



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Harvest & Thanksgiving 5th October

10:30am Family Service (led by
Rev Phil Dunning)

Readings: John 6:1-14 (p.1010);

Service: Andrew and Marjorie;
Reader: David; **Prayers:** Ann; **Music:**
Diana; **Tea:** Angela;

Breakfast

Today tea, coffee and pastries will
be served before the service not
afterwards from around 10.00am

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 12th October

10:30am Morning Worship (led
by Maggie Prisk)

Readings: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7
(p.747); Luke 17:11-19 (p.992);

Service: Chris and Carol; **Reader:**
Laurie; **Prayers:** Angela; **Music:**
Diana; **Tea:** Sally;



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

Reflection

I wonder whether we ever feel like we cannot really help, or we feel helpless next to all the worries of the world around. It can be very frustrating, and can also become debilitating. A helpless feeling often leads to despondency, discouragement and regret. It is important therefore that we always hold a sense of 'I can make a difference', even when our health is poor or our abilities restricted. That sense of making a difference shines through the example of the young boy who presents his 5 small loaves and 2 fish to Jesus, and because of his example our Lord is able to multiply his small donation. At Harvest we remember so thankfully how crops multiply and people can be fed. As we bring our lives to Jesus, the truth is that we can always have 'our own harvest'.

God Bless, Phil



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For all who work hard to ensure we have food to eat.
- Give thanks for the wonders of creation, the food that sustains life, and the varied resources of Earth.
- That those who have plenty will share with those who have nothing.
- For those who organise Food Banks and Westcroft Food Larder.

We pray for families and friends of all those recently bereaved and for those remembering past bereavements. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love.

We pray for those in particular need, including Jane; Mirella; Joan; Eileen; Nimmi; Esther; Ray; Jill; Paul; Lewis; Ann; Clare; and others known personally to us

Our Mission Focus in October is Tearfund, a Christian charity which partners in over 50 of the world's poorest countries. It tackles poverty and injustice through sustainable development, responding to disasters and challenging injustice. See www.tearfund.org

HYMNS

167 Give me oil in my lamp

153 For the fruits of creation

• When I needed a neighbour

732 We plough & sow with tractors

Minister Today is Rev Phil Dun-ning, who returns to lead us in worship for our service of Harvest and Thanksgiving. Please give our usual warm welcome

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Gardening Club 10am; Bell ringing 7.45pm

NEWS & NOTICES

CSW Following the recent visit from CSW (see back page for prayers) Liz

is thinking of setting up a card writing group to aid people who are being persecuted for their faith. As well as being an encouragement for those who receive these cards, it sends a clear message to their captors that the world is watching and may help to speed their release. If you think you might be interested please see Liz or send an email to

Communion Chalice After an absence of a few years we reintroduced last Sunday the option of using the chalice at communion services, the individual cups were still be available. The Communion went smoothly with everyone



choosing their preference.

Glow in the Dark party at St James New Bradwell as a Christian alternative to Halloween, Friday 31st October 5pm-7pm. Wear something warm and bright as some activities are outside.

Arts, crafts, refreshments closing with a lantern parade, praise and a story.

Choral Evensong Sunday 12th October 6pm at St Mary Magdalene, Willen choir Quorum.

Heritage Open Day We had a good heritage weekend recently along with Prayer week and Eco-Church volunteers. Peter would like to thank everyone who came along to help keep the Church open and provide tea and cakes.

Service of Remembrance is a special service, to which we invite all those who in the past few years have had a funeral or cremation to attend a service of remembrance. Anyone who has ever had a bereavement is always welcome. This is the first time since covid we have put on this

service so we hope you will all come and show support. Sunday 2nd November at 3pm.

PRAYERS & READINGS

Suggested readings for the week

Mon: 2 Sam 22:4-7; Heb 7:26-8:6

Tue: Prov 22:17-29; 2 Cor 12:1-10

Wed: Hosea 14; James 2:14-26

Thur: Isa 24:1-15; John 16:25-33

Fri: Jer 14:1-9; Luke 23:44-56

Sat: Zech 8:14-23; John 20:19-30

Harvest Prayer As we give thanks to God for his good gifts to us today, we bring gifts which we hope will bless others too. We bring them gladly and joyfully and we pray that they may bring bring not only a full stomach, but a full life. And we offer these gifts with a prayer:

Lord, you are the bread of heaven,
giving life to the world. You fill our
emptiness with your goodness. You
come to our weakness with your
strength. Take and use these gifts to
bring in a rich harvest of your
heavenly food and life-giving
refreshment.

Amen

Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. (*John 12:24*)

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana (ask at church)

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Clocks go back 27th Oct
- Next Coffee Morning 1st Nov
- Family Remembrance 2nd Nov 3pm
- First Sunday of Advent 30th Nov
- Christingle during service 7th Dec
- Carol Service 21st Dec 6pm
- Crib Service 24th Dec 5pm
- Midnight Communion 24th Dec 11.30

Church photocopier now at church house

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike
I have the right to be blind sometimes. I really do not see the signal.

Horatio Nelson (not "I see no ships!")

QUIZ set by Mike

Q. What is the second largest county in England?

Answer: Lincolnshire



COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Nicaragua Dr Carlos Cárdenas Zepeda was a prominent lawyer and Roman Catholic lay leader. He was arbitrarily detained and held incommunicado from 13th August until he died in custody on 29th August. His wife was instructed to bury him immediately, without a funeral service. She was not given a death certificate, nor a cause of death, and his coffin had already been sealed upon collection. Ask God to comfort his family and loved ones. They have seen a history of injustice against him. Based on other cases, **there is a growing fear that every day in detention could mean death.** Please pray urgently for freedom and safety for other prisoners held unjustly, remembering Psalm 121:7: *'The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life.'*