



WELCOME TO BRADWELL CHURCH

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

Following Jesus Sharing his Love since 1223AD

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 6th September

10.30am Morning Worship (led
by Revd Phil Dunning)

Readings: John 1.1-5 (p.1022);
Acts 17.22a, 24-28 (p.1051);

Service: Janet and Chris; Reader:
Alan; Prayers: Ann; Music: Beryl;
Tea: Sally;

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity 13th September

10.30am Holy Communion (led
by Revd Margaret Goodall)

Readings: Exodus 14.19-31 (p.69);
Matthew 18.21-35 (p.932);

Service: Alan and Ghislaine;
Reader: Beryl; Prayers: Lesley;
Music: Beryl; Tea: Raji;



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

Reflection

Today we are marking what I'm told is a new liturgical 'feast day', marking God's work in Creation - to begin the season of creation on the churches' calendar. I've always found the subject of God in creation to be rather secondary to other priorities, which focus on mission and personal salvation first. We've also got the problem of modern science and astronomy, which tends to always discount any notion of a single creator in favour of chance and evolution. Two things keep me returning to the focus however; one is the reality now of global warming and the catastrophic effects being felt on the worldwide environment; something theology speaks into (Romans 8 particularly). The other is the prospect of eternity with my Saviour - where all that we cannot at present see will yet be ultimately revealed. The glory of God gives a creation focus now all the traction it needs!

God Bless, Phil



PRAYER POINTERS by Lesley

- For our open Heritage Day next Saturday (12th)
- For those suffering the aftermath of the Nepal-Tibet flash flood catastrophe and rescuers still searching.
- For world leaders to seek peace not conflict.

We pray for the family and friends of Julie and all those recently bereaved or remembering past bereavements at this time. 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; Raji and others known personally to us.

- To add prayers contact Beryl on •

Our Mission Focus in September is A Rocha UK, a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and equipping Christians and churches to care for the environment, including through its 'Eco-Church' programme. See arocha.org.uk

HYMNS TODAY

486 Now thank we all our God
152 For the beauty of the earth
225 He's got the whole wide world
538 O Lord my God

Minister Today is our regular minister the Revd Phil Dunning, please give our usual warm welcome.

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Wed Gardening Club 10-12pm;
Bell ringing 7.45pm;
Fri Martial Arts Club 7pm;
Sat Heritage Open Day 11-4pm

Ladies group are planning a get together on Friday 25th September in the evening-probably a meal out together to start our new season. If you are not already on our Cameo whatsapp group and would like to join us please contact either Ann's email; or speak to June so we can welcome you in, add you on, and keep you informed on get together details.

Church Picnic Thanks to everyone who came to the picnic recently, and helped to make it such an enjoyable occasion

NEWS & NOTICES

Cameo the Bradwell Church

People's Emergency Briefing Last November, leading experts



briefed an invited audience in Westminster. It set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy. The 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, Sunday 13th September from 2pm to 4pm, at Christ the Cornerstone, there will be a screening of the Briefing followed by a discussion.

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

Heritage Open Day this year is next Saturday 12th September 11-4pm. We join sites around the country to open the church to visitors, including Bradwell Abbey, Bradwell Mill, Bradwell Village walkabout, Willen 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, there is also a sign up sheet on the noticeboard.

Eco Church Tip Hot, dry weather can be a danger to wildlife, so it is good to put a dish of water out to help them stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation.

PRAYERS & READINGS

Prayer Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

If there were no bad people, there would be no good lawyers!

Charles Dickens

QUIZ set by Mike

Who wrote the "Cat in the Hat" Book?

Answer: Dr Zeus



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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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CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE from Beryl

Syria In December 2024, **President Assad** was overthrown by opposition groups in Syria. While many Syrians welcomed the end of Assad's rule, the transition has been marked by instability and sectarian tensions. Earlier this year church leaders decided to cancel public Easter celebrations due to rising tensions, activities being inside church buildings only. Attacks have been made on the Alawite community particularly, incurring several deaths. The Alawites are members of a minority Islamic group, as was Assad, though many did not support him. They make up around 10% of the Syrian population. There is an **urgent need for prayer** that every community will be protected, that justice will prevail, and that Syria's future will be marked by genuine freedom, peace and reconciliation.