



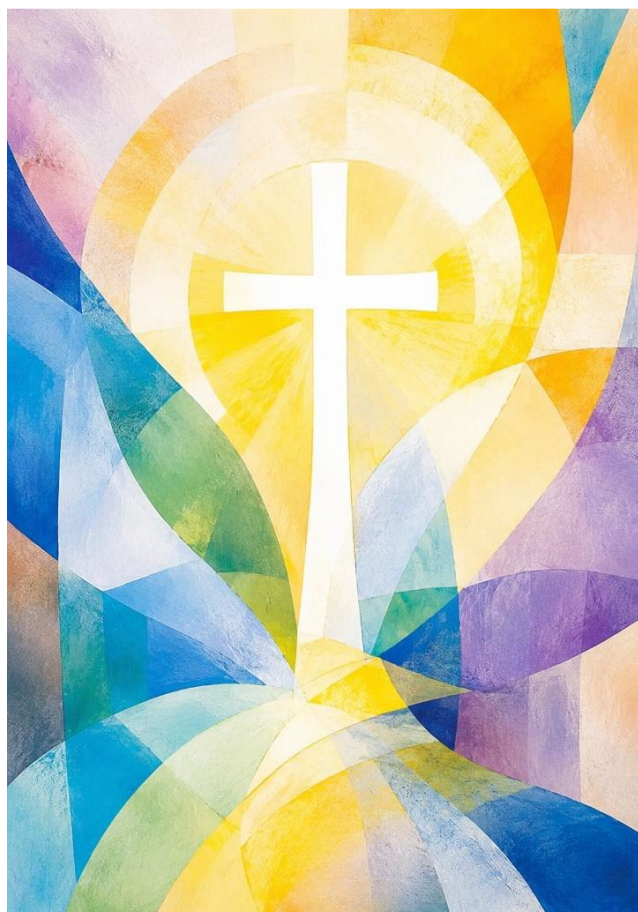
Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

St James, New Bradwell

an open, growing presence for Christ

Sunday 13th September 2026

15th Sunday after Trinity



09.30 Morning Worship

Welcome to everyone in Church, especially Helen Rouse,

Licensed Lay Minister,

who leads us in our worship this morning.

Please join us after the service for coffee and a chat.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in your generous mercy, you sent the Holy Spirit on your Church, in the burning fire of your love. Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the Gospel, and, abiding in you, may be steadfast in faith and active in service.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 103:1-13

Thanksgiving for God's Goodness Of David.

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 14:1-12

Do Not Judge Another

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you O Lord

Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

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Worship, notices and events for today and beyond

13th September 2026

8:10 am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

09:30 am Morning Worship

Led by Helen Rouse

11:45am Songs of Praise on BBC1

Other services in the Partnership can be found at www.stantonbury.net

Advance notices:

20th September- 3:00 pm

Cathedral Service at the Tree Cathedral, Campbell Park, hosted by Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership. There will be music by the Woburn Sands Band. All are warmly welcome.

Parking is available opposite Gulliver's Theme Park; charges apply, including for Blue Badge holders. Please bring a chair and dress appropriately for the weather.

September Collection

During September we will be collecting food for the MK Foodbank, leading up to our Harvest Festival Open Door Service on October 11th.

A list of items most needed will be attached to your pew leaflet emails.

This is a report from the MK Foodbank outlining its value to the people of Milton Keynes:

[Impact Report 2025](#)

'Being with' course (save the dates)

Evening meetings on Zoom at 7.30pm, led by Rev'd Peterson Feital and Rev'd Phil Dunning. 6

- Thursday 17th September
- Thursday 24th September
- Thursday 1st October
- Thursday 8th October

If you are interested in joining the course please contact:

phone: 01908 382458, email: sburyepadm@gmail.com

Saturday Soup

This will begin again on the first Saturday in each month starting on 3rd October. If you can offer any help on one of these Saturday's whether it's making soup or washing up please let me know.

-Mary Kennedy

HOMELESS SOUP RUN REVIVAL

We had to stop this because of Covid but MK Council have given us the go ahead to begin again.

Should there be enough volunteers from the six SEP churches, it is planned to begin the soup run on 1st October on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 5 to 8pm.

At least 4 volunteers would be needed each evening, possibly working on a 3 week rota. The tasks involve maintaining a WhatsApp group, collecting the food from various stores, preparing the food at Christ Church, using cars to transport 2 tables and the food to various points around the city centre.

If you are able to find at least 3 hours once every 3 weeks, please get in touch with Sharron Marland or Helen Eaton.

Alternatively speak to Mary K. Irene or Graham for more information.

Helping with the soup run can be very rewarding.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 21st November 10 - 3.00

We need lots of help with this event so please can you let me know if you are able to do any of the following things:- Run a stall, join the organising committee, help on the day, make cakes. Can you also begin gathering good as new unwanted gifts, old Xmas decorations etc. Please speak to me if you can help.

Mary Kennedy - 07770538640

Just a reminder that there are Quick Links on the Home page of St James' website (see link below) to Churches Together MK, The Diocese of Oxford, The Methodist Circuit, The Central Baptist Association and The United Reform Church, as well as an Event calendar for St James that also lists services etc for the next couple of months.

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