



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Fourth Sunday before Lent 9th February

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Helen Rouse LLM)

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 (p.656); Luke 5:1-11 (p.974);

Service: Chris Spikings & Marjorie; Reader: Laurie; Prayers: Karen; Music: Diana; Tea: Liz;

To lead us in worship this Sunday is **Helen Rouse**, please give our usual warm welcome

Third Sunday before Lent 16th February

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Rev Jenny Boxwell)

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10 (p.735); Luke 6:17-26 (p.976);

Service: Janet Smith & Carol; Reader: Marjorie; Prayers: Lesley; Music: Beryl; Tea: Nani;



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

Reflection

Today's theme is divine 'calling' or 'vocation'. We hear two contrasting calls to discipleship. Firstly, the ancient prophet Isaiah experiences an amazing vision of the Lord God enthroned in heavenly glory, surrounded by worshipping angels. God's call, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?' - prompts Isaiah's immediate response, 'Here am I; send me!' The second divine call is very different, involving four 1st century Galilean fishermen: a humble, earthly scene. Jesus, God incarnate, has come to enable people to turn back to God, through repentance and trust. Simon Peter voices a human recognition of unworthiness and sinfulness. But Jesus' authority and miraculous action cause the fishermen to leave everything and follow him. We, in turn, are called to follow; sent out into the world to call others, each in our own unique vocations. **God bless, Helen**



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For our Congregational Leadership Team (“CLT”) as it meets this Wednesday.
- For the people of Gaza and for the Hamas/Israeli ceasefire to continue to hold.
- For all caught up this week in violence in places of education, both here and in Sweden.

We pray for the family and friends of John Young and others 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; and others known personally to us.

- To add prayers contact Beryl on 01908 321322.

Our Mission Focus in February is MK Bridgebuilder Trust, which visits primary and secondary schools across Milton Keynes. Its focus is to help children and young people consider their beliefs, explore Christianity and make positive life choices. See www.mkbt.org.uk

HYMNS

- 445 Lord, the light of your love...
 - 237 Holy holy holy, Lord God
 - 151 For I’m building a people (x 2)
 - 525 O Thou who camest from above
- Last hymn - TBC

Minister Today is a welcome regular here, Helen Rouse. Helen is a licensed lay minister and is usually to be found at St James New Bradwell, please give our usual warm welcome.

CHURCH THIS WEEK

- Mon** Eco-Church 7.30pm
- Wed** Bell ringing practice 7.45pm;

NEWS & NOTICES

Help at services We have rotas to help at services without whom we could not function. There are readers, prayers, tea makers, service officers and sidespersons to ensure the service happens. We are always looking for anyone who can help. If you think you can help at a service or even if



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you already do one of these and feel you can help more, please speak to Alan or let someone from the leadership team know.

New Arrival we rejoice and give thanks with Derek and Dawn Ansbro on the safe arrival of their second granddaughter Imogen Yee Fei Ansbro, a lovely sister for Jennifer Yee Fei Ansbro. All the family are doing well!

Thank You to Beryl and Ann for organising a car lift pool and wheelchair for Joan who has been finding it difficult to get to church

Westcroft Food Larder have sent us a thank you for our donations over the last year. The Westcroft Food Larder would appreciate more Cereals, tins of Hot Dogs and tinned Tuna.

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.

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

This week in times past

1483AD Edward V (aged 12) succeeds his father Edward IV as king of England. He is never crowned, and disappears presumed murdered, after incarceration in the Tower of London with his younger brother Richard (the "Princes in the Tower")

PRAYERS & READINGS

Prayer Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer Grant us, O God, to pass each day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may again praise you, the eternal God, blessed over all things now and forever. **Amen.**

Mozarabic Sacramentary (10th century)

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana 01908319405

Mon - First Monday of the Month
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Thur zoom Grayham01908318418

Thur (day) Denise 01908314378

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Next Coffee Morning 1st Mar 10am
- Ash Wednesday 5th Mar
- Clocks go forward 30th Mar
- Good Friday 18th Apr
- Easter Sunday 20th Apr



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike
Art not only imitates nature, but also
completes its deficiencies

Aristotle

QUIZ set by Mike

Q. Who wrote the book, "Chitty,
Chitty Bang Bang?"

Answer: Ian Fleming

CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE from Beryl

Cuba Wonderful news: **Pastor Lorenzo has been released!** On Friday 17 January at 8am, the Cuban pastor was met at the prison gates by his wife Maridilegnis, son David and daughter Lorena. If you can, go to <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/oyQ-NZm-nk> to see the moment online. This was the family reunion they had been waiting for since 11 July 2021, when Pastor Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo was unjustly arrested for peacefully protesting. That's 1,286 days of prayer, campaigning and advocacy by CSW and many others. **Please pray** that this freedom will be permanent and unconditional – that there will be no cruel twists to this happy news. Pastor Lorenzo was chosen to be one of 553 political prisoners freed as part of negotiations with the Vatican and the administration of US President Biden.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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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