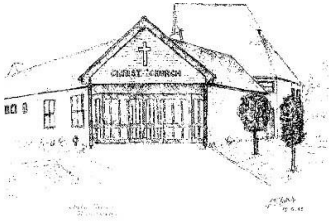


# CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY

## STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

*Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.*



**Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People**

### **Christ Church Service, Family Worship - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 10.30am**

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May when our Family Worship will be led by Rev Peterson Feital.

**Theme:** "You Belong to Me: Jesus Prayer Over Us"

**The readings are from** 1 Peter 4:12-14, 1 Peter 5:6-11 and John 17:1-10.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> May.** All age worship with communion and virtual communion at 10.30 will be led by Ian Suttie

### **Partnership-wide Service**

The next Partnership-wide Service will be held on **31<sup>st</sup> May** at Cross and Stable and will be a celebration of the work done by volunteers in congregations and in the Partnership. The service will be a Methodist Order of Holy Communion led by Revd Kofi Tekyi-Ansah.

### **Ascension – Thursday May 14th**

***A special service of Celebration - 7.30pm at Christ Church, Stantonbury*** The moment of Ascension is such a powerful image of the Risen Christ returning to receive his glory. It should mark for each one of us that time when we will join him in the presence of God, and forever.

Join Phil and Peterson for worship, thoughts and celebration of Ascension. (Note this is not a Communion service.)

## **Housegroups week starting 17<sup>th</sup> May 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. Joseph Coward in hospital following a serious cycling accident. (relative of Maggie's)

Please remember in your prayers the family of John Porter. 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.

## **John Porter's Funeral**

John's funeral is being held at St James' Church, New Bradwell on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 12pm.

## **Coffee and Cake – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)



## **The Wednesday morning Drop-In 20<sup>th</sup> May 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 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

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

**Thursday 21st May 7:30 pm - The Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership AGM** will be held at Christ Church. This will include the annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect Church Wardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (to elect PCC lay members and Deanery Synod members).

This meeting is open to every member of our six churches – please come along to hear what has been happening in the Partnership this year and prepare for the coming year. It's important that we have as many people there as possible, and we need around 60 people there to be quorate for the AGM, so PLEASE COME ALONG.

### **SEP AGM May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, 7:30 pm at Christ Church.**

The papers for the AGM have been uploaded to the website at <https://stantonbury.net/wp/sep-agm-2024/sep-agm-2026>. Please take time to read them and print them out if necessary. There will only be limited printed copies available at the meeting.

There are vacancies for 3 Trustees, a Partnership Leadership Lay Chair and a Safeguarding Lead. Please ask your Church Officers for nomination forms, which must be returned/notified to the Trustees secretary by 14<sup>th</sup> May. ([sep.trustee.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:sep.trustee.secretary@gmail.com))

**Saturday 23rd May** - 9.00-11.00am at Wolverton House Carvery Pub, Stratford Road, Wolverton. MK12 5NZ.

'Unlimited breakfast/hot drinks' - £12.00 per person (lighter options are available for a cheaper rate - order on the day)

Guest Speaker - Bishop Tony Porter - former Chaplain to Manchester City FC and former National director of Christians in Sport. Tony will talk about his experiences, bringing a lively message of how his faith has impacted his sports ministry - with the heading of '*4 Managers and a funeral*'.

Bring along all friends. Bookings via Eventbrite – pay on the day.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sep-sports-breakfast-tickets-1988617433275?aff=oddtcreator>

## **Afternoon Family Prayer Gathering**

Saturday 23rd May | 2:30–4:00pm at St Andrew's, Great Linford

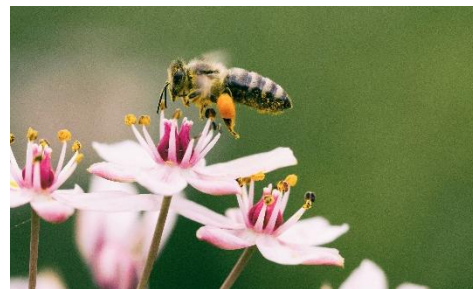
We will meet in a relaxed, café-style setting, with tea, coffee and cakes. Spaces are limited to around 40, so please do confirm your place by emailing Helen Eaton at ([sburyepadm@gmail.com](mailto:sburyepadm@gmail.com) ). A suggested donation of £5 will go towards SEP Children and Youth Work. We hope this may be the beginning of something gentle and sustaining — a shared life of prayer that will deepen and support us all. See attached poster for details.

## **Central Baptist Association Assembly & AGM - 2026**

...guest speaker - Rev Leone Martin from Yorkshire; a specialist in diversity mission and ministry.

*This is being held on Saturday 27th June - 10.00am - 4.00pm - in Welwyn Garden City. Phil will be attending, along with Alex and Bijana, and there's another place in his car for another interested friend to join. Registration needed, but there is no cost. Let Phil know if you would like to attend.*

## **May Eco Tip:**



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Support pollinators.

Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Wednesday 20 May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators.

Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them in A Rocha's Target 25 resources at [arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25](http://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25).

Sow a pollinator friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase.

For more about World Bee Day visit: [awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/](http://awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/)

## **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. Suggestion list attached to email. 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 e.g. 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](mailto:sburyepadm@gmail.com)

## **WHO TO CONTACT AT CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY**

**Minister:** Rev Phil Dunning - 01908 151962, 07990523702 or [philipjdunning21@gmail.com](mailto:philipjdunning21@gmail.com) (Tuesday is Phil's day off)

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**Treasurer:** Adrian Prisk 01908 605815 or [aprisk@doctors.org.uk](mailto:aprisk@doctors.org.uk)

**Worship Co-ordinator:** Susan Gander 01908 312162 or [susan.gander@gmail.com](mailto:susan.gander@gmail.com)

**Items for the Newsletter:** Pat Parsons 01908 318188 or [pat.a.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:pat.a.parsons@gmail.com)

**Christ Church web site:** Please take a look on [www.christchurchmk.org.uk](http://www.christchurchmk.org.uk)

## **Gift Aid It**

### **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.