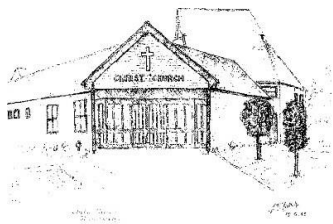


CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY
STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP
Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.



Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People

Christ Church Service, Family Worship - Sunday 26th July 2026 @ 10.30am with Communion and virtual Communion.

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 26th July when our Family Worship with Communion and virtual Communion will be led by Rev Phil Dunning.

Theme: "The Kingdom Treasure"

The readings are from Romans 8:26-39 and Matthew 13:31-33 & 44-52

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 2nd August Christ Church family worship will be led by Maggie Prisk.

Sunday 9th August Christ Church family worship will be led by Helen Rouse

Sunday 16th August Christ Church family worship will be led by John and Jenny Boxwell.

Sunday 23rd August Christ Church family worship with Communion will be led by Rev Peter Ballantine.

Sunday 30th August is the next **SEP joint service** which is being held **at Christ Church this service will start at 11am.**

Housegroups Have now finished for the summer and will recommence in September.

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)

The MK Methodist Circuit will be holding their first Eco Church Service & Picnic on **Sunday 26 July**, 10.30am – 2.00pm at Newton Longville Free Church.

(Full details on attached poster.)

The Wednesday morning Drop-In 29th July June 2026

The Wednesday morning Drop-In meets at church between 10:00 and 11:30 am. Refreshments will be available.

Under 5s – has finished for the summer and will recommence in September.

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: Cis Jones, Jean Wood & Peter Wood, Peter Thorpe, Joseph Coward (relative of Maggie's), Josh (Steve and Penny's grandson) and Maggie Prisk.

Please remember the family and friends of Nancy Dua whose funeral took place on Tuesday.

Please remember the family and friends of Paul Baxter (parish Councillor) who sadly died last week.

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.

Coffee and Cake – Saturday 15th August 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 August and September 2026, the charity we are supporting is –

Advantage Africa

Advantage Africa helps vulnerable children and adults in East Africa to reach their potential, overcome prejudice, work their way out of poverty and become self-reliant.

www.advantageafrica.org



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

Advance Notice

The annual SEP Tree Cathedral Service will be held at 3pm at the end of Heritage Week **(20th September)**. This year the Service will be supported by the Woburn Sands Training Band.

Eco Tip for July 2026

Be Water Wise!



Water is an essential resource, but it's easy to waste it without realising the impact. From bathrooms to gardens, there are simple ways to save water, reduce your bills, and help the environment.

Saving water in the bathroom

- Opt for a low-flow shower head
- Try to shorten your shower time, ideally to 4 minutes.
- Upgrade to a water-efficient toilet or use a Cistern Displacement Device (CDD). Find out more on your water company's website.

Saving water in the kitchen and laundry

- Avoid pre-rinsing dishes – scrape them instead, as modern detergents are designed to work effectively without extra rinsing.
- Use a washing-up bowl to catch excess water, such as when you are waiting for the tap to run hot.
- Fill your washing machine and/or dishwasher to its recommended load size for the most efficient use of water.

Saving water in the garden

- **Leave the lawn** – resist the urge to water your lawn in dry spells! Lawns are surprisingly resilient and will bounce back as soon as it rains.
- **Waterwise watering** – water in the early morning or evening. Use a watering can rather than a hose or sprinkler. Only water the plant root zone.
- **Install a water butt** – water butts provide you with a free water source for watering your garden!
- **Use an olla** – A terracotta olla is an ancient way of storing water in the soil for plants to absorb. More details here: <https://www.water.org.uk/blogs/olla>

More tips at [waterwise.tips/save-water](https://www.water.org.uk/blogs/olla).

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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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 07591636812 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.