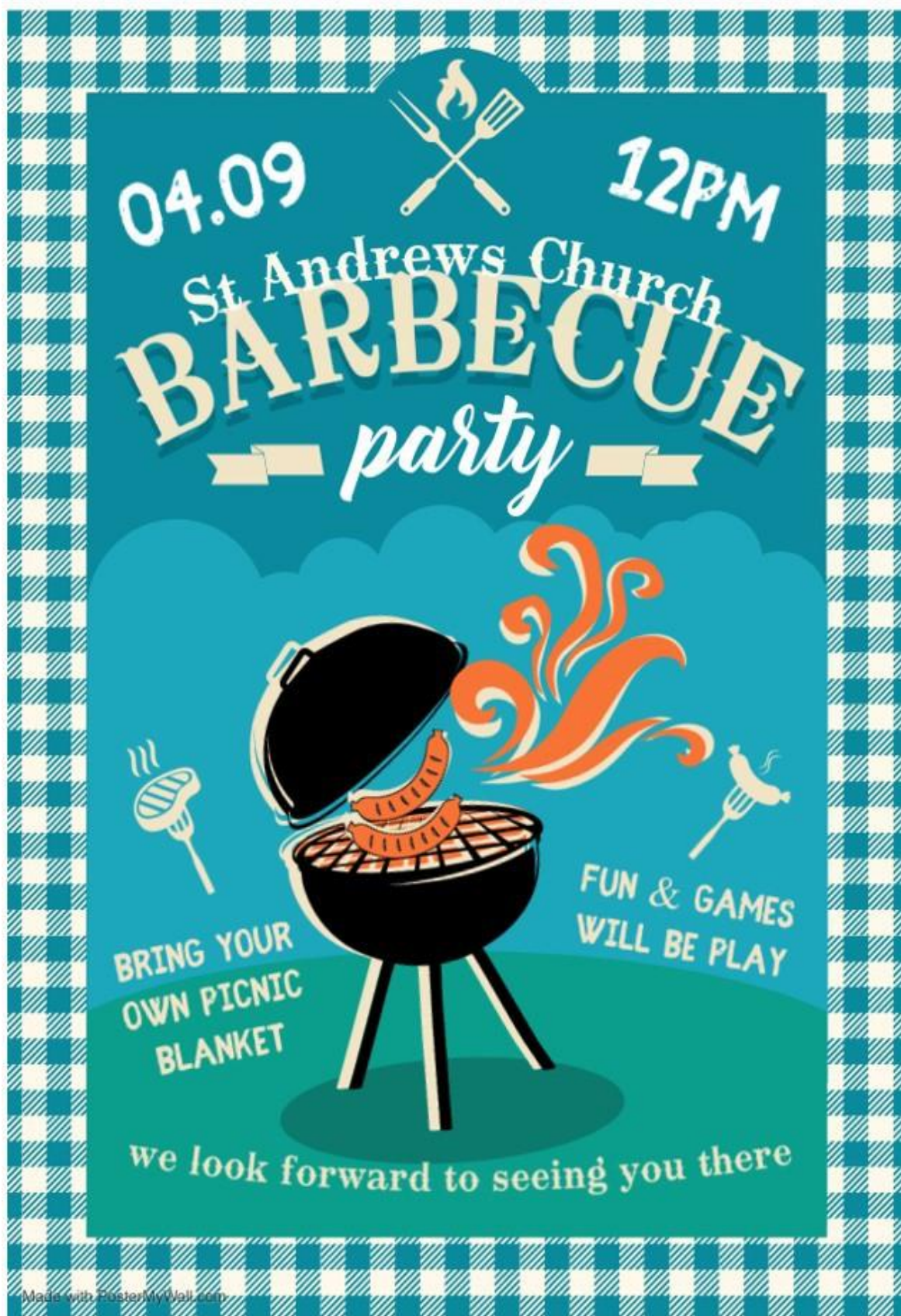
I hope that you find this newsletter interesting and useful. If there is anything you think would make it better or find any glaring omissions, please let your Church newsletter editor, Sharron or myself know.

the deadline for information to go into October's issue is Sunday 25th September.

John Porter notices@stjamesnewbradwell.org.uk

*There is no **Last Word** item this month as I am including the poster for St. Andrews' BBQ and the information about St. Mary Magdalene's input to Heritage week.*

*However, if you would like an item (no more than 1½ pages please) included for the **Last Word** either next month, or sometime in the future, just send it to me at the above email above before the deadline*



St Mary Magdalene

Heritage Open Days
Milton Keynes

FREE EVENTS

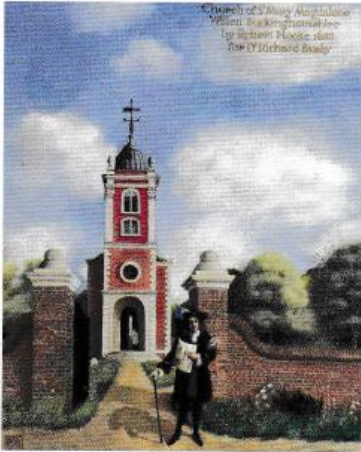
9 – 18 September 2022



77 Children's Story Time at Willen Church

St Mary Magdalene Church

Looking for an after-school activity? Join us for story time as a local storyteller brings some tall tales for small children to this beautiful Grade I listed church



Times: Tuesday 13 September 1530 - 1630
Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road.

10 Beautiful Church Beautiful Garden at Willen Church

St Mary Magdalene Church

Visit this historic church today and take a look at the before and after photographs of the recently reclaimed church garden, restored by a team of local gardening volunteers. Afterwards you can pick yourself up a horticultural bargain at the church's plant sale!

Times: Friday 9 September 1000 - 1700

9 Robert Hooke's Astounding Architecture at Willen Church

St Mary Magdalene Church

Visit this beautiful Grade 1 Listed building, designed by Robert Hooke, open every day from 1000 to 1700 for you to enjoy during Heritage Open Days. Sit in the wonderful Garden of Remembrance, cared for by volunteers from the Willen community. Inside, feel the spiritual peace of a building that has had so many prayers said in it since 1668.



103 Rolling Home In Concert & Willen Hospice presentation at Willen Church

St Mary Magdalene Church

Enjoy a musical interlude with Rolling Home as they entertain with a selection from their wide range of songs. Followed by a presentation from Willen Hospice about their work and future plans. Got a question? Get answers at the Q&A session afterwards!

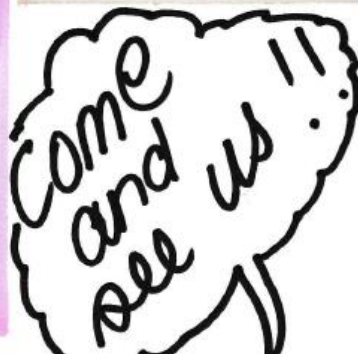
Times: Thursday 15 September 1530 - 1700

155 Family Church Service In Praise Of Robert Hooke at Willen Church

St Mary Magdalene Church

A fascinating service in praise of the scientist Robert Hooke, who designed St Mary Magdalene Church, and an insight into the life of Mary Magdalene. Listen to Margaret Moakes (licenced lay minister) as she presents her unique take on these two figures and how they influenced the world. Family worship suitable for all ages.

Times: Sunday 18 September service 0930 - 1030 (church open all day)



131 Meet Robert Hooke at Willen Church

St Mary Magdalene Church

Robert Hooke will be visiting us for the day today so come and meet him and ask him about his astounding inventions and the beautiful church he created!

Times: Saturday 17 September 1000 - 1700

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB



65 Play & Chat with Willen Hospice Choir

St Mary Magdalene Church

Enjoy an afternoon in this beautiful church being entertained by Willen Hospice Choir. The choir is made up of Willen Hospice supporters, patients, relatives, friends, volunteers and staff who come together to sing.

Times: Monday 12 September 1330 - 1430
Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road,



90 Church History Talk & Fun Quiz at Willen Church with speaker John Figg

St Mary Magdalene Church

Listen to the fascinating history of St Mary Magdalene church and its connection to Robert Hooke and then see how many answers you can get right in our fun local history quiz!

Times: Wednesday 14 September 1130 - 1330

Location: St Mary Magdalene



148 Quorum Choral Performance at Willen Church

St Mary Magdalene Church

Enjoy a beautiful choral performance from MK chamber choir Quorum in the peaceful church. Quorum specialise in Renaissance and contemporary sacred choral music and are well known for innovative and imaginative programming. The choir has an outstanding reputation for singing challenging unaccompanied repertoire to the highest standard.

Times: Saturday 17 September 1400 - 1500