

Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Gospel - Matthew 25:1-19
(page 37 of NT in bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Gary Collins

Worship led by Richard Croft

Hymns for Today

O come, O come Emmanuel

As the deer

Alleluia! Raise the Gospel

Holy Spirit, living breath of God

Bread of life, truth eternal

Come, thou long expected Jesus

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.

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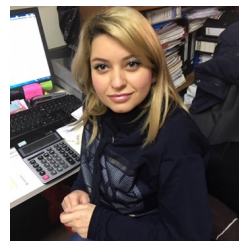
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An evening with Zeina

Zeina works for a Christian Aid partner, Association Najdeh, supporting Palestinian refugees and building peace in the Lebanon. Come and hear her talk about her work – 7.30, **Thurs 6th December** in the café. Puddings will be served! Entrance free, but donations to Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal invited.



Christmas Choir

Do come and join us this year for our Christmas choir to sing at our Carol Service. We will be meeting at 9.30am in the church on Saturday 1st, 8th and 15th December and then will have a short run through straight after the morning service on Sunday 16th December before the Carol Service that evening at 6.30pm. We welcome anyone who enjoys singing and who would like to join in - you do not need to be an accomplished musician! If you would like any more information please come and find us. Hope to see many of you there. Hamish and Sue Bruce

Welcome!

Welcome to the family and friends of baby Eva, who is being baptised today.

We trust you enjoy your time with us.

Chorate Chamber Choir

It's all about Mary! Christmas Concert

6pm, Saturday 8th December at William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road. Admission free, retiring collection in aid of Launchpad.

Church Lunch Today

Everyone welcome, please stay if you are able.

There will be a short talk after the service and before lunch by Rowan & Matt about the work they are doing in Bosnia through the Christian youth charity Novi Most. All proceeds from the lunch will go to support this work.

Future Dates for the Diary

Evening Carol Service	16th December—6.30pm
Patronal Festival with Bishop Andrew	23rd December—10.30am
Midnight Mass	24th December—11.30pm
Christmas Service	25th December—10.30am



Birthdays

David Bruce (2nd)
Tilly Reeve (4th)
Rudi Kelly, Chloe White & Mary Chambers (7th)
Rosetta Jamfi & Jewel Sabu (8th)

Prayers

- Prayers for baby Eva on her baptism and for the family
- Please pray for Bill Gothard and his worsening Parkinson's Disease. Please pray too, for their daughter, Alice, who has MS, for Chris's sister who has advanced cancer and for the impact of all this on Chris.
- Prayers for Marjorie Nicholls as she leaves hospital
- Prayers for Stina Sam as she recovers from bronchitis
- Prayers for John Lawrence, son of Judith, as he continues his 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 2nd	10.30am	All Age Communion Baptism <i>Followed by Church Lunch</i>
Mon 3rd	9am 10-12pm 1-3pm	Morning Prayer English Class Monday Monsters
Tues 4th	9.45am 12-2pm	Fireside Coffee Morning Jacket Potato Club
Weds 5th	1.30-3.30pm 6-9pm	Oasis Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 6th	10.45am 11.15am 7.30pm	Holy Communion (Café) Coffee morning An Evening with Zeina
Fri 7th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 9th	10.30am 2-5pm	Holy Communion (sung) 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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**St. John &
St. Stephen's**

Advent Sunday

2nd December 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.

2nd December— Croft Homegroup
 9th December— Judith Lawrence & Homegroup
 Welcome Team leader **Ian Maynard**
 On-duty Warden today is **Rosemary Croft**

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