

Holy 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 2:1-5

(page p672 in the OT of the Church Bibles)

Read by Sally D'Sa

Matthew 24: 36-44

(page 36 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Mark Laynesmith
Preaching by Revd Mark Laynesmith
Worship led by Revd Gary Collins
Prayers led by Richard Harwood

Hymns for Today

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

O come, O come Emmanuel

Christ be our light

Broken I stand

Come, Lord Jesus, come

Hills of the north, rejoice!

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 Children's Praise Plus - all children aged 3+ and their parents are welcome to join us in the school hall as soon as they arrive for singing and craft activities.



Thank-you from Spence and the rest of the family for being so welcoming and for the help and support before, during and after Oodie's funeral service last Friday.



CHURCH



LUNCH

Church Lunch next Sunday, please bring a pudding!



Taize

Next Sunday from 6:30 pm
Taize songs, prayers, Bible readings
and silence followed by sharing our
journeys over tea/coffee & cakes.

Traidcraft Christmas stall



please come and have a
peep to see what is new.
There are some inspirational
and beautiful Christmas gifts!



The Complex Causes of Poverty
Speaker—Marianna Swann
Wednesday 30th November 7.30pm
RISC 35-39 London Street
Free (*donations*)

November Green Tip



Free or inexpensive help in making your home warmer in winter is provided by

1. the Council's Winter Watch scheme <http://www.reading.gov.uk/residents/care-and-support-for-adults/winterwatch/>
2. local voluntary group Draught Busters <http://readinguk.org/draughtbusters/about-draughtbusters/>




Once coffee has been served, Jo and Christine will be sharing some of what they learned on their recent visit to our link diocese in Sweden - please stay to hear.

Fireside
a discussion group looking
at elements of christianity




Please join us for a series of informal
and relaxed discussions exploring what
christianity means in the 21st century.

St John's Cafe
Tuesdays 9.45-11.00
until Christmas



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mark Ripley (28th)
Adam Phelps, Maureen Brooker & Tishana Tudor (29th)
David Bruce (2nd)



Hear Our PRAYER

- Prayers for Spence and the family
- Prayers for Jean Skusse
- Give thanks for a clear biopsy result for Mike Kennedy
- Prayers for Don and Ruth Mason
- Prayers for Jenny Sullivan who used to worship at St John's. She has finished her treatment and is having a PET scan on the 28th November.

Items for prayer and notices

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



Church Diary

Sun 27th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	2-5pm	Contact Centre
Mon 28th	10am-12pm	English Class
	1-3pm	Monday Monsters
Tues 29th	9.45-11am	Fireside—Cafe <i>A discussion group looking at elements of Christianity</i>
	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
Weds 30th	1.30-3.30pm	Oasis
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 1st	10.45 am	Cafe Communion
	11.15 am	Coffee morning
Sun 4th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) <i>Followed by Church Lunch</i>
	6.30pm	Taize

Small Groups



Oasis (Bridget Barwick).....	966 9735	Wed 1.30pm
Bill & Chris Gothard (Crofts)	966 3511	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
27th November 2016
Children's Praise Plus

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.



27th November—Judith Lawrence & Homegroup
 4th December—Marian Harwood & Friends

The link person from the Welcome Team today
 Norma Stevenson