

Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of
eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious
kingdom;
grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Reading - Daniel 12:1-3

(page 871 of OT in bibles)

Read by Don Barwick

Gospel - Mark 13:1-8

(page 65 of NT in bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Peter Crooks

Preaching by Jeremy Thake

Worship led by Richard Croft

Prayers led by Reeba Ushas

Hymns for Today

All people that on earth do dwell

Ancient words

My Lord, what love is this?

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace

Here is love, vast as the ocean

O praise ye the Lord

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.

Reading-Dusseldorf Churches

In July this year a party from Reading visited Düsseldorf, Reading's twin town in Germany and spent an enjoyable week with our hosts. To get a flavour of where we went and what we did, an information meeting will be held here at St John's on Friday 23rd November at 8pm. This will be preceded by the Reading-Düsseldorf inter-denominational service at 7pm and a bring-and-share buffet supper at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend any or all of these activities. Please speak to Hugh or Judy Fisher for further information.

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

Hope into Action

Please pray for guidance as we begin to search for a replacement for Sara Harwood as empowerment officer for the house's occupants. Interested? Please speak to Sara or Richard Croft!

Chorate Camber Choir

It's all about Mary!

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

The Children's Fire

Continuing the 'St John and Stephen's hosts...' series, we are pleased to welcome Outrider Anthems talk from Mac Marcartney 'The Children's Fire'. Mac was a big hit in last year's 'Festival of the Dark' and we are pleased to welcome him to our church. 27th November . 7.30-9.30

Future Dates for the Diary

Evening Carol Service—16th December

Visit from Bishop Andrew—23rd December

Midnight Mass—24th December

Christmas Service—25th December



Birthdays

Sujith Herath & Vicki Jones (22nd)
Nikeira Wellington (24th)

Prayers

- Prayers for John Lawrence, son of Judith. John has started cancer treatment
- 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 18th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
Mon 19th	9am 10-12pm 1-3pm	Morning Prayer English Class Monday Monsters
Tues 20th	9.45am 12-2pm	Fireside Jacket Potato Club
Weds 21st	1.30-3.30pm 6-9pm	Oasis Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 22nd	10.45am 11.15am	Holy Communion (Café) Coffee morning
Fri 23rd	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 25th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)

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**

18th November 2018
Third Sunday of Kingdom Season



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.

18th November—Thake Homegroup
25th November—Oasis Group

Welcome Team leader **Marian Harwood**
On-duty Warden today is **Rosemary Croft**

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Coverart 'Device to Root Out Evil' by Dennis Oppenheim