

Holy Communion

Collect for Easter Sunday

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 12:1-3

(page 12 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Read by Hugh Fisher

John 20:19-23

(page 144 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Vincent Gardner

21st Century Anglican
"Together again indoors"

Preaching by Revd Canon Phillip Mountstephen
Worship led by Revd Gary Collins

Hymns for Today

Bless the Lord O my Soul

There is a hope that burns within my heart

How deep the Father's love for us

*All my days (beautiful saviour)
Spirit of the living God*

At the name of Jesus

*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.



Film Night discussion meal
Tuesday 2nd May
8pm

Please bring food and drink to share!



Hope into Action

Hope in Action house now have
three tenants. We had a fun-full-
of-games-and-food welcome party with all of them on
Saturday afternoon at church. Please pray for the
team visiting them each week.



10am—13th May
St John's Cafe

An informal gathering of guys, to eat breakfast to-
gether, get to know each other better; no particular
agenda though we might collectively decide to make it
an election free, Brexit free zone! After all there are
more important, and more fun things to talk about.



Church Lunches

The total raised from the April lunch amounted to
£200 and this sum has been sent to Tearfund
towards its drought relief work in Ethiopia, Somalia
and Northern Kenya. Famine has also been declared
in South Sudan, with the conflict there making the
situation even worse. Tearfund is working with
partners on the ground to provide humanitarian
assistance, sanitation and health education to
vulnerable families, along with nutrition and hygiene
education for children and pregnant/breastfeeding
mothers.

Thank you for helping to bring urgent assistance to
people facing devastating food shortages. Please
continue to pray for God's peace and provision for
East Africa.

The next lunch is planned for 7th May—Lent is over
and we can have puddings again, hurray! So please
bring one if you are able.

Mon 15th May, 7.30pm,
Café Théologique
**Can a person's calling include sex reassign-
ment surgery?**

Rev Dr Michael Peat, theologian and ethicist, and
Free Church Chaplain at the University of Bristol.
Zero Degrees Bar, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LR.



Taize

Sunday 7th May from 6:30 pm
Taize songs, prayers, Bible
readings and silence followed by
sharing our journeys over tea/coffee
& cakes Come to either part or
both



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Evan Herath (30th)
Kamala Zutshi (1st)
David Langshaw & Sara Harwood (3rd)
Paul Oates (4th)**



- Prayers for Ken Medford after the sudden passing of his brother
- Prayers for Maureen Devine who had to spend a short time in hospital due to an infection. She is now home and doing well
- 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 30th	9.15am	Continental breakfast
	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	<i>Visit by</i>	Revd Canon Phillip Mountstephen
Tues 2nd	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
	8pm	Film Night Meal & Discussion
Weds 3rd	1.30-3.30	Oasis
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 4th	10.45 am	Holy Communion (Cafe)
	11.15 am	Coffee morning
	7.15pm	Clergy Pastoral Care Course
Fri 5th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 7th	10.30 am	Holy Communion (sung)

Small Groups



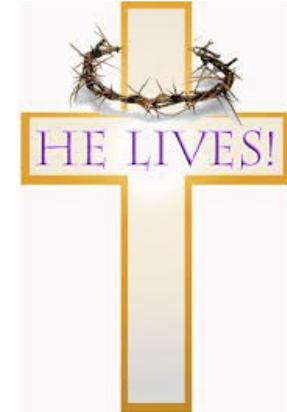
Oasis (Bridget Barwick).....	966 9735	Wed 1.30pm
Bill & Chris Gothard (Crofts)	966 3511	Thurs 8 pm
Jeremy and Rachel Thake ..	987 1288	Thurs 8.30 pm
Judith Lawrence	954 1332	Thurs 7.30 pm

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St. John & St. Stephen's



3rd Sunday of Easter

30th April 2017

Children's Praise Plus



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.

30th April—Marian Harwood & Friends
7th May—Thake Homegroup

The link person from the Welcome Team today is

Charles Kenderdine