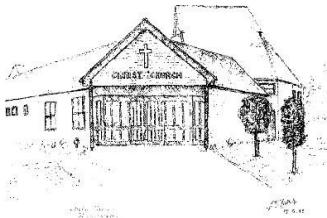


**CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY**  
**STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP**

***Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.***



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

**Christ Church Service, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 10.30am All Age Worship**

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January when our service will be led by Maggie Prisk

**Theme:** "The waiting time is over".

**The readings are from** Psalm 147:1-11, Luke 2:22-38 and Matthew 2:1-12.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> January.** All age worship at 10.30 will be led by Phil Dunning.

**Chris Solly's funeral details.**

Please remember Chris Solly's family this week as her funeral will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Starting at 12.15 pm at the crematorium followed by a celebration service at 1.30pm at Christ Church, Stantonbury.

**Housegroups week starting 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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 – will resume On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Under 5s will meet from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the church hall. (Term time only)  
We will break up for the Christmas break after the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### **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, Rachel Howarth, Pat Parsons, Cherill and Barry Lomas. Chris and Richard and family.

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.

## **Coffee and Cake – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

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 January, February and March 2026 the charity we are supporting is –**

**Fundatia Bucuria Darului**

**(The Joy of Giving Foundation)**

### **Their mission:**

The mission of the Bucuria Darului Foundation is to find ways to restore hope and put our less fortunate fellows back on their feet.

## **Their vision:**

A world where every person feels the warmth of a home.

This is a charity that Mike Kelsey volunteer's at in Romania, (Mike is Nancy Warners Son)



Facebook – Fundatia Bucuria Darului or [www.bucuriadarului.ro](http://www.bucuriadarului.ro)

## **'An evening for the SEP with Bishop Dave'**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 19:00**

**'An evening for the SEP with Bishop Dave'**

at St Andrews Church, Great Linford.

The Bishop of Buckingham is spending an evening with us in the SEP specifically to show his support and seek to answer questions in our current ministry situation. Please put this date in your diaries now, so that you don't miss out on hearing from Bishop Dave on how the Diocese can assist our SEP at this time.

Questions for the Bishop should be submitted in advance, so that we can organise the meeting around the themes that people want to discuss. Please email your questions to our Administrator Helen at [sburyepadm@gmail.com](mailto:sburyepadm@gmail.com) is now compiling a list of questions for the Bishop.

...the event is free, and open to all members.

## **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 January 2026**

The Eco Tip to measure your carbon footprint at the beginning of the New Year is taken from the A Rocha November newsletter 2025 and contains two useful sites to guide you doing this.

### **Eco tip: Measure your carbon footprint.**

Take an audit of your individual or household carbon footprint, then repeat this each year to see if you can reduce it! There are some great tools to help you, including the carbon calculators provided by Climate Stewards at [climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators](http://climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators). There are lots of ways to reduce your footprint, from switching energy suppliers to changing your diet.

Creation Care, at [creationcare.org.uk](http://creationcare.org.uk), has resources specifically for households that give you ideas and help you track your progress. As you look at different areas of your life, consider lifting up each area or action to God as an offering.

### **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.**

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.

**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.