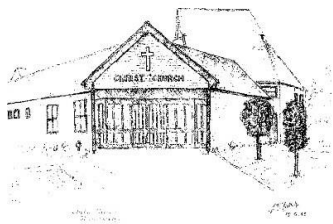


**CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY**  
**STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP**  
*Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.*



**Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People**

**Christ Church Remembrance Service, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November– @ 10.30am All Age Worship**

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November when our service will be led by David Nash.

**The readings are from** Thessalonians 3:6-13 and Luke 21:5-19

**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 23rd November at 10:30 am** – our worship will be led at Christ Church by Stephanie Hibberd.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November** Joint SEP service at St Andrews @ 11am. There will be no service here at Christ Church.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November Ecumenical Confirmation Service for MK.** This is happening at 6.30pm (...the time has changed!) this coming Sunday evening, at the Servant King Church, Dulverton Drive, Furzton. MK4 1NA, and will be led by Bishop Dave and representatives from all areas.

**Housegroups week starting 16<sup>th</sup> November 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 19<sup>th</sup> November 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 – 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

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 pray for Biljana's stepbrother who is in Belgrade hospital, he has issues with his lungs and is undergoing tests at the moment.

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 November and December, can I suggest that you would consider donating **long life milk, squashes, fruit juice, Spreads, Jam, Peanut butter etc.**

**Also we will be collecting Christmas items also if these can be brought to church by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, The Food Bank will be able to distribute them in time for Christmas, Thank you.**

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 grey box in the coffee lounge thank you. Regards Maggie.

## **Christmas cakes and Puddings.**

Having already had one request for a cake and pudding it clearly is that time of year again.

If you would like a Christmas cake and or pudding, please let me know.

Maggie – [maggie.a.prisk@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.a.prisk@gmail.com) or 01908 605815.

## **Coffee and Cake – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

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 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](http://www.unitymk.org)

## **Advance dates for your diaries.**

**26<sup>th</sup> November** we will be decorating the church for Christmas; this will take place during the Wednesday drop in..

**13<sup>th</sup> December** Coffee and Cake morning.

## **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.

## **Eco Tip for November 2025**

### **Eco-friendly tips for Christmas**

We all love to relax, recharge and enjoy ourselves over the festive period. But who doesn't feel a little frustrated by unwanted gifts, wasted food and mountains of wrapping paper in the bin? Small changes can make all the difference in reducing our environmental footprint.

#### **1. Choose a gift that lasts**

This Christmas, purchase items that the recipient really wants with value, purpose and meaning. Consider choosing one gift for the whole family, or friendship group, that everyone can enjoy together. Or make memories with an experience instead. Shop locally supporting small and independent businesses.

#### **2. Choose handmade gifts, cards, crackers and decorations!**

Put some time in by making your own and see how meaningful it can be! Or buy second hand - there's something quite nostalgic about pre-loved Christmas decorations. Charity and second-hand shops can also be great place for unique gift ideas.

#### **3. Switch to eco-friendly wrapping paper**

Did you know Brits use 227,000 miles of wrapping paper every year? Opt-out of the glittery, un-recyclable paper this year and opt-in to brown paper, recycled and recyclable paper or even fabric wrapping using Furoshiki folding.

#### **4. Cut food (and packaging) waste**

A scary amount of food waste is created at Christmas, equivalent to 4.2 million plates of Christmas dinner going straight into the bin! Take steps to reduce your food waste by planning your food carefully, freezing leftovers and only buy what you will eat. Or go meat free with a tasty nut roast or veggie alternative.

#### **5. Enjoy time together!**

Overall, nothing is more important at Christmas than the people we spend it with. Consider how you can support people in the local community to [combat loneliness](#), and enjoy rest, some wonderful walks in nature and quality time with loved ones this Christmas.

Thank you to Bournemouth University for these tips. For their full list see <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/about/sustainability/sustainability-stories/12-tips-sustainable-christmas>

**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 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](mailto:sburyepadm@gmail.com)

### **WHO TO CONTACT AT CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY**

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**Christ Church web site:** Please take a look on [www.christchurchmk.org.uk](http://www.christchurchmk.org.uk)

### **Gift Aid It**

#### **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.