

Holy Communion

Collect for Easter Sunday

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

John 10:1-16

(page 131 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Read by Dora Abbi

Eucharist celebrated by Revd Mark Laynesmith

Prayers led by Dora, Joel & Daniel

Hymns for Today

The King of love my shepherd is

I am the good shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd

Santo, Santo, Santo

God is good

Celebrate

*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



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.

Taize

Tonight 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



CHURCH



Church Lunch today, please stay if you are able!



**10am—13th May
St John's Cafe**

An informal gathering of guys, to eat breakfast together, 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.



Facing Global Challenges in a Changing World

A talk for Christian Aid

Week by Tim Waites, Senior Livelihoods Policy Adviser, DfID, who will use his experience of working in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone to speak about how the government's disaster resilience policy protects the poor from natural disasters.

Wed 17 May 8 pm,
St Luke's Church Erleigh Rd RG1 5LH.
Free / donations

Dave Richards, coordinator of RISC's edible roof garden will demonstrate how community gardens can be used to raise awareness about challenging global issues and promote action for change.

Tour the new Erleigh Road Community Garden (behind the Church Hall) from 7.30 pm.

Mon 15th May, 7.30pm,

Café Théologique

Can a person's calling include sex reassignment surgery?

Rev Dr Michael Peat, theologian and ethicist, and Free Church Chaplain at the University of Bristol. Artigiano's Bar, Broad Street, Reading, RG1 2AP.



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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Gloria Patrick (7th)
Cara McJerry & Aleena Roy (11th)
Helena Ripley (12th)**



- 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 7th	10.30am	Family Communion (sung) <i>Followed by Church Lunch</i>
	6.30pm	Taize
Mon 8th	9am	Morning Prayer
	10-12pm	English Class
	1-3pm	Monday Monster
Tues 9th	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
Weds 10th	1.30-3.30	Oasis
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 11th	10.45 am	Holy Communion (Cafe)
	11.15 am	Coffee morning
	7.15pm	Clergy Pastoral Care Course
Fri 12th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sat 13th	10am	Mens Breakfast
Sun 14th	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

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St. John & St. Stephen's



**4th Sunday of Easter
7th May 2017
Family Communion**



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.

7th May—Thake Homegroup
14th May— Oasis Group

The link person from the Welcome Team today is

Ian Maynard