

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

Six thriving and growing churches, making Christ known in our area of Milton Keynes.



August 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to the August edition of the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Newsletter, (also see website at www.stantonbury.net).

This edition is a shortened version of the normal newsletter, focussing only on events in the Partnership and our churches.

Partnership wide events

Partnership-wide services

Our next SEP-wide service will be held on at 11am on 30th August at 11am at Christ Church Stantonbury.

The annual SEP Tree Cathedral Service will be held at 3pm on the 20th September, at the end of Heritage Week.

Cross and Stable are inviting everyone to an afternoon tea on Saturday 22nd August. Please see the Cross and Stable section below for details.

SEP MED Group – ‘Mission, Evangelism, Discipleship’

The latest notes for the last MED group meeting are available in all our churches and from Phil (please contact directly).

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th September – St James Church, New Bradwell. LIVE and online.

Setting up a new Homeless Soup Run – Volunteers needed

We had to stop this during Covid and have recently been given the go ahead from MK Council to begin again.

I am suggesting, if we have enough volunteers, that we begin on 1 October, to run on Monday and Tuesday evenings only, from 5 to 8pm. We would need at least 4

volunteers each evening and last time this ran, the rota ran over a three week period because we had so many volunteers, meaning I did it once every 3 weeks.

The tasks involved are; maintaining a WhatsApp group, planning rotas, stocking food cupboards, meeting at Christ Church to prepare soup, hot chocolate, hot water for tea and coffee, preparing thermos flasks, picking up food from Pret, Greggs, and anywhere that will give us their spare food, using their car to transport 2 tables and the food and drink to a spot outside Argos and marks and Spencer's (or anywhere else in central MK seen as a place where the homeless congregate but not the train station) and returning items to Christ Church.

If you could find at least 3 hours once every 3 weeks, please get in touch with me or Helen. I need to know as early as you can please, so that I know this is possible.

The soup run is very rewarding and the people who come for food and drink are, mostly, extremely appreciative of the support. Others are very quiet, pick-up food and drink and simply walk off.

Sharron Marland,
Lay Co-Chair of SEP Leadership Team
Email: sepltlaychair@gmail.com

‘Being With’ Course (Save the Dates)

We now have dates confirmed for the beginning of the new SEP Discipleship course, using the resources provided by friends from St Martin in the Fields Church.



It is very much designed to meet and greet enquirers and new converts to Christ, offering a chance to think and ponder the presence of God in the world, and call of Christ upon their lives. Initially the course will be offered 'online' only - with evening meetings on zoom at 7.30pm. Led by Peterson and Phil.

Thursday 17th September

Thursday 24th September

Thursday 1st October

Thursday 8th October

If you are interested in joining the course please contact our Administrator: phone 01908 382458, email sburyepadm@gmail.com .

Partnership News

New Partnership Leadership Team (PLT)

The first meeting of our new SEP Partnership Leadership Team was held on 2nd July. The second meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd September.

Administrative Support to the SEP

Helen's SEP admin. phone number is 01908382458 and her email is sburyepadm@gmail.com. Our hope is that Helen will remove some of the burden of administrative tasks from the shoulders of our ministers and officers. We can all help with that **by contacting Helen with any admin or bookings, in the first instance, instead of our ministers and officers.** Helen will then feedback any bookings to our Team Leader, Revd. Phil Dunning, who will be able to decide who best to Minister any service or office.

Drawing the Partnership Together & Partnership Events

Please support our drive to bring the six congregations closer together through social events over the year. Keep a check on your congregation news and visit the SEP website or Facebook page to keep up to date. Maybe start a WhatsApp group for your congregation members.

Other news from the SEP

We are pleased to report that the Vicarage in Great Linford has now been vacated and Peterson, Helen and their girls have moved in.

Sharron,
Lay Chair of SEP CIO Council
Secchair22@gmail.com

Website EVENTS Diary

An Events Diary is now live on the Website. However, it's looking fairly sparse at the moment, so **please let Helen know of any events you wish to publicise.** For example. It would help our congregation members who maybe can't make the Bible Study group closest to them, but would like to go to one on a day or time better suited to them, if they could check on the website to see when and where other groups are being held.

Our Church Services and Events in August

Bradwell Church, St Lawrence

Sunday 2nd at 10.30am

All-age Worship

Leadership by Revd Jenny Boxwell

Sunday 9th at 10.30am

Morning Worship

Led by Revd Stephanie Hibberd

Sunday 16th at 10.30am

Morning Worship

Led by local arrangements

Sunday 23rd at 10.30am

Holy Communion

Led by Revd Phil Dunning

Sunday 30th at 9.30am

Morning Worship

Led by Revd Phil Dunning

(note the earlier start to accommodate the SEP-wide service at Christ Church)



Most services are live streamed to You Tube. The You Tube link is @BradwellChurch MiltonKeynes. Simply go to You Tube, search for this and click the red live button just before the service begins.

Gardening Club is now active and meets on Wednesdays 10am to 12pm.

Bell Ringing practice every Wednesday at 19:45.

There is a **coffee morning** the first Saturday each month from 10am to 12pm.

Christ Church, Stantonbury

Sunday 2nd at 10:30am

All Age Worship

Led by Maggie Prisk, Baptist Lay Minister

Sunday 9th at 10.30am

All Age Worship

Led by Helen Rouse, LLM

Sunday 16th at 10.30am

All Age Worship

Led by Revd's John & Jenny Boxwell

Sunday 23rd at 10.30am

Holy Communion

Led by Revd Peter Ballantine

Sunday 30th at 11am

Partnership-wide service

Led by Revd Phil Duning with guest preacher Revd Geoffrey Clarke (URC Moderator)



All our Sunday services are live streamed to Christ Church's Facebook page, using the link below. You don't need to belong to Facebook in order to follow the service.

Streaming starts from 10.25: <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchmk/>

We also have a Christ Church website at www.christchurchmk.org.uk which has the service details on it, and which is updated each week

Wednesday Morning Drop-In every week 10.00 – 11.30am. Meets at Church, refreshments and a quiz are available. All welcome.

Under 5's meet every Thursday in **Term time only** from 10:00 to 11:30 in the Hall. For more details, please contact Susan Gander on 01908 312162

Coffee and cake morning – 15th August 2026. On the 3rd Saturday of each month, we hold a coffee and cake morning this runs from 9.30 to 11.30, all donations received go to our coffee money charity. All are welcome to join us for a coffee and a chat.

Cross and Stable, Downs Barn

Sunday 2nd at 11am **Signed Holy Communion**

Led by Revd Peter Green

Sunday 9th at 11am **Holy Communion**

Led by Revd Dr Sam Muthuveloe

Sunday 16th at 11am **Holy Communion**

Led by Revd Dr Sam Muthuveloe

Sunday 23rd at 10am **Family Breakfast Club**

(followed by a short Service of the Word for adults at 11am)

Led by Revd Dr Sam Muthuveloe

Sunday 30th at 11am at Christ Church, Stantonbury - Partnership-wide service



Services are live streamed on Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85922248518?pwd=Tm4vd00wancwVk52cCtqNm5tMWRZdz09> Meeting ID: 859 2224 8518 Passcode: 830413

Bell Ringing practice every Friday at 19:30.

Friday at 2:00 pm - Prayer time & Bible reflection on Zoom

This lasts around 45 mins - do join us from wherever you are on Zoom!

Please contact Sue Baines for the Link on suejbaines@gmail.com

Chatterbox MK every Wednesday from 10:30 to 12:30. All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet and chat. Come and meet others.

Please pray for the **Care Homes in Neath Hill & Downs Barn** as we conduct a Church Service and Holy Communion on **Sunday 27th at 3.00pm and 4.00pm** respectively.

Remember the frail, elderly, the caring staff & the concerned families as we minister God's love and grace.

Friends at the Cross and Stable Church, Downs Barn, invite you to join them on **Saturday August 22nd** for a relaxing **afternoon tea** with a glass of wine. Time 3pm to 5ish.

Tickets £10, profits go to Church Funds.

To book a place please contact Jonathan Bell email jonathanbell007@btinternet.com

St. Andrews', Great Linford

Sunday 2nd at 10am

Open Door

Lay led service

Wednesday 5th 10am

Holy Communion

Led by Rev Prof John Beazley

Sunday 9th at 10am

Holy Communion

Led by Revd Peterson Feital

Sunday 16th at 10am

Holy Communion

Led by Rev Prof John Beazley

Sunday 23rd at 10am

Holy Communion

Led by Revd Charles Dixon



Bell Ringing practice every Tuesday at 19:30.

St Andrews 1st Wednesday Seminar Group

You would be most welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of each month and participate in the discussion, which usually starts at about 11am. Please email greatlinford@gmail.com if you would like information on the current study topic.

John Beazley.

5WAYS CAFÉ at St. Andrew's Church 11.00am to 1.00pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Join us to enjoy good company, refreshments, a selection of board games, Pete on the piano and, for those wanting a bit of exercise, an accompanied walk in the Great Linford Manor Park is available on request. We also have free participation in the 'Coffee & Craft' sessions, with local artist Jane Charles, held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to 5Ways - we aim to be dementia friendly.

Watercolour Workshop. Join us on Wednesday 19th August at 10am for an art workshop led by John Beazley. The workshop is held every third Wednesday each month.

St. James', New Bradwell

Sunday 2nd at 9.30am

Led by Revd Peterson Feital

Holy Communion

Sunday 9th at 9.30am

Lay led

Open Door

Sunday 16th at 9.30am

Led by Helen Rouse, LLM

Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd at 9.30am

Led by Revd Dr Kofi Tekyi-Ansah

Holy Communion

Sunday 30th at 11am at Christ Church, Stantonbury - Partnership-wide service



Services are not currently being live-streamed. The Church Leadership Team are hoping to start this up again once volunteers have completed training.

Coffee morning: held every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 and Wednesday from 09:30 to 11:30.

Visit St James' website at www.stjamesnewbradwell.org.uk for more information.

St. Mary Magdalene, Willen

Sunday 2nd at 9:30am

Led by Margaret Moakes, LLM

All Age Morning Worship

Sunday 9th at 9:30am

Led by Stephen Fletcher, LLM

Morning Worship

Sunday 16th at 9:30am

Led by Revd Dr Sam Muthuveloe

Holy Communion

Sunday 28th at 9:30am

Led by Revd Steve Barnes

Holy Communion

Sunday 30th at 9.30am

Led by Revd Dr Kofi Tekyi-Ansah

Holy Communion

Also Sunday 30th at 11am at Christ Church, Stantonbury - Partnership-wide service



The monthly communion service at **Oaktree Court**, Portland Drive will be at **2.15 pm on 4th August**. Anyone who would like to join us, would be welcome. Please contact Margaret Moakes.

Bible study meetings will be on **Monday 10th August and Monday 24th August** from **7.00 to 9.00pm** at 91A Aldrich Drive, Willen, using a book called *Women of the Old Testament*. All welcome. If you would like further information please contact Margaret Moakes.

T.T.T.T Concert (Third Tuesday at Twelve Thirty)

Please note there is no TTTT Concert being held in August. The next concert will be on 15th September.

Volunteer Gardening

The volunteer gardening group has started their weekly Saturday morning 10am-12pm work in the Garden of Remembrance. Please come along. No special skills needed. Please contact Sharron if you would like to join the Gardening Group WhatsApp.

Private prayer. St Mary Magdalene church is open for private prayer or quiet reflection on Sundays and Mondays from 9.30am until evening.

Please note that the **WILLEN PAVILION FUN DAY** planned for 8th August 2026 has been cancelled.

This and future Newsletters

I hope that you have found this and previous newsletters interesting and useful. If there is anything else you think would make it better or find any glaring omissions, please let your congregation's newsletter editor, Sharron or me know.

The deadline for information to go into **September's** issue is **Wednesday 20th August**.

Helen

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