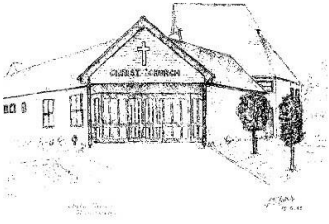


CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY
STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP
Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.



Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People

Christ Church Service. – Sunday 17th November

10.30 am –All Age Worship Service.

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 17th November at 10.30 am when our service will be led by Jenny Boxwell.

The Readings are from 1 Samuel 1:1-20 and Hebrews 10:11-14 & 19-25.

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.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday 17th November

Following our service on the 17th November we will be holding a congregational meeting.

Sunday 24th November our Morning service with Communion and virtual Communion will be led by Rev Chi Okpala

Prayer requests

Please remember in your prayers: Nancy Warner, Ian Atkinson, Pam Ian's Friend. Cis Jones, Nancy Dua, Jean and Peter Wood, Rachel Howarth, Peter Thorpe, Patricia and Len Collins, Roberta Corley, Audrey (Steve Millers mum), David and Caroline (David is Jamie Slee's brother), Roger and Jenny Main. Debaroh Abbott the daughter-in-law of Roberta Corley who is going through cancer treatment.

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

Housegroups week starting 17th November

Wednesday Group at 7.30pm - Contact Roger Gander (01908 312162)

(In person meeting)

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

(On zoom meeting)

The Wednesday morning Drop-In 20th November

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 – 21st November

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

Collection for the Food Bank.

Thank you all for contribution to our harvest food bank collection.

We will be continuing to collect items for their Christmas distribution. So that Food Bank can give out in time for Christmas we will collect through October and November.

Contributions of food (non-perishable items, tins, packets etc) for the Food Bank, who support local families in times of need, will be gratefully received. plus some more festive food items. [just food please as they do not give out gift items]

Chocolate biscuits

Small Christmas puddings or cake block.

Chocolate money

Chocolate oranges

Tinned custard

Christmas cakes and puddings

It's that time of year again!

I am happy to make Christmas cakes and puddings again this year.

Please let me know if you would like either or both so I can start to get them made

Maggie maggie.a.prisk@gmail.com

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 FOR NOVEMBER

Nature Friendly Gardening Guide

Gardens in urban areas make up almost 50% of urban green space and contain 25% of non-forest or woodland trees. So making our gardens wildlife friendly has a major impact on many species.

The Nature Friendly Gardening Guide from the Soil Association has ideas for how you can make changes to your garden, window box, balcony or terrace to be more friendly to wildlife. You can find the guide by following the link:

<https://www.soilassociation.org/take-action/growing-at-home/nature-friendly-gardening-guide/thanks-for-downloading-the-nature-friendly-gardening-guide-autumn/>

Ben, Head of Horticulture at the Soil Association, writes: In this guide, we'll look at why autumn is a good time to plant and what to plant. I'll share my experience on how to plant a tree, as well as how to keep it healthy once it's in the ground.

There are also some top tips for how to help wildlife over the winter, from leaving seed heads for songbirds and growing cover crops to protect the soil, to creating much needed habitats for insects.

Christmas cards at church

To reduce our use of paper, the main notice board in the coffee lounge will be available in the weeks leading up to Christmas for you to pin up a Christmas card to the church, instead of sending individual cards. You could donate the money saved to a charity of your choice.

Dates for your diary.

Coffee and Cake – Saturday 16th November

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. No charge, donations welcome which go to the charity we are supporting this month.

The charity we are supporting this month is UnityMK - formally known as winter night shelter

we support individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness - whatever your background or circumstances we are here to help. Mental health needs, the breakdown of a relationship, domestic abuse, drug and alcohol addiction, bereavement, losing your job, and financial problems can all contribute to making households at risk of homelessness. We support:

- Rough sleepers ,Sofa surfers ,People in emergency accommodation or temporary housing, Those who need support with their tenancies, Others who are vulnerable.. <https://unitymk.org>



Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership has a 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.

There is now (from 1 July) a single point of contact for our Partnership of churches for eg funeral and marriage enquiries. The Partnership can be contacted on 01908 382458; between 10 and 12 Monday to Saturday the phone will be answered and otherwise a voicemail can be left.

If you would like to be part of the rota of volunteers who are answering the phone (which can be done from your own home as calls will be transferred to your own number), please ring the number and leave your details. There will be training for this.

WHO TO CONTACT AT CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY

Minister: Rev Phil Dunning - 01908 151962, 07990523702 or philipjdunning21@gmail.com (Tuesday is Phil's day off)

Administrator: Maggie Prisk 01908 605815 or maggie.a.prisk@gmail.com

Treasurer: Adrian Prisk 01908 605815 or aprisk@doctors.org.uk

Worship Co-ordinator: Susan Gander 01908 312162 or susan.gander@gmail.com

Items for the Newsletter: Pat Parsons 01908 318188 or pat.a.parsons@gmail.com

Christ Church web site

Please take a look at our website on www.christchurchmk.org.uk

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.