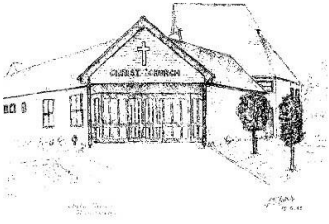


CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY
STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP
Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.



Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People

Christ Church Service.

Sunday 16th March 2025 @ 10.30am All Age Worship – 2nd Sunday in Lent.

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 16th March at 10.30 am when our service will be led by Maggie Prisk.

Theme: Beware foxes.

The Readings are from Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31 to end and Psalm 27.

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 23rd March – 3rd Sunday in Lent our 10.30am service with Communion and virtual Communion will be led by Rev Phil Dunning.

Following this service, we will be holding our annual AGM at 12 midday

Sunday 30th March - There will be no service at Christ Church as we are joining St Andrews Gt Linford at 11am for the joint SEP service.

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.

Please pray for Hugh and Sheila (Anne Slee's parents) Hugh is in hospital.

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

Please remember in your prayers the Ethos Team (Bianca, Darren, Liane and Melissa) based at Stantonbury Campus. (see below details of their work).

Housegroups week starting 16th March 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)

Coffee and Cake – Saturday 15th March 2025.

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 Wednesday morning Drop-In 19th March 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.

Under 5s – Thursday 20th March 2025

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

Collection for the Food Bank.

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. Please place in the blue box in the coffee Lounge thank you.

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 tip for March.

PLANTING FOR WILDLIFE



As the days lengthen March is the time when we often think about new plants for our garden.

So this Eco-Tip is focused on garden plants we might choose to Benefit Wildlife.

See the chart below to find pollinator and bird friendly plants you might like for your garden

Garden flowers

Early flowers	Mid season flowers	Late/winter flowers	Winter seed heads for birds	Good for
Primrose Sweet violet Red deadnettle Bugle Aquilegia Aubretia Lungwort Red valerian Sweet rocket Honesty Geranium	Verbena bonariensis Common mallow Teasel Black knapweed Hemp agrimony Honeysuckle Sunflower Buddleia Lavender French marigold Viper's bugloss Foxglove Geranium	coneflower Ivy Ice plant Michaelmas daisy Winter flowering Mahonia Geranium	Teasel Echinacea Phlomis Poppies Ice plant (Sedum) Eryngiums Alliums Heleniums Ornamental grasses Rudbeckias Echinops Agastache Hyssop Sunflowers Honesty	Pollen and nectar for butterflies, moths, hoverflies, bees and other insects Seeds for birds

Thank you to Janet Galsworthy for the chart. Another good source including beneficial culinary herbs, wild flowers, trees, shrubs and climbers is:

<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/nature/beefriendly-plants-every-season>

Coffee and Cake – Saturday 12 April 2025

Our Coffee and Cake morning in April is on the second Saturday for this month only (12 April) due to it being Easter on the third Saturday. 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.

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



Grace Foundation – Ethos Team.

Our Vision

We exist to transform young people's lives through holistic education and support. Through our Christian ethos, we are committed to working with schools from the inside out to support the social and emotional needs of students and their families.

Our Approach

Partnering with Schools – We partner with secondary schools contributing to the pastoral offer, providing the delivery of an holistic curriculum supporting and improving the social and emotional needs of students, to enhance wellbeing and student outcomes.

The team at Stantonbury consists of – Bianca (Ethos lead), Darren (Youth worker), Liane and Melissa (Family Support Workers).

If you would like more information, you can contact Bianca on biancachappell@grace-foundation.org.uk. Or go to their web site on www.grace-foundation.org.uk

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 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

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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

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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.