



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity 16th August

10.30am Morning Worship (led by *Local Arrangements*)

Readings: Psalm 133 (p.597);
Romans 11:29-32 (p.1075);
Matthew 15:21-28 (p.929);

Service: Janet and Sally; Reader: Laurie; Prayers: Angela; Music: Beryl; Tea: Angela;

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

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 23rd August

10.30am Holy Communion (led by Revd Phil Dunning)

Readings: Exodus 1:8-2:10 (p.56);
Matthew 16:13-20 (p.930);

Service: Liz and Ghislaine; Reader: Marjorie; Prayers: Karen; Music: Beryl; Tea: Nani;



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

Reflection

Our reading today from Matthew is about Jesus meeting a Gentile woman and was impressed. What was it about the woman's faith that so impressed Jesus? The woman understood who she was. She had no claim on God. She wasn't entitled to anything. Indeed, none of us are entitled to anything from God. She came to God with a certain faith not seeking to feel good about herself, or her daughter. And it is her faith that Jesus commends and rewards. We are unworthy of the blessings that we have received from God. But grace begins and is shown when we look at God's law, his Word, and we realize that we can't do it by ourselves. But thanks be to God and since we are His, we share in his victory, and are made, by grace and his mercy, partakers of not just the crumbs under the table, but the banquet meal of the King Himself. And we gain this, not by feeling good about God, but by trusting in Him, Having faith in him, trusting in his mercy, no matter where our emotions may take us.

God Bless, Mike



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For a lessening of tensions between nations, communities, families or individuals.
- Children and young involved in summer holidays run by Christian organisations and churches.
- Give thanks for the work of the Hospice movement, especially remembering Willen Hospice.

We pray for all those recently bereaved and others remembering past bereavements at this time of year. May they know God's comfort and peace

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

- To add prayers contact Beryl on 01908 321322 •

Our Mission Focus in August is Church Mission Society (CMS), following its calling to make disciples "at the very edge of existing church, society - or our comfort zones". See churchmissionsociety.org

HYMNS TODAY

16 All my hope on God is founded
329 In Christ there is no East or West
1008 The Lord's my Shepherd
1358 There is a hope that burns
449 Love Divine all loves excelling

Minister Today is by local arrangements, 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

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.

People's Emergency Briefing Last November, ten of the UK's leading experts briefed an invited



audience of more than 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media in Westminster. The briefing set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy. Its purpose was to demonstrate what a clear, evidence-led National Emergency Briefing could look like and why it is needed. The People's Emergency Briefing brings together people in local communities to hear the evidence and discuss how to respond. In Milton Keynes, the faith communities are invited to a screening at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, co-hosted by Churches Together in MK and the MK Eco Church Network. Sunday 13th September from 2pm to 4pm, at Christ the Cornerstone, there will be a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing followed by a discussion.

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 3 hours once every 3 weeks, please get in touch with Helen Eaton, sburyepadm@gmail.com

PRAYERS & READINGS

Prayer God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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

They say that Rome was not built in a day, but I wasn't on that particular job.

Brian Clough

QUIZ set by Mike

What is the collective name for a lot of Herons?

Answer: a Siege of Herons



COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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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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.