



Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

(page 91 of OT in bibles)

Read by Steve Lewis

Gospel—Matthew 2:1-12

(page 15 of NT in bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Mark Laynesmith

Preaching by Revd Vincent Gardner

Worship led by Revd Gary Collins

Prayers led by Richard Harwood

Hymns for Today

We will start Be thou my vision

As with gladness men of old

My lighthouse, my lighthouse

Within our darkest night

Kyrie Eleison

Walk in the light

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 Cafe. We will be going out during the gradual hymn.

Any old bikes?

Do you have a bike which is doing nothing? If so, it could help a refugee or someone else in need. I can come and have a look at it, and, if it is suitable, take it to do up and channel to someone in need. So far I have given bikes though the refugee centre in Reading, the International Care Network in Bournemouth, and CIRDIC. Most in demand are adult mens' bikes rather than children's or ladies'. If you can help, please contact me by email on steve@brownshouse.com, text on 07941543213 or phone on 0118 9669393.

Thank you! Steve Brown

Trauma Informed Communities

Come and see the film '**Resilience. The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope**' and discuss what can be done to prevent childhood trauma and improve quality of life for those affected by childhood trauma by creating trauma informed communities.

9th January 2019 at 5.30pm

St John's primary School RG1 3JN

Saying Farewell

This week we say goodbye to Annie & Sam, and their daughters Stephanie and Stina, as they begin a new life in Scotland.

The whole family has been a real gift to the church, and we will miss all that they have brought into our midst.

Please pray for them in their new chapter of life.

Even More Farewells

After many years serving and enriching this congregation, we are soon to say goodbye to Ali and Pete Marshall as they move up North to be closer to family.

Please pray for them and for their family as they also prepare for this new phase of life.

Please speak to Rosemary Croft if you would like to sign a card, or contribute to a gift.

Church Lunches

The total raised from the December lunch (and given subsequently) amounted to £200. This sum is on its way to Novi Most International towards the cost of a new minibus needed for the youth ministry in Bosnia & Herzegovina, as explained by Matt and Rowan on their visit. More information at novimost.org.

We were also able to send another £47.50 to Christian Aid representing Gift Aid recoveries on donations made earlier in the year. Note that there will be no church lunch on 6 January.

Birthdays

Prayers

- Pray for those in our community who feel isolated and lonely at this time of year
- Please pray for Bill and Chris Gothard and for their family, facing ongoing challenges.
- Prayers for John Lawrence, son of Judith, as he continues his treatment
- Prayers for Leslie & June Russell.
- Prayers for Carol Meunier
- Prayers for Sam, Annie, Stephanie and Stina as they move from the area.
- Prayers for Timothy Jones and family—preparing for Baptism next week.

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

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Church Diary

Sun 6th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
Mon 7th	9am 10am 1-3 pm	Morning Prayer English Class Monday Monsters
Tues 8th	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
Weds 9th	1.30-3.30 5.30pm 6-9pm	Oasis Film—Childhood Trauma Informed Communities Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 10th	10.45am 11.15am	Holy Communion (Cafe) Coffee morning
Fri 11th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 12th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)

Small Groups

Oasis (Bridget Barwick)	966 9735	Wed 1.30pm
Richard & Rosemary Croft	926 0672	Thurs 8.00 pm
Jeremy & Rachel Thake	987 1288	Thurs 8.00 pm
Judith Lawrence	954 1332	Thurs 7.30 pm

You are welcome to join - please speak to contact/leader

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Epiphany Sunday 6th January 2019



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH.

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.

6th January—Oasis Group
13th January—Croft Homegroup

Welcome Team leader **Ian Maynard**
On-duty Warden today is **Rosemary Croft**

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