CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.



Meeting God - Following Jesus - Serving People

Christ Church Service.

Sunday 26th January 2025 @ 10.30am All Age Worship with Communion and virtual Communion.

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 26th January at 10.30 am when our service with Communion and virtual Communion will be led by Rev Phil Dunning.

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.

Theme: "Speaking, listening and doing"

The Readings are from Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a and Luke 4:16-21.

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.

Sunday 2nd February our 10.30 am service will be led by John and Jenny Boxwell.

Prayer requests

Please remember in your prayers: 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), Roger and Jenny Main. Debaroh Abbott the daughter-in-law of Roberta Corley.

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

Housegroups week starting 26th January 2025

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 29th January 2025

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.

<u>Under 5s - Thursday 30th January 2025</u>

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

Collection for the Food Bank.

We will be continuing to collect items for the Food Bank through the year.

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.

<u>Coffee and Cake – Saturday 15th February 2025.</u>

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.

Eco tip for January

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Last Month's eco tip for the twelfth day of Christmas was to make an

ECO-RESOLUTION:

On the Twelfth day of Christmas

Make a New Year's Resolution to get in touch with the seasons and/or seek out local adventures. Or simply make your own eco-resolution (and keep to it!). Look out for the monthly eco-tip in the newsletters!

At New Year it's traditional to look back on the outgoing year. Perhaps you would like to look back on what changes you have made. Every change we individually make makes a difference. On a larger scale action is being taken by governments, companies and charities internationally. See the link below for an encouraging roundup of 2024's climate action.

New Year is also a time for quizzes! There is a quiz link below for 'How well do you know your local wild life?'

Positive climate news from 2024 | Good Energy

Link to the quiz from BCN Wildlife Trust

Interact Quiz

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.

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<u>Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership</u> 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 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

<u>Minister:</u> 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

<u>Treasurer</u>: Adrian Prisk 01908 605815 or aprisk@doctors.org.uk

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

<u>Items for the Newsletter</u>: 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

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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.