



Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

God of all mercy,
 your son proclaimed good news to the poor,
 release to the captives
 and freedom to the oppressed;
 anoint us with your Holy Spirit
 and set all your people free
 to praise you in Christ our Lord

New Testament Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

(page 216 of NT in bibles)

Read by Don Barwick

Gospel—Luke 4:14-21

(page 79 of NT in bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Vincent Gardner

Preaching by Hamish Bruce

Worship led by Revd Peter Crooks

Prayers led by Mary Langshaw

Hymns for Today

O for a thousand tongues to sing
 The Lord's my shepherd
 My song is love unknown
There is a redeemer
Wonderful grace
 In Christ alone

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.

Monday Monsters

We are looking for someone to take over the running of our Mums and Toddlers group that currently runs on a Monday afternoon between 1-3pm. This important group provides a welcoming space for Mums to come and enjoy and cup of tea and a chance to connect with others, whilst their children play. If you feel you could help please contact the Parish Office.

Kirsty, who currently runs the group, is moving on to pastures new and we want to thank her for all she has done over the past two years and wish her well for the future.

Taking Part

We are looking to recruit new volunteers for various roles within the Church.

- Contact Centre
- We are looking for people to lead intercessions.
- Children's work on certain Sundays, (not all!)
- Teenage/youth activities.
- Chalice bearers during the Eucharist.
- Bible Readers in services.

If you would be interested to explore any of these, to ask further questions, or to consider going on the rota on a regular basis please speak to a member of the clergy. *Guidance and support will be given!*

Church Lunch

There will be a Church Lunch next Sunday after the service. Everyone is welcome, please bring a pudding if you are able.

Farewells

After many years serving and enriching this congregation, we will soon say goodbye to Ali and Pete Marshall as they move up North to be closer to family. We hope to be able to say a fond farewell in a few weeks time.

Please pray for them and for their family as they also prepare for this new phase of life.

Please speak to Rosemary Croft if you would like to sign a card, or contribute to a gift.

APCM

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the church gallery from 7.30pm, Monday 1st April.

We will soon be asking for reports... be warned!

Safeguarding

Thanks to everyone who attended this informative, stimulating and long evening.

If you need to still hand in a feedback sheet please give them to Gary, Graeme or a Warden.

Children's Registration Forms

With the New Year we are asking all parents whose children attend our Sunday activities to fill in the new Parental Consent registration forms – one for each child.

Please fill these in and return to the wooden box on the Welcomer's table. Thank You.



Birthdays

Fran Davy (27th)
Mary Langshaw (30th)
Lara Maria (2nd)
Les Pullen & Keiyani Tudor (3rd)

Prayers

- Please pray for Chris and Bill Gothard, and family, for the grace and strength to persevere.
- Prayers for John Lawrence, son of Judith, as he continues his treatment.
- Prayers for Leslie & June Russell.
- Prayers for Carol Meunier.
- Prayers for Ali and Pete Marshall and all the family as they leave East Reading
- Prayers for Val Thorne and family, following the loss of son Chris.
- Prayers for St John's School following its Ofsted Report.

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 27th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	2-5pm	Contact Centre
Mon 28th	9am	Morning Prayer
	10am	English Class
	1-3pm	Monday Monsters
Tues 29th	9.45pm	Fireside
	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
Weds 30th	1.30-3.30	Oasis
	6-9pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 31st	10.45am	Holy Communion (Café)
	11.15am	Coffee morning
Friday 1st	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 3rd	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung) <i>Followed by Church Lunch</i>

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. Stephen's**

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WELCOME TO THIS 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.

27th January—Peter & Nancy Crooks
 3rd February—Marian Harwood & friends

Welcome Team leader **Norma Stevenson**
 On-duty Warden today is **Rosemary Croft**