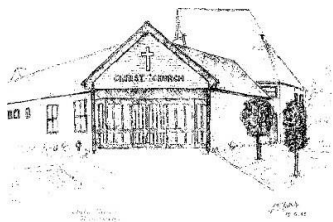


CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY
STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP
Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.



Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People

Christ Church Service, Sunday 26th April 2026 with Communion and virtual Communion @ 10.30am

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 26th April when our Communion service will be led by Rev Phil Dunning.

Theme: "A Good result of Suffering"

The readings are from 1 Peter 2:19-25 and John 14:1-14.

If you would like to partake in the Virtual Communion, we invite you to have bread and wine ready, so that we may eat and drink together as we share in communion.

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 3rd May. All age worship at 10.30 will be led by John and Jenny Boxwell.

Housegroups week starting 26th April 2026

Wednesday Group at 7.30pm – 9pm contact Roger Gander (01908 312162)

(In person meeting)

Thursday Group at 6.00 pm – 7.30pm Contact Richard Solly (01908 317392)

(On zoom meeting)

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 family of John Porter who died last week, John was a member of St James Church and was the editor for the SEP newsletter.

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

Pray for the people of Afghanistan, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. Iran and Lebanon and the Arab countries around the Med.

The Wednesday morning Drop-In 29th April 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 – Thursday 30th April 2026

Under 5s will meet from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the church hall. (Term time only)

Coffee and Cake – Saturday 16th May 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



April Eco Tip: Gardening for climate change

Due to climate change we now frequently experience very wet winters and very dry summers. The RHS website has some excellent resources on choosing plants that can tolerate soil that is sometimes waterlogged and sometimes very dry, with added advice on gardening for these extreme conditions. It also has information on creating rain gardens and bog gardens. Below are examples of plants and tips, but for more detailed advice and specific plant varieties, visit the RHS site:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/for-places/wet-dry-soils>

Examples of Tips:

- Add organic matter to soil (eg home made compost)
- Apply mulch to the soil
- Plant trees and shrubs in October & water regularly until established. After that water only when absolutely necessary, which trains them to be drought tolerant.
- Create summer shade

Examples of plants:

Perennials: Iris sibirica, Bistorta amplexicaulis, Euphorbia palustris, Lythrum salicaria

Shrubs: Mahonia, Euonymus, Berberis, Ligustrum

Trees: Magnolia, Acer, Apple & Pear trees

Plants that self-seed: Aquilegia, Foxgloves, Verbena bonariensis



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. 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

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Treasurer: Adrian Prisk 01908 605815 or aprisk@doctors.org.uk

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Items for the Newsletter: Pat Parsons 01908 318188 or pat.a.parsons@gmail.com

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.