



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Fourth Sunday before Advent 2nd November

10:30am Holy Communion (led by Rev Phil Dunning)

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12 (p.1121); Luke 19:1-10 (p.994);

Service: Peter and Sally; Reader: Ros; Prayers: Ann; Music: Diana; Tea: Raji;

3.00pm Remembrance Service (led by Rev Phil Dunning)

Service: Alan; Music: Beryl;
Special service to remember loved ones we have lost.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November

10:30am Morning Worship (led by Mike Morris)

Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (p.637); 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p.1123)

Service: Carol and Ghislaine; Reader: Alan; Prayers: Angela; Music: Beryl; Tea: Liz;



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

Reflection

One of the most memorable Gospel stories; Zacchaeus the tax collector, features in our lectionary readings for this All Saints Sunday. The small man who climbed up a tree to see Jesus is a staple of every Sunday school class thanks to his determination and the transformation Jesus brings to his life. When you consider that every Saint is celebrated for their own inspirational story of faith it is indeed a great choice for this particular festival. My own thoughts lead me though to ponder the humility of this man who it seems did not expect the attention our Lord ultimately gives him - shocking too to everyone else gathered that day. We also know that Zacchaeus' life is profoundly changed by the encounter, given that he returned far more than he had ever taken from his customers. His faith and this change is something we all need to experience and then pray for in the lives of those we also encounter. The Lord bless you. **God Bless, Phil**



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For ceasefires to hold and peace to grow, wherever there is war.
- For all affected by the damage caused by Hurricane Melissa.
- For the Service of Remembrance on Sunday afternoon.

We pray that Diana and family, and others recently bereaved, will know God's love, peace and comfort surrounding them.

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

- To add prayers contact Beryl •

Our Mission Focus in November is Torch Trust, which focuses on spiritual support and encouragement of blind and partially sighted people. It provides accessible resources and ways for connection, fellowship and support. See www.torchtrust.org

HYMNS 10.30am

- 148 For all the Saints
681 There's a sound on the wind
55 Beneath the cross of Jesus
582 O Worship the King

HYMNS 3.00pm

- 50 Be still for the presence
660 The Lords my Shepherd
4 Abide with me
498 O God, our help in ages past

Minister Today is the Rev Phil Dunning who returns to lead us in worship in the morning, and guide us in remembrance in the afternoon. Please give our usual warm welcome

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Gardening Club 10am; Bell ringing 7.45pm

NEWS & NOTICES

Service of Remembrance where we invite all those who have known a bereavement to come and light a candle to remember a loved one. Invitations will also be sent to those who in the past few years have had a funeral or cremation here at Bradwell. This is the first time since covid we have put on this service so we hope you will all come and show support. Today Sunday 2nd November at 3pm.



ECO CHURCH

Eco-Tip implementing energy-saving tips are beneficial, not only for the planet, but also for your wallet. Simple actions such as turning off lights when leaving a room and unplugging electrical appliances when not in use are easy habits

to adopt. These small changes can lead to significant savings on your energy bills over time.

Footprint for those who want to work out their carbon footprint for their homes, the WWF do an easy tool to help you calculate on www.footprint.wwf.org.uk

Bronze Award The Eco Church certificate now hangs proudly in the annexe next to the kitchen.

Gardening Club goes into hibernation for the winter on 5th November

30th November There is an SEP service on the 30th November, the SEP does not want other churches to have a service at the same time so our service on that Sunday has been moved to 9.30am led by Rev Phil Dunning. This is

the first Sunday of Advent the start of the liturgical year for the church. We will start to light our candles on the advent wreath,

THIS WEEK IN TIMES PAST

The Gunpowder Plot 1605, in an attempt to overthrow the Protestant King James the Catholic Robert Catesby hatched a plot of blowing up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament. The plotters tunnelled under Parliament smuggling in 36 barrels of gunpowder. A search discovered Guy Fawkes with the gunpowder.

Remember, remember...

The fifth of November,

The Gunpowder Treason and Plot.

I know of no reason

Why the Gunpowder Treason

Should ever be forgot.

PRAYERS & READINGS

Suggested readings for the week

Mon: Est 3:1-11, 4:7-17; Matt 18:1-10

Tue: Ezekiel 18:21-32; Matt 18:12-20

Wed: Proverbs 3:27-35; Matt 18:21-35

Thur: Exodus 23:1-9; Matt 19:1-15

Fri: Proverbs 3:13-18; Matt 19:16-30

Sat: Deut 28:1-6; Matthew 20:1-16

Prayer God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana (ask at church)

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Remembrance Sunday 9th Nov
- First Sunday of Advent 30th Nov
- Coffee Morning 1st December
- Christingle during service 7th Dec
- Carol Service 21st Dec 6pm
- Crib Service 24th Dec 5pm
- Midnight Communion 24th Dec 11.30
- Christmas Day Service 10am



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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**



Bronze Eco Church Award from A Rocha for our efforts to care for God's earth.

Church photocopier is now at church house

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike
Summers lease has all too short a date.

William Shakespeare

QUIZ set by Mike

Q. What is the capital of Slovenia?

Answer: Ljubljana

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CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE from Beryl

This Sunday is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) This is our prayer for those who suffer because of their religion or belief, all over the world. For North Koreans held in notorious prison camps.

For the Eritrean church leaders who have been imprisoned for 21 years and counting. For Hindu, Christian and Sikh girls in Pakistan who have been abducted, forced to convert and forced into marriage with their abductor. For human rights defenders in China who stand up for others, at great cost. For those fleeing war in Sudan, made more vulnerable by their faith. Lord, set the oppressed free. If you would like to pray with Christians who have been persecuted, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hKFqwu2r_g