



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Third Sunday after Trinity 21st June

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Revd Steve Barnes)

Readings: Genesis 21:8-21 (p.20); Matthew 10:24-39 (p.922);

Service: Alan and Ghislaine; Reader: Marjorie; Prayers: Lesley; Music: Diana; Tea: Sally;

9:45am Weekly Prayers will be held in the south aisle

Fourth Sunday after Trinity 28th June

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Revd Peterson Feital)

Readings: Genesis 22:1-14 (p.21); Matthew 10:40-42 (p.923);

Service: Andrew and Sally; Reader: Laurie; Prayers: Carol; Music: Adrian; Tea: Liz;

12.00pm There will be a church meeting after the service next Sunday

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

Reflection

A name for Jesus is Prince of Peace. Many times his greeting was, "Peace be with you." How strange then, in today's gospel from St Matthew (10:24-39), to read, "I came not to bring peace but a sword!" Passionately held views can give rise to great polarisation; witness family and community break-ups over Brexit, or back to the 70s, the miners' strike. I don't believe Jesus purposely sought for such division but knew his teaching and ministry would arouse it, "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother..." Their offspring going off with some wacky preacher from Nazareth! Or Chinese children 'dutifully' betraying their Christian parents to the authorities today. Those who protect their life will lose it. Those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

God Bless, Steve



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For peace to hold between the US and Iran.
- As many families celebrate Fathers Day, pray for children whose fathers have died, are ill, or who cannot live with them. May they still know special love and care.
- For young people of school-leaving age, needing to choose further education, training or employment.

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 (Bernard & Raji's grandson); 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 June is CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society), an Anglican mission agency working with churches to help them share the gospel afresh in each generation. They run holidays, appoint clergy, and resource and support mission leaders. See www.cpas.org.uk

HYMNS TODAY

103 Come, ye faithful, raise the

670 The strife is o'er

243 How firm a foundation

428 Lord, for the years

Minister Today is a regular visitor Revd Steve Barnes please give our usual warm welcome.

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Gardening Club 10-12pm;

Bell ringing 7.45pm;

Fri Martial Arts Club 7pm;

NEWS & NOTICES

Chapel project update from Phil.

Work to clear out the chapel has begun, with donations of surplus toys and games made to the Age UK warehouse, and disposal of other items. Two 6' office desks could be delivered to anyone who could use them at home(? - let me know!) The next work days are 25th July, and 22nd August, 10am-3pm. Anyone available to help with this work would be most welcome at the Chapel!

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. See the Noticeboard.

Coffee Morning the next one is due on the 4th July. As the pilgrimage is on that day and we will be serving Afternoon Tea at 3.45pm

for the pilgrims, the coffee morning is now in the afternoon 2pm-4pm and will join in to welcome the pilgrims. We will need extra volunteers to help set up the afternoon tea from 3.15, and serve the tea. See Phil, Alan or Angela

Church Meeting There will be a meeting after the service on the 28th June. The meeting is to discuss the future of the Chapel. Please attend if you can, it should not take long.

Sponsorship Esther and Michael would like to thank everyone who sponsored Daniel for Race for Life. He raised £180 for Cancer Research UK.

Revd Peterson Feital with the continuing uncertainty with the suspension of the Team Rector,

the Oxford Diocese have agreed for House for Duty minister, Revd Peterson Feital, to receive remuneration for two additional days employment with us each week at no extra cost to the parish share. We are grateful to Peterson for the enthusiasm he has brought into his otherwise unpaid role.

This week in times past

Summer solstice or in Anglo-Saxon England called 'midsummer' is the longest period of daylight and shortest night of the year. In the Julian calendar of the Roman Empire, the date of the summer solstice was 24th June. At the Council of Nicaea (325AD), the Church set the date of the spring equinox to 21st March, to calculate Easter. This also brought midsummer day to 21st June.

Prayer God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

From Today's readings

Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana (ask at church)

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Pilgrimage in sep churches 4th Jul
- Coffee Afternoon 4th Jul 2-4pm
- Service at 9.30am 30th Aug
- Heritage Open Day 12th Sept
- Harvest with breakfast 4th Oct
- Bereaved Service 1st Nov 3.30pm
- First Sunday of Advent 29th Nov

Church photocopier is now at church house

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT from Mike
Think of all the beauty still left
around you and be happy
Anne Frank

QUIZ set by Mike
What colour are the seats in the
House of Commons?

Answer: Green



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

Columbia Pastor Karen Niele's husband, Ivan, was shot near their home in January 2025 for refusing to let a local armed group store drugs and guns in their church. Ivan, also a pastor, was 28. The police refused to attend because they were too afraid. Karen says how deeply her husband loved and served others. Since Dec 2024, at least 11 religious leaders have been kidnapped or killed. Because of their peaceful influence, religious leaders are obvious targets for criminal gangs, but the government stripped them of state protection In 2023. Please pray for safety for Pastor Karen and her children and that Colombia's incoming government will restore the protection they so clearly and urgently need. Stand with Pastor Karen and others. **Add your name to CSW's campaign today:** csw.org.uk/TotalPeace