



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

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: Beryl; Prayers: Carol; Music: Diana; Tea: Raj;

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

Dedication of St Lawrence Tenth after Trinity 9th August

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Revd Stephanie Hibbard)

Readings: Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 (p.39); Matthew 14:22-33 (p.928);

Service: Andrew and Ping; Reader: David; Prayers: Ann; Music: Beryl; Tea: Liz;



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

Reflection

When we meet with God he changes us. Our Old Testament reading today tells us how Jacob met with God and received a new name. He was no longer to be known as Jacob, the deceiver, but as Israel, the one who perseveres with God. His name became the designation of a nation.

Sometimes people change their names at baptism to symbolise a new beginning.

But all of us who follow Jesus are given a new identity. In John's gospel we read: How great is the love the Father has lavished upon us that we should be called the children of God. And that is what we are!

God Bless, Jenny



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 Andy of the death on 12th 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 Freestone. 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

564 Praise to the Lord the almighty

400 Lead us heavenly father lead us

824 Faithful one so unchanging

64 Break thou the bread of life

649 The king of love my shepherd is

201 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Minister Today is Jenny Boxwell who we are delighted to say is a regular here, 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 so much was achieved at the last work day that there will not be a work day in August. Special thanks to everyone who gave up their time

ECO-CHURCH

Church Picnic organised by the eco-church team. Sunday 23rd August, there will be a picnic at lunch time around 12.00pm (with time to pop home to get anything you need, such as food, blanket or folding seats). It's a bring your own picnic on the Conservation



Field which is 2 minutes' walk from church, before the small tunnel.

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.

Soup Run From October the SEP is planning to revive the soup run feeding the homeless and those in need at several locations in Central MK. Meeting at Christchurch on Mondays and Tuesdays 5pm-8pm preparing food and refreshments, using cars to visit the sites, collecting donations from local shops and returning to Christchurch to clean up. If you could find at least 3 hours once every 3 weeks, please get in touch with Helen Eaton, by email sburypadm@gmail.com

PRAYERS & READINGS

Prayer Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

From Today's Readings

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14:19-21

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
For life in general, there is but one decree: youth is a blunder, adulthood is a struggle and old age a regret.
Disraeli

QUIZ set by Mike
What is the collective name for a group of Frogs?

Answer: NO NOT REBBIT Its An Army of Frogs!



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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



Bronze Eco Church Award from A Rocha for our efforts to care for God's earth.

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Phil is currently on holiday

CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE from Beryl

China Praise God for an answer to prayer! **Pastor Jin**, the senior pastor of Zion Church, was released on 4 July after nearly nine months in prison. He was detained in October as part of a crackdown on Zion Church. It was a coordinated operation, with 28 church leaders detained. After months in detention, nine were still being held, including Pastor Jin. It seemed that they would be facing prosecution for 'illegal business operations' and 'fraud'. Then on 4 July, Pastor Jin was released from prison and transported to the United States, where he was **reunited with his family**. Reports indicate that his release followed high-level discussions between the Chinese and US governments. As we give thanks for his release, pray for those who are still separated from their families and church communities.