

Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience
and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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 50: 4-9a
(p715 of the OT of the Church Bibles)
Read by Sally D'Sa

Matthew 21:1-11

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Vincent Gardner

'The beginning.....'

Preaching by Revd Mark Laynesmith
Worship led by Revd Gary Collins
Prayers led by Rachel Thake

Hymns for Today

Ride on, ride on in majesty

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Jesus, we enthrone you

Nothing can trouble

Bless the Lord, my soul

All glory, laud and honour

*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.*



Monday 24th April 8pm



**Film Night discussion meal
Tuesday 2nd May**



**Christian Aid Week Sponsored
Walk Sat 20th May: 5 / 10 / 15
miles through beautiful
countryside north of**

Henley. Sponsorship forms available now – but you
can just turn up to do the walk and make a donation
on the day (minimum £20).

Please see Liz Bailey for more details.



Chorate Chamber Choir
Presents

Thyme after Time

Saturday 22nd April 2017, 6.30pm

St John & St Stephen's Church
Admission: Free

Refreshments available
<http://www.chorate.org.uk>

Please contact Vicki Jones or Mary Chambers for more
details

**Happy to Birthday to Jean
Skusse who celebrates a
special birthday tomorrow !**



Electoral Roll

Today is the last day for additions to the electoral
roll, if you would like to be added please fill in an
electoral roll application from and return it to the
office.

If you aren't sure whether or not you are already
included a copy of the current electoral roll is
displayed in the Church entrance.

Choir for Easter Sunday

We are hoping to get a small choir together to sing a
couple of pieces on Easter Sunday. We will rehearse
after church on Palm Sunday and at 10am on Easter
Sunday morning. All are welcome to
join in - please speak to Hamish or Sue
Bruce or Stephen Dilley if you would
like to be involved.



Church Lunches

The total raised from the March lunch amounted to
£234 and this sum has been sent to Tearfund
towards its ongoing relief work in Honduras,
described as "one of the world's most violent
counties". Tearfund, working through its partner on
the ground, is helping to enable children to go to
school, receive better nutrition, avoid drugs, play
sport and live fuller lives. Against all expectations,
there is hope - God has not forgotten this place.
Thank you for helping to bring about some measure
of transformation.

More information at tearfund.org.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Jean Skusse (10th)
Margaret Elcock (11th)
Charlotte Wharton (15th)**



- 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 9th 10.30 am Holy Communion & blessing of the Palms

2-5pm Contact Centre

Thurs 13th 8pm **Maudy Thursday**
Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

Fri 14th 11am **Good Friday**
The Hour reflective service

Sun 16th 10.30 am **Easter Sunday**
Holy Communion (sung)



Small Groups



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| 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**



**Palm Sunday
9th April 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.

9th April—Oasis Group
16th April—Croft Homegroup

The link person from the Welcome Team today is
Maureen Stevens