



Holy Communion

Collect Sunday

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must give one day, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Reading - Job 38:1-7; 34-41

(page 531 of OT in bibles)

Read by Steve Lewis

Gospel - Mark 10:35-45

(page 59 of NT in bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Christine Bainbridge

Preaching by Revd Christine Bainbridge

Worship led by Richard Harwood

Hymns for Today

Father, Lord of all creation

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

How deep the Father's love for us

I am the bread of life

O Lord, hear my prayer

O Jesus, I have promised

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.

Tradecraft Christmas Sale

After church on Sunday 4th November

Enjoy the opportunity to see some beautiful handmade goods and browse for some special Christmas presents

Hope into Action

Sara Harwood will be stepping down soon from her role as 'empowerment officer' for the residents of the house. She has truly done a great job! But now we need a successor – are you interested? Or know someone who might be? Must be female! (sorry, boys). The job is paid, 1 day/week. Speak to Sara or Richard C if you would like to explore this possibility.

Fix Universal Credit Petition

At Readifood, we are seeing unprecedented demand for food assistance and most requests are linked to issues related to the new Universal Credit system.. As a matter of urgency, End Hunger UK is calling on the Government to:

Take action to improve the flexibility and support for people on Universal Credit.

Make improvements to Universal Credit, to ensure it does not leave more people at risk of debt and destitution.

Make a long-term commitment to ensure Universal Credit provides people with enough income to afford good food on a regular basis.

I have this petition available to sign, in Church today, please take a look at the information on table at the back.

Alison Peyton. Readifood Manager.

Amnesty International

Even if We Lose Our Lives, Abbey Baptist Church, 8pm, Thursday 25th October. Amnesty International presents a powerful script that tells the stories of three Afghan women human rights defenders. Hear those who have been denied a voice, but given voice by local readers. Followed by a discussion on the current situation in Afghanistan.

All Souls Communion Service

We will be holding an All Souls Communion Service on 1st November. There is a sheet at the back of church where you can add the names of deceased loved ones to be read and remembered during the service.

28th October

40th Birthday
celebration

St John & St Stephen's Church is celebrating it's 40th year in the Orts Road Parish Centre.

In preparation for our service of thanksgiving on 28th October Christine is gathering recollections of events 40 years ago in the life of our church. If you have memories to share please contact her on

07939 662 980/bainbridgerev@gmail.com

Birthdays

Christo Tomy (22nd)
Joshua Lambden (23rd)
Mike Kennedy (27th)

Prayers

- Prayers for John Lawrence, son of Judith. John has started cancer treatment
- Prayers for baby Lathika
- Prayers for Euphrazia who is mourning following the loss of her Father
- Prayers for Jan Jackson as she continues with her treatment.
- Prayers for Leslie & June Russell.

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



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Church Diary

Sun 21st 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)

Sun 28th 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)

2-5pm Contact Centre

Small Groups

Oasis (Bridget Barwick)	966 9735	Wed 1.30pm
Richard & Rosemary Croft	926 0672	Thurs 8.00 pm
Jeremy & Rachel Thake	987 1288	Thurs 8.00 pm
Judith Lawrence	954 1332	Thurs 7.30 pm

You are welcome to join - please speak to contact/leader

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Eighth Sunday of Creation

21st October 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.

21st October—Oasis Group

28th October—Croft Homegroup

Welcome Team leader **Marian Harwood**

On-duty Warden today is **Ian Maynard**

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