

Family Communion

Collect for Sunday

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 35:1-10
(page 697 in the NT of the Church Bibles)
Read by Steve Lewis

Luke 1:39-56
(page 73 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Vincent Gardner
Preaching by Revd Gary Collins
Worship led by Revd Vincent Gardner
Prayers led by Mary Langshaw

Hymns for Today

O come, O come Emmanuel

Great is the darkness

I will offer up my life

Eat this bread

O the love of my Lord is the essence

Come, thou long expected Jesus

*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.*



A poster for 'Celebrate Christmas' featuring a dark background with yellow stars. The text 'celebrate Christmas' is written in a stylized, white, distressed font. Below the title, the dates and times for the events are listed: Sun 18th Dec Christmas Eve, Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm; Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass 11.30pm; Christmas Day, Eucharist 10.30am. A large yellow star in the center contains the text 'the world is held by a baby'. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for St John & St Stephen's, with the address 'Orto Road, Newtown' and the note 'All are welcome'.

November Green Tip



Free or inexpensive help in making
your home warmer in winter is pro-
vided 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/>

Traidcraft Christmas stall



please come and have a
peep to see what is new.

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.


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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ben Harwood (13th)
Micah Collins (16th)
Carol Meunier & Jan Hearn (17th)



- 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

Sun 11th	10.30am 2-5pm	Holy Communion (sung) Contact Centre
Mon 12th	9am	Morning Prayer
	10am-12pm 1-3pm	English Class Monday Monsters
Tues 13th	9.45-11am 12-2pm	Fireside—Cafe Jacket Potato Club
Weds 14th	1-3pm	Cafe Christmas Lunch
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 15th	10.45 am 11.15 am	Cafe Communion Coffee morning
Fri 16th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 18th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight

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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Third Sunday in Advent

11th December 2016

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.



11th December—Thake Homegroup
 18th December—Oasis Group

The link person from the Welcome Team today
Maureen Stevens