

## Family Communion

*Collect for Sunday*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the  
cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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.

John 11:1-45  
*(p132 of the NT of the Church Bibles)*  
Read by Ffion Tomy

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Vincent Gardner

Prayers led by  
Christo & Ffion Tomy and Tamar Chambers

### Hymns for Today

Praise be to the Lord Almighty

My God is so big

Jesus put this song into our hearts

*Broken for me, broken for you*

*Be still for the presence of the Lord*

Jubilate

*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.*



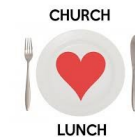
## Lent series film night

**Thursday 6th April  
8 pm**

**Future date:  
Lent discussion meal Tuesday  
2nd May**

## Children & Young People

Today is a Family Communion when the children will collect together in the foyer as they arrive for the service. Whoever is taking the service will bring them all in holding the stole, to sit in the front row of chairs for most of the service. Parents of the youngest are asked to sit behind their child/ren in the front row of chairs.



**Church Lunch Today!**

**Please stay if you are able.**

**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.



## Taize

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

## 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.



**Fireside**  
a discussion group looking  
at elements of christianity



**Fireside Passion**  
**Tuesday 4th April 9.45-11am**

## 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.



**Maureen Stevens (2nd)**  
**Alan Denny, Angus McCallum, Stephen**  
**Herath & Shanti John (3rd)**  
**Ezekiel Jamfi (5th)**



- 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**

<b>Sun 2nd</b>	10.30 am	Family Communion <i>Followed by Church Lunch</i>
	6.30pm	Taize
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	1-3pm	Monday Monsters
<b>Tues 4th</b>	9.45-11am	Fireside
	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
<b>Weds 5th</b>	1.30-3.30	Oasis
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
<b>Thurs 6th</b>	10.45 am	Holy Communion (Cafe)
	11.15 am	Coffee morning
	8pm	Lent Film Series
<b>Fri 7th</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sun 9th</b>	10.30 am	Holy Communion (sung)
	2-5pm	Contact Centre

**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**



**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**Family Communion**  
**2nd 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.**

2nd April—Thake Homegroup  
 9th April—Oasis Group

The link person from the Welcome Team today is Ian Maynard