

All Age Communion

Collect for Sunday

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility;

that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 64:1-9
(p727 in the OT of the Church Bibles)
Read by Andrew Taylor

Mark 13:24-end
(p65 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Christine
Bainbridge
Prayers led by Chris Jupp

Songs for Today

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Our God is a great big God

Soon and very soon

Great is the darkness

How lovely is thy dwelling place

To be in your presence

Come let us go

*All are invited to come for communion and prayer.
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.*

Children & Young People



This week is All Age Communion
when we all stay in church together and the children
share some of what they have been doing in
previous weeks and help lead our worship



Christmas Music

As usual we are gathering a choir
together to sing at our Carol Service -
anyone is welcome to come and join us.
We will be having rehearsals on Sat 13th and Sat
20th December - both at 10 am in the church,
lasting about an hour and then a final practise on
Sunday 21st December straight after the morning
service. The Carol Service is on the evening of
Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm. We usually
manage to get a good group together to sing and
we have great fun - do come along! See Hamish or
Sue Bruce for more information.

Next Church Lunch is Sunday 7th December

Everyone is welcome, please bring
a pudding if you are able



Recycling Update

In church we still recycle jewellery, printer cartridges
and gadgets for Traidcraft, stamps for Leprosy
Mission and plastic milk bottle tops for the Air
Ambulance.

We no longer recycle batteries (these can be
recycled at many shops eg Asda or Erleigh Road Co-
op, or placed in a sealed clear plastic bag on top of
your recycling bin), or foil (clean foil scrunched into
large balls can go in red recycling bins). NB light
bulbs can be recycled at Homebase and Clas Ohlson
(ask checkout staff).



The Reading Bach Choir are singing
The Messiah at Greyfriars church on
Saturday December 13th. If anyone
would like to go, they can get tickets
from Selena Peters or go to the
choirs website at

www.readingbachchoir.org.uk

Anyone thinking of writing to our link
Missionaries over Christmas;
Ali Wilkinson's address is, '- *FAO Ali Wilkinson,
TEAR Australia, 4 Solwood Lane, Blackburn, VIC,
3130, Australia*'
And '*The Galpins, INF Office, PO Box 1230,
Kathmandu, NEPAL*'

Operation Christmas Child



The project has been a
big success at school.
The children had great
fun decorating and
filling their shoeboxes
for Operation
Christmas Child this
year. We dropped off 45 gift-filled shoeboxes on
Tuesday. Thank you to everyone for being
involved. There will be a lot of excited
children this Christmas! Together we can make a
difference.

Christmas Market

We're having our annual Christmas Market at
school on Friday 5th December between 5pm-
7pm. If you would like to help out on the day by
either preparing for the event, helping out on a
stall or helping with the packing up we would
really appreciate it.

If you have any question please contact the
schools PTFA team by either leaving a message
at the school office or email
st.johnsprimary.ptfa@gmail.com.
Many thanks.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David Bruce (2nd)



- Prayers for Hamish Preston as he recovers from his heart operation
- Prayers for Gladys, Chris Bicknell's mum, for a speedy resolution to her admission to hospital and if and when it is appropriate and safe, for her to be home again.
- Prayers for Molly Field who has been in Oakwood Ward for several weeks following her fall and faces a rather uncertain future.

Items for prayer and notices

Please give any items for prayer or notices to Rev Vincent Gardner *before 9 am on Wednesday*



Church Diary

Sun 30th	10.30am	All Age Communion
Mon 1st	10am-12pm	English Class
	1-3pm	Monday Monsters
Tues 2nd	12-2pm	Lunch Club
Weds 3rd	10.45am	Cafe Communion
	11.15am	Coffee Morning
	1.30-3.30pm	Oasis
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
Fri 5th	3pm	Communion at Tyrrell Court
	5-7pm	School Christmas Market
Sun 7th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
		Church Lunch
	6.30pm	Taize

Small Groups



Oasis (Bridget Barwick).....	966 9735	Wed 1.30pm
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

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**Advent Sunday
30th November 2014
All Age Communion**



Please feel free to join us after the morning service for refreshments

30th November—Marion Harwood & Friends
7th December—Thake Homegroup

The link person from the Welcome Team today is Charles Kenderdine