

Happy Birthday to ...

Matthew Laynesmith today;
Chris Jupp and John Pyuza on Thursday;
Maureen Stevens and Jeanette Franklin on Friday;
Alan Denny and Angus McCallum on Saturday

Please pray for:

- Please continue to pray for Steve and Ron and for those caring for others including Norma and Marian.
- Jane Denny.
- Tim has now moved and is struggling with life.
- Jean Skuse recovering well after a hip operation.
- Edie Harris back in hospital after a fall.
- Cathy Rowan visiting Ali Wilkinson in Nepal.
- Give thanks for the good time the team had when they went to Newtown School last week and for the amazing response from the children and staff about the Easter message.
- Children and staff of St John's and Newtown Primary Schools to enjoy their Easter holiday.
- Pray for Ruth Mason's planned journey home on Tuesday, in the midst of uncertainties about BA flights.

Items for prayer and notices

Please give any items for prayer or notices to Linda *before* 9 am on Wednesday, by administrator's pigeon hole, e-mail, or phone.

Church Diary

Sun 28 Mar	1-5 pm 6.30 pm	Contact Centre Evening Prayer
Mon 29	9.30 am 10am-12md 1.30 pm 8.30 pm	Pastoral staff meeting (Quiet Room) English Class (Parish Centre) Monday Monsters (Parish Centre) Contemplative prayer at the Ripleys'
Tues 30	10.30 am	Newtown Lunch Club (Parish Centre)
Wed 31	9.30 am 6-9 pm	Hot cross buns with Oasis (Parish Centre) Cubs and Scouts (Hall/Parish Centre)
Thurs 1 April	10.45 am 11.15 am 8 pm	Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Coffee morning (Parish Centre) Maundy Thursday Communion (Church)
Fri 2	10 am 7.30 pm	Good Friday Walk (meet at Upin Arms car park) Good Friday service (Church)
Sat 3	7 pm	Holy Saturday party (Vicarage)
Sun 4 April	10.30 am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion No evening service

Small Groups



Contemplative Prayer (Ripleys).....	961 3034	Mon 8.30 pm
Oasis (Bridget Barwick).....	966 9735	Wed 10 am
Sue and Hamish Bruce.....	966 5925	Wed 8 pm
Ali and Pete Marshall	966 8794	Thurs 8 pm
Richard and Rosemary Croft.....	926 0672	Thurs 8 pm
Jeremy and Rachel Thake ..	987 1288	Thurs 8.30 pm
Judith Lawrence	954 1332	Thurs 7.30 pm

You are welcome to join with any group - please speak to contact/leader

Vicar:	Vincent Gardner (07901 737649)
Community Minister:	Suzanne Knight (day off: Thursday) (0118) 967 5645
Minister:	Alison Marshall (day off: Tuesday) (0118) 966 8794
Administrator:	Linda Wagner (0118) 926 3633

The church office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, approximately 8.30 am—1.30 pm.
Any bookings should be made through the office please.
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0118 926 3633
e-mail: stjohns@readingchurches.org.uk
<http://stjohnsandstephen.co.uk>



Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday

Don't rush away! Please feel free to join us after the morning service for a cup of coffee or tea. We look forward to your company.



This week served by the Marshall home group
Next week served by Leslie and June Russell and friends

The link person from the Welcome Team today is
Norma Stevenson

Readings for this morning

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
(page 610 in the OT of the Church Bibles)
Read by Don Mason

Luke 19: 28-40
(page 105 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

The Eucharist this morning is led by Rev Vincent Gardner
Rev Vincent Gardner is leading worship
Prayers are led by Joanna Laynesmith

Songs and Hymns for this morning

We'll walk the land
Come all you thirsty

Immanuel, O Immanuel

Ride on, ride on in majesty

Communion

*All are invited to come for communion and prayer.
We have gluten-free communion wafers available—please
ask one of the Welcome Team either before the service
begins or during the Peace if you require one. If you do not
wish to take communion, please come for prayer.*

*If you have any particular need, problem or prayer request
please speak to a member of the clergy after the service.*

Members of the Prayer Ministry Group are
available to pray in your home.
Please contact Suzanne to ask for this.



Oasis at the Cafe

Oasis will be serving hot cross buns in the
cafe next Wednesday morning, (31 March),
9.30 am—12 noon. All welcome

Church Annual Meeting

The annual church meeting will be held at church at 8 pm on
Monday, 26th April.

To vote at the annual meeting you need to be on the church
Electoral Roll. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and
would like to be, please fill in one of the application forms
which are on the table in the entrance lobby and return to
Linda Wagner by Sunday 4th April. The existing Electoral Roll
is on the table for you to check if you are not sure if you are
already included.

This year there are 4 vacancies on the PCC. PCC and
Churchwarden nominations forms are available on the table in
the entrance lobby. Please give any completed forms to one
of the clergy or Linda Wagner.

Reading East Election 2010

Quiz the Candidates on sustainability issues with
Professor Chris Garforth of Reading University on Tuesday
13th April, 8.00 pm, at The Warehouse.
Climate Change, a sustainable Reading, who gets your vote?
In 2010 Reading East will elect its MP for the next five years.
Find out what your candidates would do to combat Climate
Change and help build a more sustainable Reading
Do you have a burning question: Environment, Energy
Transport, Biodiversity, Sustainable Economy?
Submit it in advance at www.gren.org.uk

Question YOUR candidates

Reading East: Monday 19 April, 7.30pm, at
Reading Hindu Temple (car parking on local roads)

Reading West: Monday 26 April, 7.30pm, at
Tilehurst Methodist Church (parking at the local Co-Op)
Reading Faith Forum are giving you the opportunity to meet
and question your candidates. We need your questions before
the meeting, so please send them to Jan Hearn
(jan@strongertogether.org.uk 35-39 London Street Reading
RG1 4PS) by **April 6**.

Please indicate whether you will be at the East or West
meeting to ask your question.

Church Website

You can now view the weekly notice sheet and sermons on
the church website: see <http://stjohnandstephen.co.uk>

Help needed!

Desperately needed by the Scout troop—a male or
female helper for the Wednesday meetings
(7—9 pm). See Chris Smith or phone 926 4838.

Sponsored walk

Elaine Maynard is doing the Sue Ryder Midnight Walk
in May. It's a 10 kilometre walk around Green Park in
Reading. If anyone would like to sponsor her she
would be really grateful— please see Elaine's online
sponsorship page:
<http://fundraising.suerydercare.org/ElaineMaynard>

Welcome!

The opportunity for which you have been waiting has
come! If you have a cheery smile and would like to
join our loyal team of welcomers, please contact
Charles Kenderdine (details in Yearbook 2010).

HOLY WEEK SUNDAY MARCH 28TH-APRIL 4TH

Wed. Oasis with Hot cross Buns (9.30-12)

Maundy Thurs. Cafe Communion (10.45am)
Holy Communion (8.00pm)
(Foot washing & stripping of
the Altar)

Good Friday Community walk (10.00 am)
(arriving at church 10.45 for
Easter drink & hot cross buns)

Good Friday service @ Wycliffe
Baptist Church (11.30 am)

Easter mediation (7.30pm)

Holy Saturday Holy Fire Party @ The
Vicarage (5A Alexandra
Road) 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday Easter Day Celebration
with Holy Communion (10.30)