

Happy Birthday to ...

Marilyn Tubb, Richard Harwood and Clara Finlay today;
Ian Barwick on Friday

Please pray for:

- Please continue to pray for Steve and Ron and for those caring for others including Norma and Marian.
- Jane Denny.
- Please continue to pray for Tim who is still struggling and in need of support.
- All those studying for exams at the moment.
- Congratulations to Ellie, our artist-in-residence, who gained a First in her Fine Art and Music degree at the University of Reading.
- Susan Bicknell.
- Michael and Jose Kennedy.
- Pray for the children at St John's School as they continue with the final rehearsals and for their performance on Wednesday of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.
- Pray for all those preparing to leave St John's School and go on to their new schools at the end of the summer.

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 11 July	1-5 pm	Contact Centre
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Mon 12	9.30 am	Pastoral staff meeting (Quiet Room)
	10am-12md	English Class (Parish Centre)
	1.30 pm	Monday Monsters (Parish Centre)
	8.30 pm	Contemplative Prayer at the Ripleys'
Tues 13	10.30 am	Newtown Lunch Club (Parish Centre)
Wed 14	10 am	Oasis mini-pilgrimage walk (meet in Parish Centre)
	6-9 pm	Cubs and Scouts (Hall/Parish Centre)
Thurs 15	10.45 am	Holy Communion (Church)
	11.15 am	Coffee morning (Church)
Fri 16		
Sat 17		
Sun 18 July	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer

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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Archbishop Oscar Romero

Sunday 11 July Pentecost 7

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

The link person from the Welcome Team today is Maureen Stevens

Readings for this morning

Psalm 82

(page 588 in the OT of the Church Bibles)

Read by Judy Fisher

John 12: 20—26

(page 135 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Heroes of Faith 4: Bishop Oscar Romero

The Eucharist this morning is led by Rev Vincent Gardner

Rev Vincent Gardner is leading worship

Peter Marshall is preaching

Prayers are led by Rev Suzanne Knight

Songs and Hymns for this morning

Tell out my soul
Light of the world
Beauty for brokenness

Dona nobis pacem
The Lord is my light

I will sing the wondrous story

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.

Calling all Youth!



How are you going to spend the summer?

Now that the wonder and excitement of the exam season has finished what better way to find some space to unwind than a Cheltenham field with 20,000 other young people. Greenbelt 27th-30th August. Greenbelt.org.uk (Elements/Pathfinders places will be heavily discounted)



Green tip

Veggie recipe: (cutting down our meat consumption means cutting our carbon footprint).

Easy lentil sauce to serve with pasta (for 4)

Fry a clove of crushed garlic and a chopped onion until soft.
Add 6 oz red lentils and 18 fl oz water.
Bring to boil and then simmer, covered, for 25 minutes (check it doesn't boil dry).

Add half teaspoon each of salt, oregano and basil (and optional chilli powder), plus a can of tinned tomatoes and large dollop of tomato ketchup or puree.

Cook another 15-20 minutes until lentils are soft and sauce is thick.

Good with cheese grated over the top.

Also tasty with mashed potato and green veg.

Novimost

Novimost, the Christian group working with young people in Bosnia Herzegovina, have invited anyone from our church to join them at a Bosnian evening on Friday 20th August at St Mary's Church Rooms, in Chesham (HP5 1HY) starting at 7.30pm to meet and hear the stories of 4 Bosnian Christians. More details from Chesham@novimost.org

Sacred Space

Please note—we will not be having Sacred Space during July and August. Evening Prayer will be held instead on the 3rd Sunday in the month.

Help needed

CommuniCare has a client who needs to travel to Northampton to visit a son in hospital and they are looking for help with transport. Any offers would be appreciated—either a regular or a one-off lift (although offers do need to be for return journeys).

If you are willing to help please contact Sara at CommuniCare for further details.
(phone 926 3941, email office@communicare.org.uk)

Oasis pilgrimage walk

Oasis will be out and about next Wednesday morning on a mini-pilgrimage. All welcome. Meet by 10 am in the cafe for refreshments prior to leaving at 10.30 am for a walk. For more information please contact Monika Ripley.

Traidcraft stall

Two bargains on the Traidcraft stall this summer (until supplies are sold)...

Packs of the best Cookies –
Fruit, Choc & Nut;
Stem Ginger;
Double Chocolate Chunk
– all now £1

Boxes African Gold Tea
(80 bags), usually £2.50
—now £1

