



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership (Baptist, Church of England, Methodist, URC)

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223^{AD}

Second Sunday of Epiphany 19th January

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Maggie Prisk)

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5 (p.710); John 2:1-11 (p.1005);

Service: Carol Wood & Sally; Reader: David; Prayers: Carol; Music: Diana; Tea: Angela;

Third Sunday of Epiphany 26th January

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Rev Chi Okpala)

Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 (p.473); Luke 4:14-21 (p.972);

Service: Alan Potter & Ping; Reader: Beryl; Prayers: Angela; Music: Beryl; Tea: Sally;



St Lawrence is a family friendly church; Children are very welcome

Reflection

Like the coming of the Magi and the baptism of Jesus, the wedding feast at Cana is another epiphany: it is a 'thin' place where the deeper meaning of the world shines through. It is the first of Jesus' signs, it manifests his glory and his disciples believe in him. This particular epiphany occurs in the context of a wedding. Here the glory of God is made known through a celebration of love, passion, commitment and fruitfulness. It is not something cautiously measured out, but extravagant and exuberant like gallons of the very best wine.

God bless, Maggie



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For the Hamas/ Israel ceasefire agreement to take effect as planned this Sunday.
- For all affected by the Los Angeles wild fires.
- For lasting peace to grow, especially across the Middle East.
- For the people of America as the presidency changes on Monday.

We pray for all those recently bereaved and those remembering the anniversaries of the death of loved ones. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love.



We pray for those in particular need, including Paul Lund; Clare Vincent; Esther Squire; Lewis Kite; Chi and his Family and others known personally to us.

- To add prayers contact Beryl on 01908 321322.

Our Mission Focus in January is Scripture Union, which aims to provide opportunities, activities and resources for children and young people to explore the Bible, respond to Jesus and grow in faith. See scriptureunion.org.uk

HYMNS

- 575 Rejoice the Lord is king
- 327 Immortal, invisible
- 611 Spirit of holiness
- 702 Through all the changing scene
- 640 The Church's one foundation

Minister Today is someone well know to us at Bradwell, Maggie Prisk. Maggie is usually to be found at Christchurch and is a Baptist Lay Preacher. Please give our usual warm welcome

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Bell ringing practice 7.45pm;

NEWS & NOTICES

MED Phil as part of his Vision Enabler role for SEP is gathering a group together MED (Mission, Evangelism and Discipleship). It is hoped that we can recruit at least one volunteer from every church onto this group. If you are interested please contact Phil.

Cleaning Help We have had



people move away so we need some more volunteers to help out on the cleaning the church rota. This is not an arduous job and is more about tidying up and keeping on top of the dust. Please see a member of the leadership team if you can help.

Westcroft Food Larder have sent us a thank you for the £72 we raised for the Big Church Christmas Card.

Offerings If you were in church recently, you will have heard Mike Morris explaining how the church's income has stayed the same, while all bills have risen significantly. He asked us if we could think about reviewing how much we give to the church. There are different methods of giving money to the church.

Gift Aid your offering? If you pay income tax on your salary or pension, you can join the scheme – and we will then receive an extra 25pence for every £1 you give. Contact Lesley Blight for more information or to sign up to Gift Aid. Email lesleyblight@tiscali.co.uk

or call/text 07850 144567

Coffee Morning is next on the 1st Febuary at 10am. If you would like to help please see Andrew and Angela.

This week in times past

588BC Nebuchadnezzar the Great of Babylon lays siege to Jerusalem under Zedekiah's reign. The siege lasts until July 586BC. The city's population are transported to Babylon as slaves. There are numerous references to Nebuchadnezzar in 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, Jeremiah and Daniel. During his reign he is known more for building including the Ishtar gate now in the Berlin Museum and the hanging gardens of Babylon, one of the 7 wonders of the world.

PRAYERS & READINGS

Suggested readings for the week

Mon: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Mark 8:1-10

Tue: 1 Kings 19:1-9; Mark 1:9-15

Wed: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Mark 9:2-13

Thu: Lev 11:1-8,13-19; Acts 10:9-16

Fri: Isaiah 49:8-13; Acts 10:34-43

Sat: Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48

Prayer Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl 01908321322

Thur zoom Grayham01908318418

Thur (day) Denise 01908314378

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Next Coffee Morning 1st Feb 10am
- Ash Wednesday 5th Mar
- Good Friday 18th Apr
- Easter Sunday 20th Apr



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike
The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age

Lucille Ball

QUIZ set by Mike

Q. Which part of the foot is also the name of a fish?

Answer: The Sole

CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE from Beryl

As we start this new year, please pray that the staff at CSW may be refreshed and renewed in mind, body and spirit. They work tirelessly for the undervalued and persecuted. Please also pray for peace, joy and safety for all who will be celebrating Christmas during January as in **Egypt**: *Dear Lord, We bring the people of Egypt to you in prayer. We thank you that Christians in many areas are free to celebrate Christmas – yet we know that in others, celebrations can provoke the ire of local extremists. Draw near to protect them every day. May your presence surround and guide them through the threat of injustice and may reconciliation and respect for diversity become a reality. Lord, have mercy. Amen.*



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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