

All Age Communion

Collect for Sunday

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power,
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.

Isaiah 9:1-4
(p677 in the OT of the Church Bibles)
Read by Ian Maynard
Matthew 4:12-23
(p6 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Vincent Gardner

Gospel Sermon

'The first disciples'

Preaching by Richard Croft
Worship led by Revd Vincent Gardner
Prayers led by Rachel Thake

Hymns for Today

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult
I will offer up my life
Will you come and follow me?

*Be still and know that I am God
Within our darkness night*

I, the Lord of sea and sky

*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.*



Enabling churches to house the homeless

124 Cholmeley Road is being transformed into a lovely house ready to live in. Many thanks for all the help decorating, and the many generous donations of furniture and furnishings. By this weekend it will be 90% ready. Please pray now for selection of tenants, and the practical involvement of volunteers from St John's.

Café Théologique

Monday 20th February, 7.30pm, Zero Degrees, Bridge Street - *Why we need to talk about sin - differently.* Stephen Cherry, Dean of King's College, Cambridge.

Monday 6th March, 7.30pm, **Venue tbc** - *Christian faith, ethics and mission.* Sam Wells, vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Thank You

To everyone who came and sang carols at Royal Berks on Christmas Eve. It was really appreciated by the patients and staff was, once again, a very special time.



January Green Tip - if you recycle your Christmas cards at Marks & Spencer's they will raise money for the Woodland Trust.



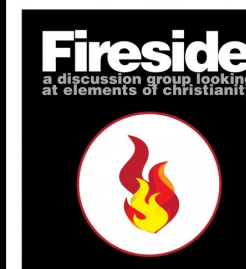
Saturday **March 11th** 2017 7 - 9.30 p.m.

Do you have
A song? A tune? A dance? A poem?
Performance art?

...that you would like to perform?

Please tell Les Pullen or Chris Jupp how you would like to contribute, be it on stage, or to help with refreshments or setting out furniture on the day.

And think about who you could invite to come along and share St John's warmth and fun??



Fireside is currently taking a break and will return



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Jose Kennedy & Josh Morris (24th)
Fran Day (27th)**



- Prayers for Chris Gothard
- Prayers for Spence and the family
- Prayers for Don and Ruth Mason
- Prayers for Jenny Sullivan who used to worship at St John's. She has finished her treatment and waiting for the results of her PET scan.

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 22nd	10.30 am	Holy Communion (sung)
	1-5pm	Contact Centre
Mon 23rd	9am	Morning Prayer
	10am-12pm	English Class
	1-3pm	Monday Monsters
Tues 24th	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
Weds 25th	1.30-3.30	Oasis
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 26th	10.45 am	Holy Communion (Cafe)
	11.15 am	Coffee morning
Fri 27th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 29th	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



**Light 3
22nd January 2017**



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.

22nd January—Thake Homegroup
29th January—Oasis Group

The link person from the Welcome Team today is Marian Harwood