



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Trinity Sunday 31st May

9.30am Morning Worship (led by Revd Phil Dunning)

Readings: Exodus 34:1-10 (p.88); Mark 1:1-13 (p.947);

Service: Liz and Bernard; Reader: Beryl; Prayers: Ann; Music: Beryl; Tea: Raj;

9.45am Weekly Prayers in the south aisle

First Sunday after Trinity 7th June

10.30am All Age Service (led by Revd Phil Dunning)

Readings: Genesis 12:1-9 (p.12); Matthew 9:9-13,18-26 (p.921);

Service: Peter and Ping; Reader: Alan; Prayers: Angela; Music: Diana & Beryl; Tea: Ghislaine;

Breakfast

Next Sunday tea, coffee and pastries will be served before the service not afterwards from around 10.00am

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

Reflection

The distinct language used in the Bible can sometimes pass us by - many of us have read passages too many times. For this Trinity Sunday though let us be reminded of the words of the original King James translation - particularly for the Baptism of Jesus, in Mark 1.

'And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptised of John in the Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him; and a voice came out of the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased'

The drama and significance of the moment is better captured in these ancient words, and point us toward the power of the Trinity of God - on our lives, and in the world. **God Bless, Phil**



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For those struggling with ill health or bereavement brought on by the hot weather.
- For young people returning to school or college, as exams continue this month.
- For all in war-torn areas, especially where war action has recently intensified - and for peace.

We pray for all those recently bereaved or remembering past bereavements at this time of year. May they know God's peace and comfort.

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

- To add prayers contact Beryl on •

Our Mission Focus in May is Christian Aid, a partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide. See www.christianaid.org.uk

HYMNS TODAY

237 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God

699 Thou, whose almighty word

463 May the mind of Christ

1277 God, we praise You!

9.30am Service On the 31st May there is an SEP service at Cross & Stable at 11am, Phil will kindly lead us in a service at 9.30am before he leaves for the SEP service.

Minister Today is Revd Phil Dunning who needs no introduction. Please give our usual warm welcome.

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Gardening Club 10-12pm;

Bell ringing 7.45pm;

Fri Martial Arts Club 7pm;

Sat Coffee Morning 10-12

Bradwell Chapel Redecoration Phil and Grayham are organising for the vacant Bradwell Chapel building to be stripped out and redecorated over this summer, and would appreciate any help and support friends can offer on 3 work party Saturdays. The 27th June, 25th July, and 22nd August, 10am-3pm. A Deanery Grant is being applied for to help with costs. Contact Phil or Grayham details

NEWS & NOTICES



Pilgrimage There will be a pilgrimage between all churches in the sep group on Saturday 4th July. Starting at Willen at 9am and finishing at Bradwell at 3.45pm. There will be a short act of worship at each church. We would like to offer tea as refreshments at Bradwell, could someone volunteer to help please. See Phil

ECO CHURCH

Sustainability There are many things we can do to aid our sustainability.

Reduce what we buy



Reuse extend an item's use

Refuse extra free junk

Repair items not replace them

Renewable solar, electric cars

Rethink instead of disposing

Repurpose not throw away

Recycle everything we can

Breakfast Phil will be leading us in a cafe style church on the 7th June with breakfast served be-

forehand from 10am-10.30am.

Sponsorship Esther and Michael tell us that Daniel is taking part in the Milton Keynes Race For Life in June raising funds for Cancer Research UK. If you feel able to sponsor him please go to <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/danielsquiremk26>

Trinity Sunday Thomas Becket (1118-70) was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury on the Sunday after Whitsun, and ordained that the day of his consecration should be held as a new festival in honour of the Holy Trinity. This observance spread from Canterbury throughout the whole of western Christendom. This day is known for being the only major Christian festival that celebrates a church doctrine rather than an event in its sacred history. It is dedicated to the Christian belief in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Prayer Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana (ask at church)

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Service at 9.30am 31st May
- Coffee Morning 6th June 10-12
- Cafe style service 7th June
- Pilgrimage in sep churches 4th Jul
- Heritage Open Day 12th Sept
- Harvest with breakfast 4th Oct
- Bereaved Service 1st Nov 3.30pm

Church photocopier is now at church house

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike
Money can't buy you happiness, but I would rather cry in a Lamborghini than on a bus!
Francoise Sagan

QUIZ set by Mike

Q. What is the largest rodent in America?

Answer: The Beaver



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

Eritrea "We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed, perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed." 2 **Corinthians 4:7-8** This is a country known as the 'North Korea of Africa' due to the extreme levels of repression. Yet the words of scripture remind us that **no earthly power compares to the Lord**. Thousands of Eritreans are detained without charge or trial – held in harsh facilities that include metal shipping containers, overcrowded cells, and even holes dug in the ground. It is estimated that around 300 Christians are among this number. Pray that they would be sustained in body, mind, and spirit, and would feel God's comfort. Ask God to make the faith of the church resilient and wise, that fear would not dominate their lives.