

## Holy Communion

*Collect for Sunday*

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and  
compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 1:6-14

*(page 148 in the NT of the Church Bibles)*

Read by Jose Kennedy

John 17:1-11

*(page 140 in the NT of the Church Bibles)*

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Christine Bainbridge

### 21st Century Anglican

*'The Power of a name'*

Preaching by Revd Gary Collins  
Worship led by Revd Christine Bainbridge  
Prayers led by Richard Harwood

### Hymns for Today

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

All I once held dear

King of Kings, Majesty

*Father we love you*

Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord

*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.



### Annual University Chaplaincy Lecture. All welcome!

#### Pope Francis and the struggle for the soul of Catholicism Tuesday 6th June 2017, 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Paul Vallely, author of "the stand-out biography" (The Tablet) of the Pope, who will be interviewed by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir David Bell.

All welcome. More details and bookings at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/ksp2u7f>



Lorna Taylor has seen Maureen Devine who would like to say hello to everyone at St John's & St Stephens's!



A wedding was staged on the steps of Church House, Westminster. But would the wedding of the Bride of Christ [the C of E] to Mr Fossil really go ahead? In fact Jesus, played by past member of our church 'Fish', persuaded the bride to have second thoughts. All part of a campaign to persuade the church to ditch investments in major fossil fuel companies because of their contribution to climate change.

## READING DEANERY'S ONE-AND-ONLY



MEET THE BISHOP

EAT THE CAKE



NIGHT

### ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH TUESDAY 13 JUNE, 7:30

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM THE  
BISHOP OF OXFORD, ASK HIM QUESTIONS,  
AND EAT CAKE



10am—3rd June  
St John's Cafe

An informal gathering of guys, to eat breakfast together, get to know each other better; no particular agenda though we might collectively decide to make it an election free, Brexit free zone! After all there are more important, and more fun things to talk about

Please contact Chris Cobbald on 07881 348244 for more information

CHURCH



LUNCH

### Church Lunch

No Church lunch on 4th June, but please look out for information about other forthcoming foodie church events.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Ianthe Pinder (28th)  
Daniel Harwood (1st)**



- Please pray for Alison (Peyton) who is struggling with chronic back pain and has an emergency MRI scan on Saturday (27th).
- Prayers also for Alison and her family as her mother sadly passed away.
- Prayers for Andrew Jenny and Doug, the husband and children of Helen Boddington who sadly passed away
- Prayers for Chris Gothard
- Prayers for Spence and the family
- Prayers for Don and Ruth Mason

**Items for prayer and notices**

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



**Church Diary**

- Sun 28th** 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)  
2-5pm Contact Centre
- Sat 3rd** 10.00 am Men's Breakfast
- Sun 4th** 10.30 am Family Communion  
*No Church Lunch*

**Small Groups**

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| Oasis (Bridget Barwick).....       | 966 9735 | Wed 1.30pm    |
| Bill & Chris Gothard (Crofts)..... | 966 3511 | Thurs 8 pm    |
| Jeremy and Rachel Thake ..         | 987 1288 | Thurs 8.30pm  |
| Judith Lawrence.....               | 954 1332 | Thurs 7.30 pm |

*You are welcome to join with any group - please speak to contact/*

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



**7th Sunday of Easter  
28th May 2017  
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.**

28th May—Marian Harwood  
4th June—Judith Lawrence & friends

The link person from the Welcome Team today is

Norma Stevenson