



# WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

### Sixth Sunday after Trinity 12th July

**10.30am Morning Worship** (led by Maggie Prisk)

**Readings:** Genesis 25:19-34 (p.25); Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 (p.925);

**Service:** Liz and Marjorie; Reader: Peter; Prayers: Angela; Music: Beryl; Tea: Sally;

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

### Seventh Sunday after Trinity 19th July

**10.30am Holy Communion** (led by Revd Paul Smith)

**Readings:** Genesis 28:10-19a (p.29); Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 (p.926);

**Service:** Peter and Chris; Reader: Alan; Prayers: Karen; Music: Beryl; Tea: Ghislaine;



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

### Reflection

"What does the parable of the Sower, in today's reading, tell us about the necessary condition of a heart – of the soil - if the Word of God is to have lasting effect? Well, it has to be a receptive heart. Not a heart hardened and resistant - not like the soil on the path. A heart that is receptive to the Word is not stunted like seeds sown among thorns. The heart conditioned by grace stands in contrast to all of these. And that's what really makes the difference. It is a heart conditioned by grace. This is grace at work. It cultivates in us a hospitality for the Word, a receptivity to the gospel. Do we need to look to the garden of our hearts? Take a soil sample, if you will. Look at the condition of our hearts, and resolve to make it a hospitable environment for the Word. This is the harvest of a heart conditioned by grace. This is the fruition of the Word in our lives and it is the only thing that will last for eternity." **God Bless, Mike**



## PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For children approaching the last few days at their present school, preparing to say goodbye.
- For peace where war continues or has returned.
- For all who feel vulnerable in hot weather because of health or age.

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 July** is for those who work in Milton Keynes to support those struggling with poverty and food needs, including Westcroft Food Pantry and Food Banks.

## HYMNS TODAY

200 Great is thy faithfulness

446 Lord, thy word abideth

872 Jesus, Jesus, holy and anointed

673 There is a redeemer

89 Come down, O love divine

**Minister Today** is regular visitor Maggie Prisk 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** The next work days are 25th July, and 22nd Au-

gust, 10am-3pm. Anyone available to help with this work would be most welcome at the Chapel. Phil

**Thank You** to Andrew and Angela for their continued hard work in making and selling their jams and chutneys around MK to raise money for the church. It happens so often that we don't always realise it is going on, so just a word to say thank you from us all.

**Eco-Church** team have suggested we take part in a church event this summer after a service. Ideas such as a picnic or a nature walk have been put forward. If anyone is interested in these or has some



other ideas please see Angela.

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

**CSW** In Nigeria, many women and girls from vulnerable communities have experienced abduction, forced marriage, trafficking, sexual violence, and other severe trauma at the hands of extremist groups. Follow this link and send a letter to Baroness Chapman, the Minister for Africa. The CSW believe that as Christians we must stand with everyone facing religious persecution.

<https://act.csw.org.uk/page/193893/action/1>

**Choral Evensong** Sunday 19th July 6pm with Quorum at St Mary Magdalene Church, Willen.

**Methodist Eco-Church** service and picnic at Newton Longville Free Church Sunday 26th July 10.30am. Bring food to share, a blanket or chair, tea and coffee provided. Also materials to build a bug hotel.

## This week in times past

**1789AD** Bastille Day, marking the anniversary of the fall on 14th July 1789, of the Bastille in Paris. Although by the late 18th century it was little used and was scheduled to be demolished. During the unrest of 1789, a mob approached the Bastille to demand the arms and ammunition stored there, and, when the forces guarding the structure resisted, the attackers stormed the prison and released the seven prisoners held there. The taking of the Bastille signalled the beginning of the French Revolution, it became an official holiday in 1880.

## PRAYERS & READINGS

**Prayer** Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## From Today's Readings

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

*Matthew 13:23*

## 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 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  
I am sorry this letter is so long, I did not have time to make it shorter.  
*G B Shaw*

**QUIZ** set by Mike  
What is the name of Batman's Butler?

*Answer: Alfred*



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

**Nigeria** Many women and girls from vulnerable communities across Nigeria have experienced **abduction, forced marriage, trafficking, and sexual violence** at the hands of extremist groups. Leah Sharibu's story is a stark symbol of this wider crisis. Her parents shared recently: 'She is not just a statistic; she is our daughter, a young woman of faith whose body and spirit have been subjected to years of exploitation because she would not deny Jesus.' She has been in captivity since February 2018. They are keen that we do not forget Nigeria's many other 'Leahs'. Let's respond afresh to that call this week, **praying**: For the safe return of Leah Sharibu and all others held captive in Nigeria. May they know God's love and provision, even in the midst of the horrific situation they are in.