

Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme
over all things,
now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end

(page 4 of OT in bibles)

Read by Hugh Fisher

Gospel - Luke 8:22-25

(page 86 of NT in bibles)

Eucharist celebrate by Rev Gary Collins

Preaching by Jeremy Thake

Worship led by Revd Gary Collins

Prayers led by Rachel Thake

Hymns for Today

Love divine, all loves excelling

Ancient words

Brother, sister, let me serve you

By your side, I would stay

There is a Redeemer

O Jesus, I have promised

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.

New Electoral Roll

Under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll must be prepared every 5 years. Anyone who wants to be on the roll, whether they have previously completed a form or not, will need to complete a new form by the 13th March and return to the office.

Forms can be found on the welcome table.

Taking Part

We are looking to recruit new volunteers for various roles within the Church.

- Contact Centre
- We are looking for people to lead intercessions.
- Children's work on certain Sundays, (not all!)
- Teenage/youth activities.
- Chalice bearers during the Eucharist.
- Bible Readers in services.

If you would be interested to explore any of these, to ask further questions, or to consider going on the rota on a regular basis please speak to a member of the clergy. *Guidance and support will be given!*

Church Lunch

Church Lunch, next Sunday, please bring a pudding, profits will go to the Bed for the Night project.

Fire Extinguishers

We have a number of decommissioned fire extinguishers available to anyone in the congregation who would like one. Donations welcome, please speak to Hugh Fisher.

Trade, power & poverty after BREXIT



Trade Justice and Fairtrade activists campaign for a system that puts people and planet before big business profits. The inspiring **Nick Dearden**, Director of Global Justice Now UK, will consider what the UK's trade deals with other countries look like after March. Will they reflect trade justice? What can we do? Refreshments

Wed 27 Feb 7.30pm free donations
RISC 35-39 London St RG1 4PS ♿

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www.globaljustice.org.uk/reading

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Monday Monsters

We are looking for someone to take over the running of our Mums and Toddlers group that currently runs on a Monday afternoon between 1-3pm. This important group provides a welcoming space for Mums to come and enjoy and cup of tea and a chance to connect with others, whilst their children play. If you feel you could help please contact the Parish Office.

Kirsty, who currently runs the group, is moving on to pastures new and we want to thank her for all she has done over the past two years and wish her well for the future.



Birthdays

Geoff White (29th)

Euphrasia Matete (2nd)

Prayers

- Please pray for Chris and Bill Gothard, and family, for the grace and strength to persevere.
- Prayers for John Lawrence, son of Judith, as he continues his treatment.
- Prayers for Leslie & June Russell.
- Prayers for Carol Meunier.
- Prayers for Ali and Pete Marshall and all the family as they leave East Reading
- Prayers for Val Thorne and family.
- Prayers for Mark Laynesmith and all the Chaplaincy team at Reading University.

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



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Church Diary

Sun 24th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	2-5pm	Contact Centre
Tues 26th	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
Weds 27th	1.30-3.30	Oasis
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 28th	10.45am	Holy Communion (Café)
	11.15am	Coffee morning
Friday 29th	9am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	World Day of Prayer
Sun 3rd	10.30am	All Age Communion <i>Followed by Church Lunch</i>

Small Groups

Oasis (Bridget Barwick)	966 9735	Wed 1.30pm
Richard & Rosemary Croft	926 0672	Thurs 8.00 pm
Jeremy & Rachel Thake	987 1288	Thurs 8.00 pm
Judith Lawrence	954 1332	Thurs 8.00 pm

You are welcome to join - please speak to contact/leader

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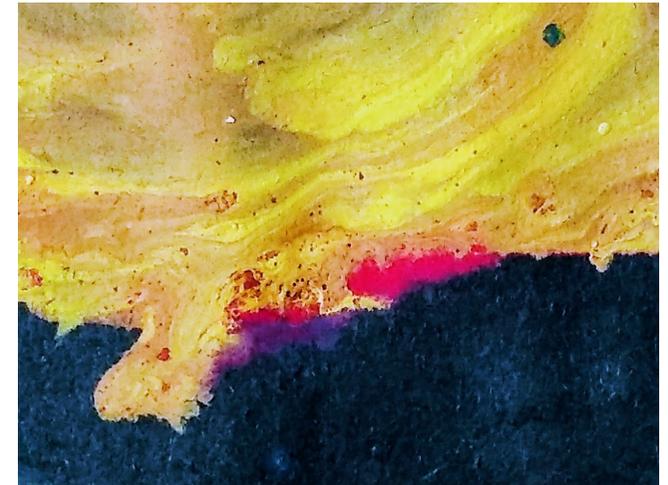
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**St. John &
St. Stephen's**

2nd Sunday before Lent

24th February 2019



WELCOME TO THIS CHURCH!

And to everyone else with us today! 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.

24th February—Croft Homegroup
3rd March—Thake Homegroup

Welcome Team leader **Norma Stevenson**
On-duty Warden today is **Rosemary Croft**

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