

## Holy Communion

*Collect for Sunday*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to

glory;

who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 24:12-18

*(p81 in the OT of the Church Bibles)*

Reading by Hugh Fisher

Matthew 17:1-9

*(p25 in the NT of the Church Bibles)*

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Vincent Gardner

### 21st Century Anglican

"Go figure"

Preaching by Revd Gary Collins

Worship led by Richard Croft

Prayers led Rachel Thake

### Hymns for Today

O praise ye the Lord  
Lord us, heavenly Father, lead us  
Behold the lamb who bears our sins away

*Wonderful grace, that gives what I don't deserve  
Amazing grace*

He who would valiant be

*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 school hall as soon as they arrive for singing and craft activities.



CHURCH



LUNCH

**Church Lunch 6 March** – this will be a soup, bread and fruit Lenten lunch, so no puddings are requested. If you would like to offer to bring some bread, please see Liz Bailey. .



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Next Sunday 6:30 pm

**CABARET III**



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??



## Advanced notice Lent series film nights

**9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March & 6th April 2017**



### 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.

Christian Aid Speaker at **RISC**  
**Wed March 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**  
At present banks invest much more money in mining for coal and oil than in renewables. How can we encourage a shift towards investing in clean renewable energy?

Followed by a meal to which all are invited.

### Church Lunches

The total raised from the February lunch amounted to £222 and this sum is on its way to FAITH Christian Group towards the cost of "Bed for the Night" (which is just drawing to a close this year). A big "thank you" from Alison Peyton to everyone who donated, and thanks to Alison, Liz and the team who prepared such an excellent meal.

The next lunch will be on Sunday 5 March.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Geoff White (29th)**  
**Euphraizia Matete (2nd)**  
**Richard Bainbridge (4th)**



- 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**

<b>Sun 26th</b>	10.30 am 2-5pm	Holy communion (sung) Contact Centre
<b>Mon 27th</b>	10-12pm 1-3pm	English Class Monday Monsters
<b>Tues 28th</b>	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
<b>Weds 1st</b>	1.30-3.30 6-9pm	Oasis Cubs & Scouts
<b>Thurs 2nd</b>	10.45 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion (Cafe) Coffee morning
<b>Fri 3rd</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sun 5th</b>	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**



**Transfiguration Sunday  
Children's Praise Plus  
26th February 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.**

26th February—Thake homegroup  
5th March—Oasis group

The link person from the Welcome Team today is Norma Stevenson