



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223^{AD}

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany 1st February

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Rev Phil Dunning)

Readings: Romans 11:13-16 (p.1074); Luke 14:15-24 (p.989);

Service: Peter and Ghislaine;
Reader: Peter; **Prayers:** Lesley;
Music: Diana; **Tea:** Liz;

Church Meeting

After the service today 1st February

Second Sunday before Lent 8th February

10.30am Holy Communion (led by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Buckingham Dave Bull)

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2.3 (p.3); Matthew 6:25-34 (p.918);

Service: Carol and Marjorie;
Reader: Ros; **Prayers:** Carol; **Music:** Beryl; **Tea:** Angela;



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

Reflection

This Sunday in Bradwell has been designated the second in our Stewardship Sunday services in 2026; advocating for the resources and ministry needed in our Church, and encouraging a greater consideration of what we need to be and to do together. ‘Evangelism’ is our key theme, and the passages chosen reflect particularly that those who responded to the Gospel of Christ originally, and as the church began in Acts, were not the expected people of the Jews, to whom Jesus had primarily spoken and this had been the subject of his prophecy. What is revealed instead is a church that grew toward different people and nationalities, and very quickly. There is a truth now around us to suggest that our own scope toward mission, evangelism and invites to share with us in the church should equally be much wider reaching. I wonder what that would mean for our congregation going forward?

God Bless, Phil



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For all badly affected by this week's weather, especially those forced to leave homes.
- For those across the world fearing the daily realities or threat of war.
- For all living in poverty - overseas and here in the UK.

We pray for all those recently bereaved and those remembering bereavement anniversaries at this time. May they know God's peace and comfort.

We pray for those in particular need, including Sylvia; Jane; 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 February is MK Bridgebuilder Trust, which visits primary and secondary schools across Milton Keynes. Its focus is to help children and young people consider their beliefs, explore Christianity and make positive life choices. See www.mkbt.org.uk

HYMNS TODAY

1046 Give thanks to the Lord
1267 Come, people of the risen King
631 Tell out my soul
796 You shall go out with joy

Minister Today is Rev Phil Dunning. Please give our usual warm welcome

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Bell ringing 7.45pm
Thur Interment of Ashes 12.00
Fri Martial Arts Club 7pm
Sat Coffee Morning 10-12.00

NEWS & NOTICES

AGM this year's church meeting will be after the service on 1st March. We ask all those who need to submit a report please start thinking about getting them ready.

Thanksgiving Service for Audrey, Dawn's mother, on Thursday 5th February 12.00pm. Anyone from the Church who can come and support Dawn & Derek at this time would be most welcome. Interment of ashes follows after the service.



Church Meeting Reminder that there will be a short Church Meeting after the service today to talk about the Parish Share. The full document was sent out recently and copies are on the table by the main entrance.

Stewardship All churches in the partnership are taking part in a series of themed services about stewardship. The idea is to promote unity, church mission and giving in the SEP by reminding all congregations simultaneously of the commitment involved with both maintaining and enhancing our mission together.

Candlemas Day is tomorrow 2nd February, to celebrate the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple and the Virgin Mary being purified, The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World. The festival is called Candlemas because this was the day that all the Church's candles for the year were blessed. On Candlemas night, people would place lighted candles in their windows at home.

*"If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will have another fight.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter won't come again."*

THIS WEEK IN TIMES PAST

1918 AD Some women get the vote. Following decades of struggle parliament finally passed the Representation of the People Act. In this Act, only women over the age of 30 with property were granted the vote, also most property qualifications were dropped for men, increasing the male electorate. Together these 2 measures increased the electorate almost threefold. Another step towards democracy, it is often forgotten that democracy in Britain is very recent not yet 100 years old (1928).

PRAYERS & READINGS

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

From Today's Readings

If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Romans 11:16

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana (ask at church)

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise



COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Church meeting 1st Feb
- Next coffee morning 7th Feb 10-12
- Bishop Dave preaches here 8th Feb
- Ash Wednesday 18th Feb
- AGM 1st Mar (after service)
- Clocks go forward 29th Mar

Church photocopier is now at church house

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

from Mike
If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail

AH Maslow

QUIZ

set by Mike
Q. Which animal has seven facial expressions that are all used to show its feelings?

Answer: A Horse

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CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

from Beryl
Nicaragua This week we give thanks for the release of **Pastor Rudy Palacios Vargas** and five of his family and friends, after nearly six months of arbitrary detention. During this time, they were held incommunicado – with no contact with the outside world. Although their freedom is still restricted, we praise God for the good news that they are alive and are no longer in prison! Pastor Vargas is now under house arrest, as is his sister Jéssica Vargas and Armando Bermúdez. Sources report that they are under surveillance and their movements are restricted. We give thanks and continue to **pray** that they would be released from house arrest. We also **pray** that the Lord would protect any who are imprisoned in inhumane, overcrowded conditions in Nicaragua.