



# WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

### **Palm Sunday** 13th April

**10.30am Holy Communion** (led by Rev Phil Dunning)

**Readings:** Luke 19:28-44 (p.995);  
Philippians 2:5-11 (p.1114);

**Service:** Liz & Ping; Reader: Peter;  
Prayers: Karen; Music: Michael; Tea:  
Nani;

### **After the service**

Annual Congregational Meeting

### **Maundy Thursday** 17th April

**7.00pm Holy Communion** (led by Rev Ernesto Lozada and Rev George Mwaura) with washing of hands and a choir

**Service:** Alan Potter; with Chirst the Cornerstone stewards Brian, June, and Colin

### **Good Friday** 18th April

**12.00pm Devotional Service** (led by Rev Phil Dunning)

**Service:** Alan Potter; Music Diana;

### **Easter Day** 20th April

**7.00pm Holy Communion** (led by Rev Peter Ballantine)

**Readings:** Isaiah 65:17-25 (p.713);  
John 20:1-18 (p.1028);

**Service:** Peter & Sally; Reader: Ros;  
Prayers: Angela; Music: Diana; Tea:  
Angela;

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

### **Reflection**

The donkey story on Palm Sunday is perhaps one of the most poignant and endearing to mark this special day. The details too of how Jesus seems to organise for the animals availability clearly surprised his disciples. We know that this is a direct reference to Zechariah 9 v 9, where the Prophet predicts a 'triumphant and victorious' king will come, but 'humble' and on a donkey, rather than a war horse. Jesus saw the two contrasting sides of his ministry encapsulated by this animal, and no doubt sends a message to his followers suggesting our attitude as well. There is victory and joy in how we serve the Lord, but it is through our own humble attitude today.

**God Bless, Phil**



## PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- As Holy Week begins, may we remember afresh the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.
- Thank God for all those he has brought together to make Bradwell Church; thank Him for the gifts and skills we recognise in each other.
- For God's guidance at our Annual Congregational Meeting, that we will sense how he is leading us as individuals and together.

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**We pray** for all those recently bereaved, and those remembering 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 Ann ; Clare ; Diana; Esther ; Lewis ; Nimmi; Paul ; Ray and others known personally to us.

- To add prayers contact Beryl

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**Our Mission Focus in April is Christian Solidarity Worldwide**, which supports those around the world facing injustice because of their religion or belief. See [csw.org.uk](http://csw.org.uk)

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## HYMNS

9 All glory laud and honour  
242 Hosanna in the highest  
696 Thou art worthy  
457 Make way, make way

**Minister Today** is Rev Phil Dunning. Phil is the minister with pastoral responsibility for Bradwell. His sermon theme today is the coming of the humble King. Please give our usual warm welcome.

## CHURCH THIS WEEK

**Wed** Gardening Club 10am; Bell ringing 7.45pm;

## NEWS & NOTICES

**Flowers for Easter** We will be decorating the Church with flowers for Easter on Saturday 19th April from 10am. If anyone would like to come and help, please do so. If anyone has any spare greenery, please bring it or drop off at Church, donations towards the cost will also be gratefully received. Jenny



**Daniel** is taking part in the Milton Keynes Race for Life again this year. He has set himself the challenge of the 10K (twice round Willen Lakes) and is hoping to raise £500 for Cancer Research UK. If you would like to sponsor him go to

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/danielsquiremk25>

**Maundy Thursday** Christ the Cornerstone Church were in need of a venue to hold their Maundy Thursday service. We have offered our church for them to use. Rev Ernesto Lozada and Rev George Mwaura are officiating with washing of hands and a choir; every one is welcome 7pm.

**Boarders** A retired New Zealand couple stayed with their son in Abbey Road in 2022 and worshipped here. They enquire if they could stay as boarders with anyone in Bradwell this summer. I can provide more details - Alan

**Church Congregational Meeting**  
Our annual meeting will be today after the service.

**Congregational Leadership Team** The CLT Will be looking to confirm nominations for the fol-

lowing roles:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Safeguarding
- Fabric Officer
- Worship Planning
- Churchwarden

In addition to the CLT there will be nominations for additional roles on the following bodies

**SEP** Will be looking for the following roles on the SEP council

- 2 x Partnership Council
- 1 x PCC

**Representatives** on denominational bodies

- Deanery Synod
- Baptist
- Methodist
- URC

## PRAYERS & READINGS

Suggested readings for the week

**Mon:** Exodus 24:1-11; Revelation 5

**Tue:** Lev 19:9-18, Matt 5:38-48

**Wed:** Gen 3:8-21; 1 Cor 15:12-28

**Thur:** Isai 33:13-22 Mark 6:47-56

**Fri:** Nehemiah 9:6-17; Rom 5:12-21

**Sat:** Isaia 61:10-62:5; Luke 24:1-12

**Prayer** True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

## HOUSEGROUPS

**Sun** - Diana

**Mon** - First Monday of the Month  
Beryl

**Thur** zoom Grayham

**Thur** (day) Denise

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Church AGM Palm Sunday 13th Apr
- Good Friday 18th Apr
- Easter Sunday 20th Apr
- Whit Sunday 8th June



**PAUSE FOR THOUGHT** from Mike  
We cannot do everything at once, but  
we can do something at once

*Calvin Coolidge*

**QUIZ** set by Mike

Q. The Roman Emperor Gaius Caesar  
was better known by what name?

*Answer: Caligula*



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and  
everlasting God, who in  
your tender love  
towards the human race sent  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh and to  
suffer death upon the cross: grant  
that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility, and  
also be made partakers of his  
resurrection; 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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## CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE from Beryl

**Myanmar** As the epicentre of the earthquake last month, Myanmar has faced the most serious consequences of the disaster. This is on top of the humanitarian and human rights crisis, which has been deteriorating since the 2021 military coup. **Shockingly**, the military junta continued airstrikes in the aftermath of the deadly quake. Please pray that Myanmar's military will immediately stop airstrikes on civilians and for the relief and recovery efforts, taking place amid an ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis. Muslim communities have been particularly affected. Christian communities have faced similar, significant challenges. More than 600 Buddhist monasteries have also been impacted. **Please pray** that the rights and dignity of every community, regardless of faith, will be upheld at this critical time.