



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Eighth Sunday after Trinity 26th July

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Revd Kofi Tekyi-Ansah)

Readings: Genesis 29:15-28 (p.30); Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 (p.926);

Service: Carol and Carol; Reader: Beryl; Prayers: Lesley; Music: Diana; Tea: Nani;

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

Ninth Sunday after Trinity 2nd August

10.30am Morning Worship (led by Jenny Boxwell)

Readings: Genesis 32:22-31 (p.34); Matthew 14:13-21 (p.928);

Service: Alan and Bernard; Reader: David; Prayers: Carol; Music: Diana; Tea: Raj;



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

Reflection

Psalm 128 reveals that the fear of the Lord is the foundation of a truly blessed life. To fear God is to honour, trust, obey, and delight in Him. Such reverence brings fruitfulness, peace within the family, satisfaction in work, and the joy of God's favour. In Matthew 13:31-33, 44-53, Jesus teaches that God's kingdom often begins small, like a mustard seed or yeast, yet grows into something of immeasurable value. Those who fear God recognise the priceless treasure of the kingdom and gladly surrender everything to obtain it. Like the wise householder, they continually bring out both old and new treasures from God's Word. The fear of God enables us to discern true spiritual value, live with eternal priorities, and become faithful citizens of His kingdom. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, for they will enjoy His lasting blessing now and forever.

God Bless, Kofi



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For the new Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- For water companies working with limited supplies.
- For all here and overseas affected by wild fires and emergency services dealing with them.

We were sad to hear from the Rev Andy Jowitt of the death on 12 July of his wife Jane. Many of us remember her fondly, remaining thankful to God for her enormous contribution to Bradwell Church life and ministry over many years. Our love and prayers are with Andy, daughter Ruth and all Jane's family and friends.

This week we have also heard **sad news** of the death of Eileen. Eileen, a former church member, died last Sunday in Willen Hospice. We remember all her family and friends at this time.

We pray for them and all others recently bereaved, or remembering past bereavements. May they know God's peace and comfort.

We pray for those in particular need, including; Blake (Bernard & Raji's grandson); Esther; Sylvia; Joan; Ray; Jill; Paul; Ann; Clare; and others known personally to us.

HYMNS TODAY

560 Praise, My Soul, the King of

167 Give me oil in my lamp

111 Dear Lord and Father of

59 Blessed Assurance

Minister Today is Revd Kofi Tekyi-Ansah a part time Methodist of SEP churches, please give our usual warm welcome.

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Tue Funeral 12.00pm

Wed Gardening Club 10-12pm;

Bell ringing 7.45pm;

Fri Martial Arts Club 7pm;

Sat Coffee Morning 10-12pm

NEWS & NOTICES

Funeral of Jane Jowitt will be on Thursday 30th July, 12 noon at All Saints Church, Sudbury, CO10 2BN, followed by refreshments in the church hall just across the road. Carol has offered to car share with anyone and has 3 spare places, please see Carol.

Funeral of Jenifer Brooks a former member of the church and active in the Parish is on Tuesday 28th July at 12pm.

Chapel project The next work day is 22nd August, 10am-3pm.



Anyone available to help with this work would be most welcome at the Chapel. Phil

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.

ECO-CHURCH

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.

Big Butterfly count is a nationwide Citizen Science project run by Butterfly Conservation, between 17th July and 9th August. Why count butterflies? They are a vital part of the ecosystem as pollinators and part of the food chain, and their numbers are declining. If you would like to take part, just click on the link, download a chart to help you identify species, count in a sunny spot for

15 mins, and submit your results. <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/about>

Heritage Open Day this year is the 12th September. We join hundreds of sites around the country to open the church to visitors, other local attractions joining are Bradwell Abbey, Bradwell Mill, Bradwell Village walkabout, Wilen Church and Bancroft Roman villa. We will be providing refreshments so need lots of volunteers spread out during the day. See Peter for details on which slot you can cover. We will be displaying photographs of village life in Old Bradwell. If you have any we can borrow, please let Peter know.

PRAYERS & READINGS

Prayer Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

From Today's Readings

He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old." *Matthew 13:52*

HOUSEGROUPS

Sun - Diana (ask at church)

Mon - First Monday of the Month
Beryl

Thur zoom Grayham

Thur (day) Denise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Coffee Morning 1st Aug 10-12pm
- 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
Marriage is a great institution, but I
am not ready for an institution!
Mae West

QUIZ set by Mike
What is the longest Railway in the
World?

Answer: The Trans-Siberian Railway



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty Lord and
everlasting God, we
beseech you to direct,
sanctify and govern both our
hearts and bodies in the ways of
your laws and the works of your
commandments; that through
your most mighty protection,
both here and ever, we may be
preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ, 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

Cuba "Please convey my gratitude to all the brothers and friends who help us. We have no words to thank you enough. You are invaluable instruments in our lives, families, and ministries. We are so grateful and deeply appreciate all your support during these dark and difficult times. I just want you to know that we love you very much in Jesus Christ. Thank you so much." - **Pastor Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo** These are the words of Pastor Lorenzo who was imprisoned for joining in peaceful protests in 2021. He was released in January 2025. Along with other religious leaders, he now continues to work under pressure. Let us pray that they will know the Lord's protection and courage. Many others, including young people, remain in detention. Our prayers are a vital part of their story too.