

## Holy Communion

### Collect for Sunday

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord.

### Old Testament Reading - Jeremiah 17:5-10

(page 750 of NT in bibles)

Read by Vicki Jones

### Gospel - Luke 6:17-25

(page 82 of NT in bibles)

**Preaching** by presided by Richard Harwood

**Worship** led by Richard Croft

**Prayers** led by Donald Chambers

This weeks communion is by 'extension', we are using pre-consecrated wafers and wine consecrated at Café communion

### Hymns for Today

O worship the King  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
*Heureux qui S'abanonne a toi*  
*Amazing grace*  
I will sing the wondrous story

*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.*

## New Electoral Roll

Under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll must be prepared every 5 years. Anyone who wants to be on the roll, whether they have previously completed a form or not, will need to complete a new form by the 13th March and return to the office.

Forms can be found on the welcome table.

## 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!*

## Fire Extinguishers

We have a number of decommissioned fire extinguishers available to anyone in the congregation who would like one.

Please speak to Hugh Fisher.

Donations welcome.

## Trade, power & poverty after BREXIT



Trade Justice and Fairtrade activists campaign for a system that puts people and planet before big business profits. The inspiring **Nick Dearden**, Director of Global Justice Now UK, will consider what the UK's trade deals with other countries look like after March. Will they reflect trade justice? What can we do? Refreshments

**Wed 27 Feb 7.30pm** free donations  
**RISC 35-39 London St RG1 4PS** ♿

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## 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.



## Birthdays

Please check the birthday book to see if  
your birthday is included!

## 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
- Prayers for Mark Laynesmith and all the Chaplaincy team at Reading University.

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 17th 10.30am Holy Communion (sung)

Half Term— no weekly activities

Sun 24th 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 8.00 pm

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

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

## 3rd Sunday before Lent

17<sup>th</sup> February 2019



**WELCOME TO THIS CHURCH TOBY, AND TO YOUR  
FAMILY, AND FRIENDS TOO!**

**And to everyone else with us today! 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.**

17th February—Oasis Homegroup  
24th February—Croft Homegroup

Welcome Team leader **Marian Harwood**  
On-duty Warden today is **Ian Maynard**

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