

Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself:

strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.

Exodus 2:1-10
(p57 of the OT of the Church Bibles)
Read by Jose Kennedy

John 19:25-27
(p144 of the NT of the Church Bibles)

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Christian Bainbridge

21st Century Anglican

'If it's not one thing, it's your mother'

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

Hymns for Today

Praise my Soul the King of Heaven
When love came down to earth
Let us build a house where love can dwell
Glory be to Jesus
Heureux, qui s'abandonne a toi
Come, let us go!

*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

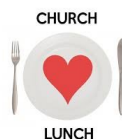


**Thursday 30th March
8 pm**

**Future dates: 6th April
Lent discussion meal
Tuesday 2nd May**



CIRDIC: The Churches in Reading Drop-In Centre provides free meals, showers, baths and clothing to the homeless and precariously-housed. This year our church is collecting food and other needed items for them during April and May. A list of the items requested will be circulated via email next week; for those not on email there will be lists to take away on the noticeboard at the back of church, and from beginning of April there will be a box where you can place any donations.



Church Lunch 2 April – another Lenten lunch: please see Liz Bailey if you would be willing to bring a fruit bowl in lieu of a pudding.



Save the Date: this year the **Christian Aid** sponsored walk, (5/10/15 miles in the beautiful countryside north of Henley) will be on Sat 20th May. Further details soon.



Taize

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

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
a discussion group looking
at elements of christianity



Jacobs Stepladder
Tuesday 28th March 9.45-11am

Please let Rosemary Croft know if you want to order any Easter Eggs. (ph 9260672!)



£5.00



£3.40



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Matthew Laynesmith (28th)
Chris Jupp (1st)**



- 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 26th	10.30 am 2-5pm	Holy Communion (sung) Contact Centre
Mon 27th	10-12pm 1-3pm	English Class Monday Monsters
Tues 28th	9.45-11am 12-2pm	Fireside Jacket Potato Club
Weds 29th	1.30-3.30 6-9pm	Oasis Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 30th	10.45 am 11.15 am 8pm	Holy Communion (Cafe) Coffee morning Lent Film Series
Fri 31st	9am	Morning Prayer
Sat 1st	10-12pm	Men's Breakfast
Sun 2nd	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**



**Mothers Sunday
3rd Sunday in Lent
26th 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.

26th March—Marian Harwood & Friends
2nd April—Thake Homegroup

The link person from the Welcome Team today is
Norma Stevenson