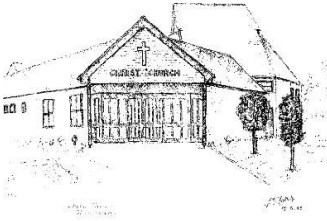


# **CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY**

## **STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP**

***Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.***



**Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People**

### **Christ Church Service. – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. – Palm Sunday service with Communion and virtual communion.**

#### **10.30 am – Morning Worship**

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am when our Communion and virtual communion service will be led by Dave Haseldine.

If you would like to partake in the Virtual Communion, we invite you to have bread and wine ready, so that we may eat and drink together as we share in communion.

**The Readings** are from Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 and Mark 11:1-11

This service will also be streamed to our Facebook page, using the link below. You don't need to belong to Facebook in order to follow the service.

We will start streaming from 10.25am

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

We look forward to sharing our services with you.

**Following this service (at about 12 noon) we will be holding Christ Church's AGM.** The Minutes from last years AGM have been sent out in a separate email.

At this meeting we need to appoint our church administrator, Maggie has agreed to stand again but will need two nominations. Please speak to her on Sunday if you would like to nominate her.

#### **Holy Week – Services**

**St Andrews** – Maundy Thursday service at 7pm

Good Friday Service at 2pm.

**Willen Church** – Reflective service on Good Friday at 1-45pm.

#### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Our services on easter Sunday will start at:

9am A short Communion service led by Peter Ballantine. Followed by breakfast.

10.30 am Easter day celebration service led by Maggie Prisk.

**Attached to this email is a message from Dave Haseldine for April.**

**Prayer requests**

Please remember in your prayers, Nancy Dua who is in hospital at the moment. Jean and Peter Wood, Rachel Howarth. James Whysall (Penny Miller's father), Peter Thorpe, Patricia and Len Collins, Roberta Corley. Audrey (Steve Millers mum), David and Caroline (David is Jamie Slee's brother). Hugh and Sheila (Anne Slee's parents).

Please pray for Cis and her family as she is recovering from having a stroke last week.

Pray for the people of Afghanistan. Ukraine, Israel and Gaza.

**Housegroups week starting 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

Wednesday Group - There is no Wednesday house group this week.

Thursday Group at 7.30pm - Contact Richard Solly (01908 317392)

(On zoom meeting)

**The Wednesday morning Drop-In 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

The Wednesday morning Drop-In meets at church between 10:00 and 11:30 am. Refreshments will be available.

The drop-in is also available online via our Facebook group, for those who wish to meet remotely.

**Under 5s -Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

Under 5s, meet from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the church hall. (Term time only.)

This will be our last meeting until April 18<sup>th</sup> due to it being the Easter holidays.

**Coffee and Cake – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Our Coffee and Cake morning is on the third Saturday of the month. Come along for a pleasant morning and a chat over a cup of coffee and some cake. It is also open, for people around the campus to join us. The time is 9.30am to 11.30 am.

**For April and May - The charity we are supporting is:**

**Christian Aid**

An agency of the churches in the UK and Ireland working with local organisations throughout the world wherever the need is greatest. [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

## **Food Bank Donations**

Maggie has spoken to The Food Bank re our Easter donations to them, they have said that they do not require Easter eggs as they usually get lots donated to them from the supermarkets, but they are very low on the cupboard stock, listed below is a suggested list of items needed. (I have also attached the suggested list to the email.) If you are able to donate any of the listed items or anything else, we will make sure they get to the Food Bank.

- Tinned Meat - Tinned Fish
- Long Life Milk - Juice or Squash
- Cooking Oil - Spreads – Jams, Peanut Butter, or Chocolate Spread
- Tinned Pasta - Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Fruit - Dried Rice – 500g
- Tinned Veg - Dried Pasta
- Tinned Soups - Savoury Snacks/Cereal Bars
- Toiletries

## **Eco Church**

We have been awarded a Bronze Eco Church award. We were assessed for this in 5 categories: Worship & teaching, Buildings, Land, Lifestyle and Community engagement. If you have ideas for how we can demonstrate our care for creation either at church or individually, please let Anne, Nancy or Margaret know.

### **ECO CHURCH TIP.**



Did you know that during 1 week last year, the UK threw away 2 billion pieces of plastic, only 12% of which was recycled? The Big Plastic Count is a nationwide initiative to reveal how much plastic the UK throws away. You can play your part by monitoring your rubbish and completing a chart. The results will be used to convince UK government ministers to lead the way at the Global Plastics Treaty talks in 2024, and push for a really strong treaty.

Taking part in The Big Plastic Count is really easy. Here's what you need to do:

1. **Register:** Get your free counting pack (digital or via post) which includes everything you need to take part
2. **Get Counting:** Count all your plastic waste from 11-17 March.
3. **Submit Results:** Submit your data via our website by 31 March.
4. **Get Your Footprint:** Discover your plastic footprint and use the results to make a difference!

Sign up here:

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up/households7>

### **Do you have a Favourite Hymn?**

If you have a favourite hymn, please let Maggie know and she will pass your suggestions on to visiting preachers and she is also happy to use them in her services.

### **WHO TO CONTACT AT CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY**

**Minister:** Rev David Haseldine 01908 614411 or [david.haseldine@methodist.org.uk](mailto:david.haseldine@methodist.org.uk)

**Administrator:** Maggie Prisk 01908 605815 or [maggie.a.prisk@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.a.prisk@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Adrian Prisk 01908 605815 or [aprisk@doctors.org.uk](mailto:aprisk@doctors.org.uk)

**Worship Co-ordinator:** Susan Gander 01908 312162 or [susan.gander@gmail.com](mailto:susan.gander@gmail.com)

**Items for the Newsletter:** Pat Parsons 01908 318188 or [pat.a.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:pat.a.parsons@gmail.com)

(Notices for the newsletter, please, by Thursday evening at the latest, and preferably earlier)

### **Christ Church web site**

Please take a look at our Website on [www.christchurchmk.org.uk](http://www.christchurchmk.org.uk)

**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership** has a new Facebook Group, for sharing news on events at the 6 churches in the partnership, to help bring us closer together and invite people in. Please look for it at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/208567765189229>

and join the group if you'd like to.

## **Gift Aid It**

### **Donations and Gift Aid**

If you are a taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation(s). Please see our treasurer, Adrian Prisk about signing a Gift Aid declaration form. If making cash donations, please put notes and coins in an envelope and add your name before depositing it in the collection box which is currently placed by the door into the Worship area. Please consider making regular donations by standing order or bank transfer. We can supply bank details etc. Thank you for supporting the work of the church.

### **Congregational guidelines for attending Christ Church**

If you feel unwell and/or are displaying the classic symptoms of COVID-19, please do not come to church. If you have tested positive for COVID in the last 7 days, please do not come to church.

Hand sanitiser is available just inside the coffee lounge, for you to use on entering and exiting the building and at any other time, as needed. Additional hand sanitiser is available in the entrance porch to the hall.