



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Sunday before Advent
Christ the King 23rd November

Advent Sunday
30th November



10:30am Holy Communion (led
by Revd Peterson Feital)

9:30am Morning Worship (led
by Revd Phil Dunning)

Readings: Psalm 46 (p.546); Luke
23:33-43 (p.1001);

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 (p.652);
Matthew 24:36-44 (p.940);

Service: Alan and Carol; Reader:
David; Prayers: Lesley; Music:
Michael; Tea: Sally;

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Laurie; Prayers: Carol; Music: Diana;
Tea: Ghislaine;



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

Bishop Steven announces his retirement



The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, has announced he will retire next July.

After 10 years as diocesan bishop for the Diocese of Oxford, Bishop Steven will lay down his crozier at a service at Christ Church Cathedral on 31st May. Bishop Steven's retirement means he will also step down from his place in the House of Lords.

Bishop Steven has been here on several occasions so we wish him well in his retirement, he will be 70 next year.



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For UnityMK running the Winter Night Shelter scheme, as part of its works to end homelessness.
- For the NHS and all patients awaiting treatment.
- For God's guidance and blessing at Monday's

Worship Group meeting.

We pray for Ros, following the death of her birth mother Jenni, and for others recently bereaved. May they 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 on 01908 321322 •

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

1227 The Splendour of the King

590 Seek Ye First

755 When I survey the wondrous

784 Ye Servants of God

Minister Today is Revd Peterson Feital. Peterson is the new House for Duty Minister and will be moving to the house in Great Linford with his family. Please give our usual warm welcome

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Bell ringing 7.45pm

Fri Martial Arts Club 7pm

NEWS & NOTICES

A Votive Candle Stand has been donated to the church by Rev Phil Dunning. He also kindly cleaned and painted it. A votive candle is intended to be burnt as an offering in an act of Christian prayer. Please feel free to light a candle in remembrance either before or after the service. The candles will be extinguished when we lock up. There is a donation box to enable us to buy new candles.

Eco-Tip Energy-saving light bulbs last up to 12 times as much as traditional bulbs, providing the same



light quality for much less energy. 80% of the energy used to power traditional bulbs is lost in heating energy, whereas LED light bulbs run at 80-90% energy efficiency.

From us to us The big Christmas card is in the annexe, please

send your Christmas greetings to everyone. A big thank you to Angela who made the card.

Communion Please don't feel rushed during communion take as long as you need during this most sacred part of the service, wait for everyone to have finished taking communion at the chancel arch before returning to your seats and try not to form a queue as this adds to the pressured feeling. Thank you.

9.30am Service there's a SEP service at St Andrews 30th November 11am, 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

1120 The White Ship sinks in the English Channel, drowning William Adelin aged 17, son and heir of Henry I of England. His early death without issue caused a succession crisis. After King Henry died in 1135, William's sister Empress Matilda and cousin Stephen of Blois waged a long civil war for the English throne in what is known as The Anarchy. The remains of the Motte and Bailey castle in Glebe Field are thought to be from this period. Robber Barons set up these castles all over the country when according to the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, "Christ and His angels slept".

PRAYERS & READINGS

Prayer for Stir up Sunday - today 23rd Nov (traditional for mixing Christmas puddings)

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

From Today's Readings

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."
Luke 23:43

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana (ask at church)

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Start of Advent 30th Nov (9.30am)
- Coffee Morning 6th 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

Church photocopier is now at church house

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike

Don't be concerned about others not appreciating you. Be concerned about your not appreciating others
Confucius

QUIZ set by Mike

Q. Who was the 1st Woman in space?

Answer: The Russian, Valentina Tereshkova



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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

Tanzania has witnessed its largest protests in 64 years, against the government's severe repression during the election process. It was announced that the president (Samia Suluhu Hassan) had won an **improbable 98% of the vote**. This 'landslide' was assisted by the fact that her two main opponents were not allowed to run one of whom is in prison for demanding free and fair elections. Religious leaders, journalists, supporters of the opposition, and human rights activists were targeted as part of a violent campaign of intimidation. President Hassan may have secured a 'victory', but she has lost any remaining legitimacy. Please pray for freedom, justice and comfort for the people of Tanzania while many are mourning lost loved ones.