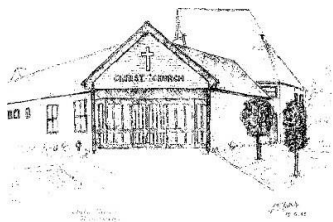


CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY
STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP
Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.



Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People

Christ Church Service, Family Worship - Sunday 24th May 2026 @ 10.30am with Communion and virtual Communion.

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 24th May when our Family Worship with Communion and virtual Communion will be led by Ian Suttie.

Theme:

The readings are from Acts 2:1-12 and John 20:19-23.

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 31st May. Partnership-wide Service

The next Partnership-wide Service will be held on 31st 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.

There will be no service at Christ Church on Sunday 31st May.

Housegroups week starting 24th 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, Joseph Coward in hospital following a serious cycling accident. (relative of Maggie's)

It is with great sadness we have to pass on that Rachel Howarth died suddenly but peacefully last weekend. Please remember Joshua and the family at this very sad time.

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.

Saturday 23rd May SEP 'Sports Breakfast'

- 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). 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.

The Wednesday morning Drop-In 27th 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 28th May 2026

There is no Under 5s this week due to it being half term.

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

Coffee and Cake – Saturday 20th June 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.

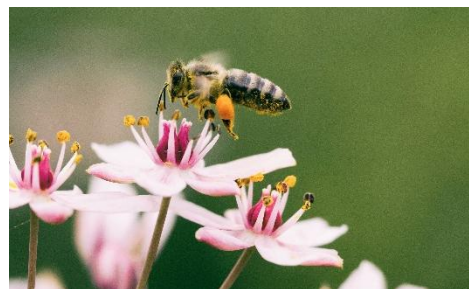
For June and July 2026, the charity we are supporting is –



St Marks Meals Boxes are stored in over 60 schools, children's centres and community hubs across Milton Keynes. As soon as a teacher or other professional realises that a child will not eat dinner that night, they can invite a family to choose from a selection of delicious dinner options. And if they need dinner again tomorrow night, they can...cos no child should go to bed hungry.



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.

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/

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

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

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

Worship Co-ordinator: Susan Gander 01908 312162 or susan.gander@gmail.com

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.