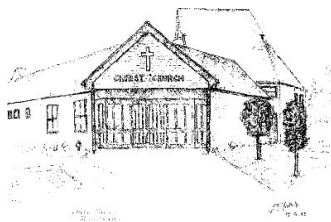


CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY
STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP
Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.



Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People

Christ Church Service Sunday 5th October– @ 10.30am All Age Worship

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 28th September when our service will be led by Rev David Nash.

The readings are from Psalm 37:1-9 and Luke 17:5-10.

This service will 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 12th October at 10:30 am – our worship will be led at Christ Church by Rev Phil Dunning. This is our Harvest Service, so please bring any gifts of food (tins or packets) for the Food Bank.

Housegroups week starting 5th October 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)

The Wednesday morning Drop-In 7th October 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 – 8th October

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

Prayer requests

Please remember in your prayers: Nancy Dua, Ian Atkinson, Pam Ian's Friend, Cis Jones, Jean and Peter Wood, 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, Rachel Howarth, James Miller, Comfort and her family, Pat Parsons, Chris and Richard Solly.

Please remember in your prayers the Ethos Team (Bianca, Darren, Liane and Melissa) based at Stantonbury Campus.

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

Collection for the Food Bank.

In response to a specific request from Food Bank, during any given month we will endeavour to collect certain items rather than just lots of different things (Food Bank get given lots of baked beans – for instance). So for September and October, can I suggest that you would consider donating **tinned Pulses, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes.**

All the years we have supported Food Cupboard and now Food Bank, members of Christ Church have been very generous. Please do not feel you have to do this but it is part of our community outreach as a church.

Please place items in the box in the coffee lounge thank you.
Regards Maggie.

Dates for your diaries.

Coffee and Cake – Saturday 18th October.

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.

For October to December, the charity we are supporting is –

UnityMK

UnityMK is a local charity offering practical and emotional support for those experiencing homelessness or who are at crisis point. Previously known as Winter Night Shelter Milton Keynes, they support individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness - whatever their background or circumstances. Mental health needs,

the breakdown of a relationship, domestic abuse, drug and alcohol addiction, bereavement, losing your job, and financial problems can all contribute to making households at risk of homelessness. They support:

Rough sleepers

Sofa surfers

People in emergency accommodation or temporary housing

Those who need support with their tenancies

Others who are vulnerable

www.unitymk.org

Eco Tip for October 2025



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Autumn Leaves Many people rake up leaves and throw them away, but leaf litter provides shelter for over-wintering invertebrates and nesting material for hedgehogs etc. Dead leaves are also an important part of the natural cycle of plants and soil. As they decay they put back carbon that contributes to the soil ecology and encourages healthy microbial activity.

One option is to use leaf litter as mulch around the bases of trees or on vegetables and flower beds. This will help to insulate the soil over winter, protecting the soil's microbial life. Alternatively the leaves can be composted.

Keep Halloween Green! Remember to compost pumpkins or put them in your green bin. They are poisonous for hedgehogs so don't leave them in the garden.

Bring children to events like **Glow in the Dark at St James** so avoiding the plastic Halloween paraphernalia that appears in the shops!

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.

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.

An administrator, Helen Eaton, has been appointed to be the single point of contact for our Partnership of churches for eg funeral and marriage enquiries. She can be contacted on 01908 382458; her working hours are usually between 10 and 12, Monday to Friday and her email address is sburyepadm@gmail.com

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Worship Co-ordinator: Susan Gander 01908 312162 or susan.gander@gmail.com

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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.