

Family Communion

Collect for Sunday

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Matthew 4:1-11

(p6 of the NT of the Church Bibles)

Reading by Amy Roche

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Christine
Bainbridge

Prayers led by Ffion, Juna & Alice

Hymns for Today

Lord of all hopefulness

Be bold, be strong!

It's me, O Lord

Jesus Christ

Make me a channel of your peace

We are marching in the light of God

*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.*



Lent series film night



**Tuesday 9th March
8 pm**

**Future dates: 16th, 23rd,
30th March & 6th April**



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.



Parents of the youngest are asked to sit behind their child/ren in the front row of chairs.



Count Your Blessings

This Christian Aid material which provides material for prayer and reflection during Lent as well as opportunities for giving will be available as usual from this Sunday (26 Feb). A children's version will be on display on the noticeboard at the back of church; if you think your child might like to use it please ask Liz Bailey for a copy.

CHURCH



LUNCH

Church Lunch Today
this will be a soup, bread and fruit Lenten lunch, please stay if you are able.



Taize

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

Fireside Returns

Fireside
a discussion group looking
at elements of christianity



Tuesday 7th March 9.45-11am

NEWT Copy Date



**If you have any stories,
pictures or news of upcoming events
that could be included in the next
editions of newt, please let Chris
Meunier know.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Beatrice Pollard who is a former member of St John's Church will be 100 on March 9th. Leslie has a card if you wish to sign it.



Church Diary

Sun 5th	10.30 am	Family Communion
Mon 6th	10-12pm 1-3pm	English Class Monday Monsters
Tues 7th	9.45-11am 12-2pm	Fireside Returns Jacket Potato Club
Weds 8th	1.30-3.30 6-9pm	Oasis Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 9th	10.45 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion (Cafe) Coffee morning
Fri 10th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 12th	10.30 am 2-5pm	Holy Communion (sung) Contact Centre



- Prayers for Chris Gothard
- Prayers for Spence and the family
- Prayers for Don and Ruth Mason
- Jenny Sullivan, who used to worship at St John's, is currently receiving radiotherapy treatment, but is in good spirits and asks for our continued prayers

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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St. John & St. Stephen's

Lent



1st Sunday in Lent 5th March 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.

5th March—Oasis group
12th March—Croft Homegroup

The link person from the Welcome Team today is Ian Maynard

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.

