

Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your
truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant that all who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may reject those
things

that are contrary to their baptism,
and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord;
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 12:1-4
(p12 of the OT of the Church Bibles)
Read by Alison Peyton

John 3:1-17
(p119 of the NT of the Church Bibles)

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Vincent Gardner

Gospel Sermon

'One born every minute'

Preaching by Jeremy Thake
Worship led by Revd Gary Collins
Prayers led by Rachel Thake

Hymns for Today

Lo, he comes with clouds descending
You are the king of glory
My song is love unknown

*O Lord, hear my prayer
In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful*

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

*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.*

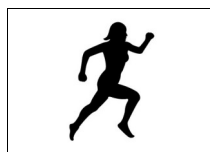


Lent series film night



**Thursday 16th March
8 pm**

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



Rosemary Croft is running the half
marathon next Sunday in aid of
LAMB Hospital.

If you would like to sponsor her, you
can go to: [http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/
RichardCroft1](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/RichardCroft1) sorry it says Richard not Rosemary, as
Rosemary is chair of the charity collecting donations,
the website wouldn't accept her name!

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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.

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.



Electoral Roll

On 24th April 2017 we will be holding our Annual
Meeting. If anyone would like to join the
electoral roll please pick up a form from the
table in the Church entrance and return to the
Church office. Thank-you.

Fireside Returns

Fireside
a discussion group looking
at elements of christianity



Tuesday 14th 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

Emily Hopkins (13th)
Judith Lawrence (14th)
Mack Gardner (16th)
Joel Abbi (17th)



- Prayers for Maureen Devine our ex-curate who is currently receiving chemotherapy
- 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

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 12th	10.30 am 2-5pm	Holy Communion (sung) Contact Centre
Mon 13th	10-12pm 1-3pm	English Class Monday Monsters
Tues 14th	9.45-11am 12-2pm	Fireside Jacket Potato Club
Weds 15th	1.30-3.30 6-9pm	Oasis Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 16th	10.45 am 11.15 am 8pm	Holy Communion (Cafe) Coffee morning Lent Film Series
Fri 17th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 19th	10.30 am	Holy Communion (sung)

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



**2nd Sunday in Lent
12th March**



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.

12th March—Croft Homegroup
19th March—Judith Lawrence & homegroup

The link person from the Welcome Team today is Maureen Stevens