



Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Acts 2:1-21

(p149 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

(p139 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Read by Jose Kennedy

Eucharist presided by Revd Gary Collins

Preaching by Revd Gary Collins

Worship led by Jeremy Thake

Prayers led by Rachel Thake

Hymns for Today

O breath of life, come sweeping through us
Before the throne of God above
Holy Spirit, living breath of God
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
As the deer pants for the water
Come down, O love divine

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.

EcoChurch – Silver award

The EcoChurch team are delighted to report that our most recent survey of our church's worship, buildings, community and lifestyle reached a silver EcoChurch score. Consequently we will be applying for a silver certificate. If you would like to know more about this, please see Jo Laynesmith.

Fr. Vincent Study Break

Vincent will shortly be taking a study-break through the Whitsun/Summer term from June through to end of July. We all really want this to be a useful break for him, and so during this time can all questions re the church, pastoral concerns, school, visits and occasional offices be directed to Tanya in the church office, Gary (curate) or the Wardens. Vincent's email will be off! Thanks for your cooperation.

Save the date

Friday July 6th St Johns Christian Aid Quiz Night. Lots of fun.

Please put the evening into your diary.

Christian aid week

The church lunch on 6 May raised £125 and there have been some donations subsequently. If you wish to donate to Christian Aid, there are some red giving envelopes at the back of church underneath the notice boards. These envelopes can be placed in the collection plate or handed to Hugh Fisher next Sunday. Please fill in the Gift Aid details if you are a tax payer. Thanks!

Café Theologique

Monday 21st May: #MeToo: Faith, Sex and Abuse.
Rev Canon Dr Emma Percy, Welfare Dean, Trinity, Oxford.

Monday 4th June: Creativity, Spirituality and Mental Health.
Revd Dr Joanna Collicutt, Karl Jaspers Lecturer, Psychology and Spirituality, Oxford

All events are held at Zero Degrees Bar (Bridge Street RG1 2LR), start at 7.30pm and are free to attend with no booking.

Hope into Action

Life remains settled and peaceful at the Cholmeley Road house. One of the tenants now has part-time work, pray for her as she fits that in around child care. Sara has received a definite application from a potential third resident, so pray for the process as it develops, for much wisdom for Sara and some of the other befriending team who will help in interviews.

Job opportunities

Qualified Teachers wanted for China & UAE for the coming school year. 1 computer science, 4 Pre-K teachers, 5 Bible teachers, 6 High School Science Teachers, & 11 Elementary teachers.

See Rosemary Croft for more details.



Birthdays

Priya Herath (20th)
John Williams (90!) & Frankie Richards (21st)
Susan Bicknell (22nd)
Camellia Richards, Val Davey (23rd)
Chris Meunier, Amelia Zutshi (24th)
Bethany White (26th)

Prayers

- Prayers for the friends and family of our ex-curate Maureen Devine who died on Friday, in particular her husband Ron and their two grown up children
- Prayers for the Thake family after the death of Jeremy's father (Brian aka Bumper)
- Pray for the Williams and Thake families after the death of John's sister, Frances
- For Mike Kennedy and family
- Prayers for Jo White and family
- Prayers for Reeba and her husband Ushas for health problems
- Prayers for Jan Jackson as she continues with her treatment
- Prayers for Leslie & June Russell

Please give any items for prayer or notices to Revd Vincent Gardner *before* 9am on Wednesday by pigeon hole, e-mail or phone.



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Church Diary

Sun 20th	10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>sung</i>)
Mon 21st	9am	Morning prayer
	10am-12	English Class
	1-3pm	Monday Monsters
Tues 22nd	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
Weds 23rd	1.30-3.30	Oasis
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 24th	10.45 am	Holy Communion (Cafe)
	11.15 am	Coffee morning
Fri 25th	9am	Morning prayer
Sun 27th	10.30 am	Holy Communion (<i>sung</i>)
	2-5pm	Contact Centre

Small Groups

Oasis (Bridget Barwick)..... 966 9735 Wed 1.30pm
 Richard & Rosemary Croft..... 9260 672 Thurs 8 pm
 Jeremy and Rachel Thake 987 1288 Thurs 8.30 pm
 Judith Lawrence 954 1332 Thurs 7.30 pm

You are welcome to join with any group -

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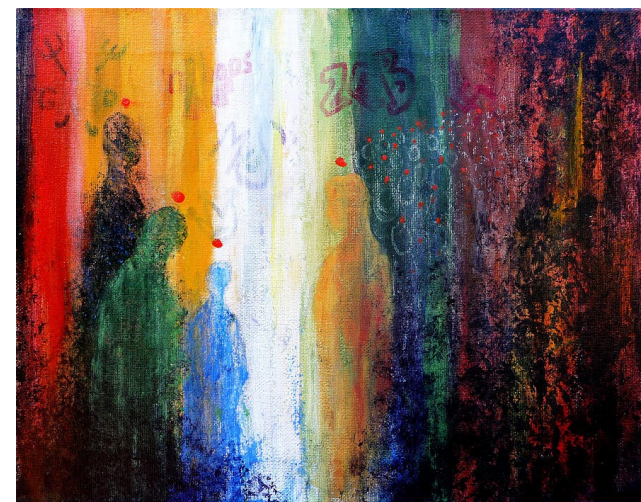
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**St. John &
 St. Stephen's**

Pentecost Sunday

20th May 2018



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH.

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.

20th May—Marian Harwood & friends
 27th May—Thake Homegroup

The link person from the Welcome Team today is **Marian Harwood**

On-duty Warden today **Rosemary Croft**