



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

4th Sunday of Easter
26th April

5th Sunday of Easter
3rd May

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Revd Dr. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah)

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Revd Phil Dunning)

Readings: Acts 2:42-47 (p.1033); John 10:1-10 (p.1016);

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Service: Peter and Ping; Reader: Laurie; Prayers: Ann; Music: Beryl; Tea: Angela;

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9.45am Weekly Prayers in the South Aisle



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

Reflection

In Gospel of John 10:1-10, Jesus is not just offering guidance—He is declaring Himself as the only true Gate and Shepherd, calling you to discern His voice and reject every false voice that comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Step through Him today, for in Christ alone you will find salvation, security, and the abundant life God has ordained for you.

God Bless, Kofi

From Today's Readings

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:9-10



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For our planet, that we may appreciate its beauty and play our part in caring for it.
- For world leaders to act with integrity and find ways to work together for the good of all.
- For families and individuals fearful of rising costs.

We pray for all those recently bereaved especially thinking of Raji and Bernard's family, following the death of Raji's sister Nimmi. May they know God's peace and comfort at this time.

We pray for those in particular need, including Sylvia; Jane; Joan; Eileen; Esther; Ray; Jill; Paul; Ann; Clare; and others known personally to us.

- To add prayers contact Beryl on •

Our Mission Focus in April is Christian Solidarity Worldwide, which supports those around the world facing injustice because of their religion or belief. See csw.org.uk

HYMNS TODAY

- 649** The King of love my hepherd is
1008 The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not
162 From heaven he came
400 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Minister Today is Revd Dr. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah, Kofi is the Methodist minister for many churches in the area, please give our usual warm welcome.

CHURCH THIS WEEK

- Wed** Gardening Club 10-12pm;
 Funeral 10.30am;
 Bell ringing 7.45pm

- Fri** WPG meeting 2pm; Martial Arts Club 7pm
Sat Coffee Morning 10-12pm

NEWS & NOTICES

9.30am Services We could not find anyone to take the service on the **17th May**, but Phil kindly said he would lead the service at 9.30am before leaving for another church. On the **31st May** there is an SEP service, Phil will lead us at 9.30am before he leaves for the SEP service.

Work Day this year is Saturday **9th May** 10am-12pm. Please



could everyone try and be here to help maintain the church, whether it is sunny or raining there are plenty of jobs that need to be done inside and out. There are light cleaning jobs to be done as well as some more intensive ones outside. If you can, try and bring tools/cleaning items with you. Peter will be coordinating our efforts please see him for any questions.

Coffee Morning Saturday 2nd May 10-12pm for tea, coffee and biscuits.

Photocopier Bradwell Church photocopier is now stored at Church House. See Phil if you need any photocopying done, it is free for church, housegroup and outreach needs.

Giving Cards Introduced a long time ago by Andy, they are there for those who give by other means to add something at offering, the offering is blessed and it's giving is shared when brought forward, they are the small green cards at the back of the church.

Congratulations We are delighted to announce the birth of our granddaughter Charlotte Lily , born on 7th April. Love Michael and Esther.

Communion Please stand behind the rubber line on the floor to give room for the sacrament to be administered and don't feel rushed during communion take as long as you need during this most sacred part of the service, wait for everyone to have finished taking communion at the chancel arch before returning to your seats and try not to form a queue as this adds to the pressured feeling. Thank you.

PRAYERS & READINGS

Easter prayer of Giving Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolise lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana (ask at church)

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Coffee Morning 2nd May
- Church Work Day 9th May 10-12
- Service at 9.30am 17th May
- Whitsun 24th May
- Service at 9.30am 31st May
- Cafe style service 7th June
- Heritage Open Day 12th Sept

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

 from Mike

Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

Albert Camus

QUIZ

 set by Mike

Q. What is the most populated city in the world?

Answer: Tokyo



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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

Nigeria Despite an order by the High Court for the remaining 7 children of the Du Merci orphanage to be returned, **this has not happened**. At a meeting convened by the authorities on April 15th for the handover to be completed and the necessary documents signed, the Commissioner for Women's Affairs and Social Development left the meeting, taking all the children with her before it ended. **Please pray** for the immediate and unconditional return of the children to the Tarfa's care, that the Lord would intervene and bring justice, provision, strength and healing to this precious family. Thank you for your prayers over the last seven years. For the full story please go to <https://www.csw.org.uk/2026/04/16/press/6786/article.htm>