



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Third Sunday of Easter 4th May

10.30pm Holy Communion (led by Rev Steve Barnes)

Readings: Acts 9:1-20 (p.1040); John 21:1-19 (p.1029);

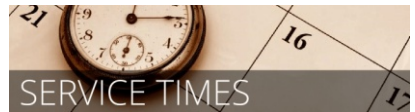
Service: Alan Potter & Carol; Reader: Laurie; Prayers: Karen; Music: Michael; Tea: Ghislaine;

Fourth Sunday of Easter 11th May

10.30pm Morning Worship (led by Rev Phil Dunning)

Readings: Acts 9:36-43 (p.1041); John 10:22-30 (p.1017);

Service: Janet Smith & Sally; Reader: David; Prayers: Carol; Music: Diana; Tea: Liz;



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

Reflection

I heard this anecdote a week or two ago and thought it worth repeating. It arose during a discussion about the difference between belief and faith. I haven't a clue whether it is true or not but it illustrates the point. Older ones among us may have heard of Charles Blondin. He was a famous tight-rope walker, most renowned for crossing Niagara Falls on multiple occasions. At one time he crossed with a wheelbarrow full of potatoes. He then asked someone, "do you believe I could do it with a man sitting in the barrow?" "Yes, of course!" Said an enthusiastic onlooker. To which Blondin challenged, "Jump in, then!"

God Bless, Steve



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- As this week marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day, pray for a strong desire for lasting peace amongst nations.
- For all living in war-torn lands and those seeking to negotiate peace where there is conflict.
- For those who put themselves constantly in danger as they work to protect others, including emergency services.

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 Baker; Clare Vincent; Diana; Eileen; Esther Squire; Lewis Kite; Nimmi; Paul Lund; Ray Scoins and others known personally to us.

Our Mission Focus in May is Christian Aid, a partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide. See <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

HYMNS

381 Jesus, stand among us
30 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks
839 He Has Risen
784 Ye servants of God

Minister Today is the Rev Steve Barnes a welcome regular here to lead us in worship. Please give our usual warm welcome.

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Gardening Club 10am; Bell ringing 7.45pm
Thur VE day bells 6.30pm
Fri House groups' meeting 10am

NEWS & NOTICES

Daniel Squire is taking part in the Milton Keynes Race for Life again this year. He has set himself the challenge of the 10K 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>

East Window There was recently some deliberate damage to the stained glass image of Jesus in the east window. This was reported to the police as a hate crime but unfortunately was closed immedi-



ately as we had no CCTV footage. Peter is looking at repairs. As there has been other damage we are also looking at the cost of CCTV as much as a deterrent as anything.

VE Day Bells On the 8th May 1945 bells rang out across Britain as the nation

took to the streets in celebration of Victory in Europe Day. Eighty years later we celebrate this momentous occasion by ringing church bells all around the country at 6:30pm on the 8th May. Bradwell will join this ringing and ring bells from 6.30 to 7pm. If you would like to come and listen or have a go please come along.

SEP AGM is Thursday 22nd May at 7.30pm Christchurch, Stantonbury. All members welcome.

VE Day celebrations and Light Pyramid illumination at Milton Keynes Rose - Thursday 8th May 2025 8pm. music, dancing and singing, plus refreshments.

Important Safeguarding Notice -action to be taken The mandatory Safeguarding Awareness Training is now ready for us all to access. Everyone who is a church volunteer, i.e. is on a church Rota

needs to complete the on-line Basic Awareness course. Full instructions on how to access the CofE training portal have been emailed out to those on the church newsletter emailing list. For people not on that email there is a paper copy of the instructions for you in the annex or contact me and I will send them out to you individually. To access the e-learning, (please take time to read the instruction info before creating your profile!). Thank you all in advance for your co-operation in these matters. Bradwell church Safeguarding Officer- Ann Amos email; amosann799@gmail.com

Important - There has been an error in scheduling. On the **25th May** Rev Phil Dunning is both here and at Willen. We will start the service here at **11am** which will give Phil time to finish at Willen and get to Bradwell.

Important - There is an SEP wide service on the **29th June**. Rather than close the church we will be offering a service at **9.30am** instead of 10.30am on a trial basis. This decision was taken as Rev Phil Dunning would be available to take the service at 9.30am before he goes to the SEP service.

House groups' meeting this Friday 9th May 10am, at Bradwell Church. Run by Phil Dunning.

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl 01908321322

Thur zoom Grayham 01908318418

Thur (day) Denise 01908314378

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- VE Day 8th May
- SEP AGM 22nd May
- Sunday service at 11am 25 May
- Whit Sunday 8th June
- Trinity Sunday 15th June
- Sunday service at 9.30am 29 June

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike
Old age, especially an honoured old age, has so great authority, that it is of more value than all the pleasures of youth.

Cicero

QUIZ set by Mike

Q. By what name is Samuel Clemens better known?

Answer: Mark Twain



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (Colossians 2:15) But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. (Acts 2:24)

Risen Lord Jesus, you are far above all rule and authority, power and dominion. As we hear about situations of terrible suffering, insecurity and injustice around the world, help us to remember that nothing is impossible for you. Bring deliverance, we pray. **Loving Lord**, Do not be far from those who are surrounded by trouble. Be their strength; come quickly to help them. Deliver from violence those whose lives are in danger because of their beliefs. **Amen**