



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 Lent Mothering Sunday 15th March

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Revd Peterson Feital)

Readings: Exodus 2:1-10 (p.56); John 19:25-27 (p.1027);

Service: Peter and Ping; Reader: Marjorie; Prayers: Carol; Music: Beryl; Tea: Liz;

9.45am Weekly Prayers in the South Aisle

Fifth Sunday of Lent 22nd March

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Mike Morris)

Readings: Isaiah 12:1-6 (p.662); John 11:1-27 (p.1017);

Service: Carol and Ghislaine; Reader: Peter; Prayers: Lesley; Music: Beryl; Tea: Angela;



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

Reflection

"Today is Mothering Sunday, the day when we thank God for giving us the one person on this earth who generally has had the greatest impact on our lives (don't tell my wife!!) What do mothers do? They are Teachers, Cooks and Cleaners, Nurses and Doctors, Psychologists and Counsellors, Car drivers and Coaches – and even football supporters! And mothers are a link to God. A child's first impression of God's love. Someone once said "Mothers are the glue that holds the family together." Mothers also have a wonderful capacity for self-sacrifice – putting the good of their children ahead of their own good. And Jesus showed great mother-like qualities of love and self-sacrifice. He died on the Cross for our sakes – to bring us back into a relationship with God. Our sin had separated us from God, but He died in our place. It is that self-sacrifice that we remember and celebrate at Easter. When we respond to that self-sacrifice and mother-like love, we become His disciples. What a challenge!"

God Bless Mike



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- On this Mothering Sunday, give thanks for mothers and foster mothers - for all they do and all they are.
- For children whose mothers have died, are ill, or cannot live with them, to still know love and care.
- For all around the world caught up in the escalation of war.

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 March is World Vision which works in almost 100 countries. It goes where the need is greatest to help children in emergencies, extreme poverty or facing abuse or exploitation. See worldvision.org.uk

HYMNS TODAY

132 Father, hear the prayer we offer
152 For the beauty of the earth
449 Love divine, all loves excelling
631 Tell out, my soul, the greatness

Minister Today is Revd Peterson Feital, our House for Duty minister. Peterson has been here once before. Please give our usual warm welcome

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Gardening Club 10-12pm;
Bell ringing 7.45pm
Fri Bell Ringing 4-6pm; Martial Arts Club 7pm

NEWS & NOTICES

Coffee Morning & Easter Hunt

The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 28th March 10-12pm. Alongside this Phil will be running an Easter Hunt in the church. If anyone knows any children that would like to take part please spread the word. We may charge a very small amount to cover costs. Please donate Cadbury Creme Eggs for the hunt. Phil will need some help on the day please let Phil or someone from the leadership team know or give donated creme eggs.



Bell Ringing Visiting bell ringers will ring a peal of bells on Friday 20th March between 4pm and 5.30pm. A peal takes a great deal of concentration. As this can be dangerous to bell ringers if disturbed we ask that no one enters the church or annexe during this time.

Weekly Prayer meeting There is a weekly prayer meeting in the Church prior to the start of worship each week. All are welcome.

Safeguarding information can be accessed on the SEP website, also available in our Safeguarding folder on the bookshelf in the annexe and the noticeboard.

Toilet Our thanks to Peter who has been persistent and despite being cancelled twice for our lack of funds has been able to get the toilet repaired and a new hot water tap installed.

Communion When we go to the chancel we have been standing too close to the arch making distribution difficult. Several ideas had been discussed, so now a strip of rubber will be put on the floor in front of the arch, this was

kindly donated by Andrew. We ask that we do not stand beyond this strip, giving room for the minister and assistant to give the sacrament.

ECO CHURCH

Eco-Tip Boots the chemist take empty blister packs for recycling.

Eco-Tip there is a refill shop called “Nothing Wasted”, 105 High Street, Newport Pagnell. You take along an empty container, weigh it, then fill it from their large containers. They sell cupboard staples such as pasta and cereals, dried fruit, cleaning products and toiletries.

PRAYERS & READINGS

Prayer Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

From Today's Readings

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

John 19:26-27

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana (ask at church)

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mothering Sunday 15th March
- Coffee Morning 28th Mar 10-12pm
- Easter Hunt 28th Mar 10-12pm
- Clocks go forward 29th Mar
- Good Friday service 3rd April 12pm
- Easter Day 5th April
- Witsun 24th May

Church photocopier is now at church house

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike
My way of joking is to tell the truth.
It's the funniest joke in the world.
George Bernard Shaw

QUIZ set by Mike

Q. What is the Chemical symbol for Gold?

Answer: Au



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, 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

Please pray for the Tarfa family in **Nigeria** following some heartbreaking news. Professor Solomon and Mrs Mercy Tarfa are co-founders of the Du Merci Centres for vulnerable children. 27 children were removed from their care on false charges. 19 children have been returned over the last 7 years, but this left the 8 youngest alone and vulnerable in a government-run orphanage, where they had faced mistreatment. Now with profound sadness CSW share that 13-year-old David Solomon Tarfa died in the orphanage after his illness was neglected. David had been suffering debilitating stomach pain for over a week. He became weak, unable to eat and unable to walk. Despite staff being aware of his illness, David received no medical treatment. **Please join us in a moment of silence for David.**