



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Sixth Sunday of Easter 25th May

11.00am Morning Worship (led by Rev Phil Dunning)

Readings: Acts 16:9-15 (p.1049); John 14:23-29 (p.1022);

Service: Andrew & Ping; Reader: Marjorie; Prayers: Angela; Music: Beryl; Tea: Angela;

On the 25th May, tea, coffee and pastries will be served before the service not afterwards

Seventh Sunday of Easter 1st June

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Rev Phil Dunning)

Readings: Acts 16:16-34 (p.1050); John 17:20-26 (p.1025);

Service: Liz & Marjorie; Reader: Peter; Prayers: Carol; Music: Diana; Tea: Sally;



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

Reflection

Although it can apply to multiple things in life; including the types of food we enjoy, when we talk about love as humans it is usually connected with an intensive form of relationship between 2 individual people and marks a watershed moment when we choose to make a particular commitment to that person and share our life, our home and our resources with them. There is no doubt that in our Gospel today Jesus is also talking about us making a real intense commitment to him in this same way, which includes 'making a home together' with his Spirit dwelling in us; bringing us the promptings of God deep within. Although perhaps slightly unnerving and robbing us of our personal freedom I hope we can see the joy of such a commitment and the peace with God that it brings.

God Bless, Phil



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- Families with small children and play groups and pre-schools they attend.
- Young people taking exams in schools and colleges and making decisions about their future.
- For food, water, tents and medical aid to reach the people of Gaza.
- For peace wherever there is war.

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 Joan; Eileen; Nimmi; Esther; Ray & Jill; Paul; Lewis; Ann ; Clare; 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

783 Ye holy angels bright
1259 Bless the Lord, O my soul
502 O let the Son of God enfold you
73 Christ is made the sure

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

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Gardening Club 10am; Bell ringing 7.45pm
Fri Ashes interment 2pm and 3pm

NEWS & NOTICES

Daniel is taking part in the Milton

Keynes Race for Life again this year on 8th June. He has set himself the challenge of the 10K and is hoping to raise £500 for Cancer Research UK. To sponsor him see Esther

Safeguarding 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 rotas. For people not on that email



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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. Bradwell church Safeguarding

Officer- Ann

House for duty Anglican minister

Dave the Bishop of Buckingham, is to be involved in the appointment. Hopefully they will start in September and will live in the vicarage at St Andrews. Interviews 19th June. They will be SEP wide not just one church.

Church Work Day This year will be on Saturday 28th June 10am. It will be the usual deep clean and polish but also painting of exterior woodwork. All volunteers welcome including those who can help by doing the tea and cakes. For more details see Peter .

Church Time There is an SEP wide service on the 29th June. The service here will start at 9.30am instead of 10.30am. 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.

Food Collection The Westcroft Food Cupboard have just collected our contributions and have said thank you for the donations and ask if they could some more tins of fruit.

This week in times past

1774AD Boston Tea Party. A minor event little known outside America. In response to the Tea Act of 1773 British-Americans organised the destruction of an entire tea shipment from the East India Company. The Tea Act of 1773 actually lowered taxes on tea, however the new bill threatened to put smugglers out of business. Ships had just arrived in Boston harbour, and were carrying imported tea free of tax. Roughly 80 smugglers & protesters, some of whom were disguised as Native Americans, boarded the vessels during the night and dumped tea into the harbour. Of little significance at the time, it did not acquire its name and fame in American history until the mid nineteenth century.

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Next coffee morning 7th June 10am
- Whit Sunday 8th June
- Trinity Sunday 15th June
- Church work day 28th June 10am
- Sunday service at 9.30am 29 June
- St Lawrence's Day 10th Aug

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike
None but ourselves can free our minds

Bob Marley

QUIZ set by Mike

Q. What is the first animal in the Chinese Years?

Answer: The Rat



COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

Iran, Please pray for an Armenian prisoner of conscience, **Hakob Gochumiyan**. He is currently serving a 10-year sentence in Iran but shouldn't be in prison at all. CSW are trying to ensure high-level interventions on his behalf to secure his release. He was arrested during a family visit to Iran and placed in solitary confinement. CSW have received a letter from him. 'I am Hakob, a citizen of Armenia. Since 15 August 2023, I have been in an Iranian prison for my faith for the unfounded reason of preaching and teaching Christianity. I was later sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment. The investigation by the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence was carried out with gross violations of human rights.' Pray for Hakob's safety and for his immediate, unconditional release.