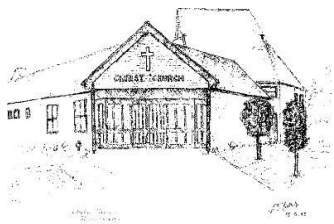


CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY
STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP
Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.



Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People

(Reminder that the clocks go forward by 1 hour this weekend.)

Christ Church Service, Sunday 29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday @ 10.30am

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 29th March when our Palm Sunday service will be led by John and Jenny Boxwell.

Theme: Palm Sunday.

The readings are from Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 and Matthew 21:1-11.

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 5th April. – Easter Sunday. 9am Communion service led by Rev Phil Dunning. Followed at 9.30ish with Breakfast. All age Celebration at 10.30 am led by Maggie Prisk.

Holly Week Services are:

Mon 30th 2pm Holy Week Meditation Service at St Andrew's

Tues 31st 10am Holy Week Meditation Service at Bradwell St Lawrence

Weds 1st 12.30pm Holy Week Meditation Service at Christ Church

Thurs 2nd 8pm Holy Week Meditation Service at St James' With Holy Communion.

Fri 3rd at 2pm Good Friday Mediation Service at St Mary Magdalene, Willen

Housegroups week starting 29th March 2026.

Wednesday and Thursday Housegroups are not meeting this week.

Prayer requests

Thank you all for your prayers, many of which have been answered. If you wish to have someone or a situation put into the news sheet, please send your request to Pat (pat.a.parsons@gmail.com). If you would like a person mentioned in intercessions during Sunday services please mention it to Richard, Susan, Maggie, Adrian, Penny or Phil'

Please remember in your prayers: Nancy Dua, Cis Jones, Jean Wood, Peter Thorpe, Rachel Howarth.

Please remember in your prayers the Ethos Team based at Stantonbury Campus.

Pray for the people of Afghanistan, Lebanon, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza.

The Wednesday morning Drop-In 1st April 2026.

The Wednesday morning Drop-In meets at church between 10:00 and 11:30 am. Refreshments will be available.

Under 5s –

Under 5s will not be meeting on 2nd and 9th April due to it being Easter. They will restart on Thursday 16th April.

meet from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the church hall. (Term time only)

Coffee and Cake – Saturday 18th April 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 April and May 2026, the charity we are supporting is –

Christian Aid

An agency of the churches in the UK and Ireland working with local organisations throughout the world wherever the need is greatest.

www.christianaid.org.uk



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)

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.

Eco Tip March 2026



For one week in March, thousands of people will be counting every piece of plastic packaging they throw away. Together, we'll uncover the true scale of the UK's big plastic problem and call on the government to do more about it.

We're not just counting plastic – we're building a movement for a fair future that's free from the impacts of the plastics crisis.

How to take Part

1. Sign up - Sign up to take part and you'll receive everything you need to get started – including your Count Pack and simple instructions. <https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up>

2. Get Ready Use your Count Sheet to record the plastic packaging you throw away. Print it at home, at your library, or ask a friend – then pop it near your bin or fridge, so everyone can see it.

You can also count online. Visit the submission page to save your results as you go and submit them by **Sunday 22 March** – only one person per household can count online.

3. How to Count From 9 to 15 March, count every piece of plastic packaging you throw away – in the bin, the recycling, and out and about. You can count as you go, or collect your plastic and count it at the end of the day or week – whatever works for you.

4. Submit your results Once the week's up, it's time to submit your count online by **Sunday 22 March**. After you've submitted, you'll receive your own plastic profile which will reveal how much you threw away and what happened to it.

Your data will be combined with the data of everyone who takes part in The Big Plastic Count. The Big Plastic Count will crunch the numbers to figure out how much plastic the UK is throwing away and where it ends up. They'll take these

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

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.

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Christ Church web site: Please take a look on www.christchurchmk.org.uk

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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.