

## Family Communion

*Collect for Sunday*

Blessed Lord,  
who hast caused all holy Scriptures  
to be written for our learning:  
Grant that we may in such wise hear them,  
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,  
That by patience and comfort of thy holy Word,  
we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of  
everlasting life,  
which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

Matthew 3:1-12  
*(page 5 in the NT of the Church Bibles)*  
Read by Matthew Laynesmith

*The service is presented by the children and their  
leaders*

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Christine Bainbridge  
Prayers led by Amy, Dora & Juna

### Hymns for Today

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

He came down

Soon and very soon

*Wait for the Lord*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup*

You shall go out with joy

*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

Today is a Family Communion when  
the children will collect together in the  
foyer as they arrive for the service.  
Whoever is taking the service will  
bring them all in holding the stole, to  
sit in the front row of chairs for most  
of the service.



**Church Lunch today  
Sunday, please stay if you  
are able!**

### DISPLAY CABINET IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE

*Have you looked at the Cubs display in at the  
moment?*

We are trying to change the display every 4 to 6  
weeks to encourage people to look in.  
*Do you have anything you could like share with the  
Congregation and Church visitors ?*

For instance what you have been doing, your  
favourite charity, hobby, holiday, job, history, travel,  
a collection of crockery or glass wear, ornaments,  
stamps, coins, post cards, pictures, paintings,  
photos.

In the pipe line for the future are - "Forms of  
Transport" "Maps" "Pet Cats"

We would be happy to arrange the display if you do  
not want to do it yourself.

Suggestions Ideas and offers to Chris Smith on  
[Tel:9264838](tel:9264838) or tell Fr. Vincent or Fr. Gary.

### November Green Tip



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

1. the Council's Winter Watch  
s c h e m e [http://  
www.reading.gov.uk/residents/  
care-and-support-for-adults/  
winterwatch/](http://www.reading.gov.uk/residents/care-and-support-for-adults/winterwatch/)
2. local voluntary group Draught Busters [http://  
readinguk.org/draughtbusters/about-  
draughtbusters/](http://readinguk.org/draughtbusters/about-draughtbusters/)

### Traidcraft Christmas stall



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

### Church Lunches.

The total raised from the November lunch  
amounted to £180 and this sum has been passed  
to Tearfund towards their ongoing relief work in  
Haiti, stated to be the poorest country in the  
western hemisphere.

Read more about Tearfund's involvement with  
this country at [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org). And thank you  
to everyone who donated!




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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Rudi Kelly & Chloe White (7th)**  
**Rosetta Jamfi & Jewel Sabu (8th)**  
**Mark Laynesmith (9th)**



- 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 waiting for the results of her PET scan.

**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**

<b>Sun 4th</b>	10.30am	Family Communion <i>Followed by Church Lunch</i>
	6.30pm	Taize
<b>Mon 5th</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
	10am-12pm	English Class
	1-3pm	Monday Monsters
<b>Tues 6th</b>	<b>9.45-11am</b>	<b>Fireside—Cafe</b> <i>A discussion group looking at elements of Christianity</i>
<b>Weds 7th</b>	1.30-3.30pm	Oasis
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
<b>Thurs 8th</b>	10.45 am	Cafe Communion
	11.15 am	Coffee morning
<b>Fri 9th</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sun 11th</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	2-5pm	Contact Centre

**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

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**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**4th December 2016**  
**Family Communion**

**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.**



4th December—Marian Harwood & Friends  
 11th December—Thake Homegroup

The link person from the Welcome Team today  
 Ian Maynard