

## 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' with a dark background and yellow stars. The text reads: 'celebrate Christmas', 'Sun 18th Dec Christmas Eve', 'Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm', 'Midnight Mass 11.30pm', 'Christmas Day Eucharist 10.30am', and 'the world is held by a baby'. At the bottom right is the logo for St John & St Stephen's, Orto Road, Newtown, All are welcome.

### 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/>

### 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**

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