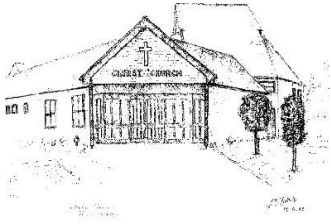


**CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY**  
**STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP**  
***Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed Church.***



**Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People**

**Christ Church Service, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Family Worship @ 10.30 am**

You are invited to come to Christ Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July when our Family Worship will be led by Maggie Prisk.

**Theme:** "For my yolk is easy"

**The readings are from** Psalm 46: 1-10a, Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49 & 58-67.  
Matthew 11: 16-19 & 25-30.

**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 12th July** Christ Church family worship will be led by Rev Phil Dunning.

**Housegroups week starting 5<sup>th</sup> July 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 Wood, Peter Thorpe, Joseph Coward (relative of Maggie's), Josh (Steve and Penny's grandson). Paul Baxter (Parish Councillor). Matthew Solly who is in hospital at present.

Please remember Joshua, Ruth and family following Rachel's funeral.

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.

## **The Wednesday morning Drop-In 8<sup>th</sup> July June 2026**

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

## **Under 5s – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Under 5s will meet from 9.30 to 11:00 am in the church hall. (Term time only)

## **This Saturday** **July 4<sup>th</sup> SEP Pilgrimage**

We are looking forward now to a renewal of fellowship in the SEP, as we set out on a pilgrimage to journey around all 6 of our Partnership churches on a single day this summer – **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. I'm told that this has been a tradition in our Partnership, and I'm delighted we are revisiting it. Rev Phil Dunning. Time table attached.

## **Coffee and Cake – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 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 130 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.



<https://stmarksmk.com/st-mark-s-meals/>

## **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 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.)

# 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.waterwise.tips/save-water)

**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](mailto:sburyepadm@gmail.com)

### **WHO TO CONTACT AT CHRIST CHURCH, STANTONBURY**

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

**Administrator:** Maggie Prisk 01908 605815 or [maggie.a.prisk@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.a.prisk@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Adrian Prisk 01908 605815 or [aprisk@doctors.org.uk](mailto:aprisk@doctors.org.uk)

**Worship Co-ordinator:** Susan Gander 01908 312162 or [susan.gander@gmail.com](mailto:susan.gander@gmail.com)

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**Christ Church web site:** Please take a look on [www.christchurchmk.org.uk](http://www.christchurchmk.org.uk)

### **Gift Aid It**

#### **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.