

# Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

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



## November 2022 Newsletter

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

### Partnership Events

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 19:00**

**Come and meet the Rev Polly Falconer!**

UKME Development Enabler (Oxford Diocese).

Join a Zoom meeting being hosted by Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

Polly will talk about her role, developments in the Diocese of Oxford in developing racial awareness and justice, and be available for informal questions and answers.

Andrew Anderson-Gear, Director of Mission and Ministry writes of Polly's role: "As a diverse, multi-cultural diocese, we need to be reflective of our community and their needs, and Polly will be instrumental in helping us to ensure that we are leading by example - promoting a better understanding of racism, racial issues and cultural diversity."

For more information go to [Polly Falconer appointment news](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86820657427?pwd=bmZDUy9vY3ZVdVhWUUFsOGVYaZVIZz09>

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## **Partnership News**

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership is now registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. We are a Charitable incorporated Organisation and any funding requests need to use this registration information rather than the governing document as in the past. This makes bidding for funding much easier.

Thank you to all six congregations for your contribution on what the future ministry in SEP could look like. The Standing Committee discussed your points on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October and will determine a way forward at the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Council meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. I'll put the outcome in the December newsletter and your reps will also be able to let you know what will happen next.

### **Remembrance Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

I could not find any churches or council events marking Remembrance Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November this year and am not certain why this is the case. Covid seems to have stopped this event and it has not yet returned. Poppies will be on sale from this week end.

MK Dons are holding an Armed Forces Day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, where the Royal British Legion will lead a minute's silence to allow everyone inside the Stadium MK to remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country. Any members of the armed forces, cubs, brownies, cadets etc. can enter the ground for £1.

An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday is available from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

## **In Flanders Fields**

**By John Mccrae 1872-1918**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

Thank you, John, for editing and publishing this leaflet so well. I hope it is possible for individual congregational newsletters to be less filled with dates of services and regular occurrences and more news.

Warm blessings, Sharron, Chair of SEP [secchair22@gmail.com](mailto:secchair22@gmail.com)

## **Our Churches Services and Events**

### **Bradwell Church, St Lawrence**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**      **Morning Worship**

*Led by Colin Taylor*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**      **Communion Service**

*Led by Rev Dr Paul Smith*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**      **All Age Worship**

*Led by Rev Esther Squire*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**      **Communion Service**

*Led by Mike Morris and Rev Dr Paul Smith*



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

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

### **Christ Church, Stantonbury**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**      **Morning Worship**

*Led by Rev Dr Mary Cotes*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**      **Morning Worship**

*Led by Maggie Prisk*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**      **Communion Service**

*Led by Rev Peter Ballantine*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**      **Morning Worship**

*Led by Stephen Fletcher*



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](http://www.christchurchmk.org.uk) which has the service details on it and which is updated each week

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00**      **Signed Communion Service**

*Led by Rev Peter Green*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00**      **Communion Service**

*Led by Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00**      **Morning Worship**

*Led by Stephen Fletcher*



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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stantonbury.net) on 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**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Communion**

*Led by Rev Prof John Beazley*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Open Door with Baptism**

*Led by Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Communion Service**

*Led by Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Communion Service**

*Led by Rev Prof John Beazley*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Communion Service**

*Led by Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu*

**Sunday Evening Prayer at 5:00** on Zoom every week

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Communion each month followed at 10:30 by refreshments and fellowship and the chance to join a lively discussion

Morning Worship every Wednesday at 08:30 in Church. All are welcome to attend in church or on our Facebook page.



**St. James', New Bradwell**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 Communion Service with Baptism**

*Led by Rev Dr Paul Smith*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Remembrance Morning Worship**

*Led by Helen Rouse*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 15:00 Remembrance Parade**

*Led by Rev Dr Paul Smith* (see Bradwell Silver Band website)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Communion Service**

*Led by Rev Duncan Barnes*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 Methodist Communion Service**

*Led by Rev Nicola Martyn-Beck*

Most services will be live-streamed to St James' Facebook page at St James Church, NB.

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](http://www.stjamesnewbradwell.org.uk) for more information.



## **St. Mary Magdalene, Willen**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 09:30 All Age Worship**

*Led by Margaret Moakes*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 14:00 Memorial and Thanksgiving Service**

*Led by Rev Steve Barnes* (see attached Poster for details)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 09:30 Communion Service**

*Led by Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 09:30 Communion Service**

*Led by Fr Jonathan Ewer*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 – a lunchtime concert by 'BACKSTOPS'. All the way from Milton Keynes Village playing 50s and 60s music. Remember those days? Come and join us on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. .

Refreshments available. No entry fee but donations welcome.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:events@theparkstrust.com) or call **01908 233600**. Wheelchair ramp and accessible toilet available.

Also in the 5 Ways Café on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**19:30 Friends in Tune**

Mary Cotes (piano) and Claire Tocknell (violin) are looking forward to their Friends in Tune evening of popular classical music at St. James' Church, New Bradwell on Saturday November 5th, at 7.30 pm. They are particularly delighted to be welcoming the brilliant Ukrainian conservatoire student, mezzo-soprano Anastasia Vasyliuk. The programme will include favourites by Schubert, Dvorak and Elgar.

Mary and Claire have been playing together since their early schooldays, and this will be their first outing since the pandemic. All welcome. Free entry. Donations (including contactless) invited.

This will be live-streamed on St James Facebook page.

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

10:00-16:00 **St. James' Christmas Fayre**

Come along and enjoy festive stalls, crafts and refreshments!

## Christmas Services (as of time of publication)

### Bradwell Church

11 <sup>th</sup> December at 16:00	Christingle	
18 <sup>th</sup> December time tba	Carols	
24 <sup>th</sup> December at 15:00	Crib Service	Rev Esther Squire
at 23.30	Communion	Rev Dr Paul Smith
25 <sup>th</sup> December at 10:00	Communion	tba

### Christ Church

18 <sup>th</sup> December at 10:30	Carol Service	Maggie Prisk
24 <sup>th</sup> December at 21:00	Midnight in Bethlehem	Maggie Prisk
25 <sup>th</sup> December at 10:30	Morning Worship	Rev Nicola Martyn-Beck

### St. Andrew's

18 <sup>th</sup> December at 18:00	Carol Service	Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu
24 <sup>th</sup> December at 16:00	Crib Service	Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu
at 23:00	Communion	Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu
25 <sup>th</sup> December at 10:00	Communion	Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu

### St. James'

4 <sup>th</sup> December at 16:00	Café Carols	
18 <sup>th</sup> December at 19:00	Carol Service	Helen Rouse / Rev Duncan Barnes
24 <sup>th</sup> December at 17:00	Crib Service	Rev Duncan Barnes
25 <sup>th</sup> December at 10:00	Communion	Rev Dr Paul Smith

### St. Mary Magdalene

18 <sup>th</sup> December at 17:00	Carol Service	Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe
24 <sup>th</sup> December at 23:30	Communion	Rev Steve Barnes
25 <sup>th</sup> December at 09:30	Communion	Rev Dr Sam Muthuveloe

## External Ecumenical News

### News from Diocese of Oxford

In November 2020, the Church of England published a comprehensive set of resources on the theme of human sexuality: Living in Love and Faith. In his own contribution to the next stage of discernment, Steven Croft considers the most pressing question: the Church of England's response to same-sex relationships. Sharing his personal journey from parish ministry in Yorkshire to serving Bishop of Oxford, and recounting poignant conversations with the LGBTQ+ community and conservative Christian groups, Bishop Steven offers reflections and practical suggestions on this challenging topic.

**Please note:** Together in Love and Faith is published by the Bishop of Oxford. The cover price of £2.50 covers production costs and postage. For anyone unable to pay online, a single copy is available free of charge

**Licensed Lay Ministers:** Annual Service and Licensing, at **11:00** on **5<sup>th</sup> November**, in Christ Church Cathedral.

Support and celebrate your licensed lay ministers being admitted to the role or re-affirming their vows. Book your place at:

[LLM Annual Service and Licencing Tickets, Sat 5 Nov 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite.](#)

## **News from the Methodist Circuit**

### **Winter Night Shelter MK**

Throughout the pandemic the Winter Night Shelter MK has continued to provide support to local homeless adults through their daytime work at Unity Park – the old bus station through offering support and triage services and offering meals.

As there is a growing need with the approach of winter and thoughts that the government is unlikely to continue with their 'housing everyone through winter' scheme, the Woburn Sands branch is going to open up again in St Mary's Catholic Church hall to provide overnight shelter on Sundays between 4<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023. It is a really worthwhile thing to do in serving others and a stark reminder that homelessness can be very close to us all.

If you are interested in helping setting up beds or helping early on Monday mornings to clear up, please contact [wsnightshelter@gmail.com](mailto:wsnightshelter@gmail.com)

## **News from The United Reformed Church**

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published the final report of its hearings and investigations on 20<sup>th</sup> October. The report makes 20 recommendations which the United Reformed Church (URC) will now study in detail and make any necessary changes to its policy and practice.

## **Churches Together**

The Week of Prayer 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 already has a list of churches providing activities during this week. Has your church something to contribute? Please let us all know. Their website [www.ctmk.church](http://www.ctmk.church) has a daily prayer.

## **Other Items**

### **Baptism Celebrations!**

The Methodist Church in Zimbabwe Fellowship (MCZF) Milton Keynes Branch held its first Baptisms since its inauguration in November 2021. The well attended service was held at Freeman Memorial Methodist Church on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Invited guests included the fellowship groups from the Salvation Army, United Methodist Church and Church of England.

## **MKUH Interfaith Week Chaplaincy Team Walk – November 2022**

The Chaplaincy team which covers Milton Keynes University Hospital and Willen Hospice have been working hard over the past year to visit faith and belief communities to learn more about the worldviews of those in our city and what support would be valuable to them if they or a loved one became unwell and was in hospital. As part of Interfaith Week 2022 the team have decided to do a sponsored walk which takes in places of worship in our city. They hope that people will join them for parts of the journey to walk and talk about the value of interfaith relationships and support within a chaplaincy context.

The walk will be approximately 14 miles long and take in Willen hospice, Nipponzan Buddhist temple, Murugan Hindu Temple, Sikh Gurdwara, Reform Jewish Synagogue, St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Milton Keynes Islamic Centre and the ecumenical church, Christ the King, Kents Hill, starting and finishing at MKUH.

The team will be briefly stopping in each location to talk to people from the community and to share their hopes for the expansion of the chaplaincy service to be more inclusive of a broad range of faiths and worldviews. People are then welcome to join in with the walk and continue those conversations.

The money they raise will go towards this goal of deeper inclusion, which includes appointing two additional chaplains to make their team more representative of the diverse faith and belief groups within our city.

For more information and to donate go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mkuhchaplaincywalk>

A book John Beazley has written entitled 'The Questions Put by Jesus' has now been published by Austin Macauley Publishers LTD, (£9.99.), which some of you may be interested in. At present, books are available locally via Jackie Williamson, the treasurer at St Andrew's, ('or John if Jackie is away), and our hope is that they might raise a little financial support for their church in these difficult times.

*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 December's issue is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.*

John Porter [notices@stjamesnewbradwell.org.uk](mailto:notices@stjamesnewbradwell.org.uk)

*And finally this month's **Last Word** is going to The MK Food Bank Reverse Advent Campaign who along with a number of other charities are doing fantastic work in this time of hardship for so many families.*

*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. JP*



## MK Food Bank Reverse Advent Campaign 2022



- Find a box or use one of ours
- Fill it with long life food items and Christmassy treats throughout November
- Deliver it back to us by the 2nd of December
- We will distribute food to people in need in time for Christmas! ❤️



[mkfoodbank.org.uk/latest-appeal](https://mkfoodbank.org.uk/latest-appeal)  
14 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm MK11 3HB  
01908 322800



- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Pulses
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Long Life Milk
- Juice or Squash
- Jams, Peanut Butter

- Tinned Pasta
- Tinned Veg
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Rice
- Rice Pudding/Custard
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Loo Roll

*And don't forget to include....*



- Small Chocolates/sweets
- Christmassy snacks
- Mini Christmas cakes
- Crisps and Nuts