

Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days
in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience
to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - Deuteronomy 26.1-11

(page 195 of OT in bibles)

Read by Rachel Thake

Gospel - Luke 4:1-13

(page 78 of NT in bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Mark Laynesmith

Sermon by Richard Croft

Worship led by Revd Mark Laynesmith

Prayers led by Rachel Thake

Hymns for Today

I heard the voice of Jesus say
In Christ alone
How deep the Father's love for us
He will hold me fast
In the darkness of the still night (Creator God)
Immortal, invisible God only wise

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.

Church Lunches

The net proceeds of our church lunch on 3 February, along with donations subsequently received, amounted to £212 and this sum has been sent to International Nepal Fellowship. You may recall that John Reynolds visited us on 20 January and spoke about INF's work. Further information at inf.org.uk. The total so far for the lunch on 3 March is £173, which we be going to Bed 4 A Night. If anyone else wishes to contribute towards this, could they please do so by next Sunday (17 March)? Any money placed in the collection plate should be clearly marked "Bed 4 A Night". Thank you.

APCM

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

Save the Date

Save the Date: this year's Christian Aid walk will be on Sat 18th May. Come and join us as we walk the beautiful countryside around Bix and raise money for the world's poorest peoples. More details to follow nearer the time.

LENT FILM SERIES



Thursday 8pm 14th March

A Congregational Meeting

13th April 9am – 11am starting with breakfast

A meeting for us to begin thinking & talking about our vision for St Johns and begin to draw together what kind of gifts we might look for in our new vicar. Everyone is invited.

Taizé 2019

18-25th August. It's particularly aimed at young adults aged 15+. Please speak to Richard Croft for more info.



Birthdays

Emily Hopkins (13th)

Judith Lawrence (14th)

Prayers

- Prayers for Mary, Migdalia, Jonathan and family as they cope with the sad loss of Ernesto.
- Prayers for Jyoti and Chiran.
- Prayers for Sushila and her family as they cope with husband Vikram's diagnosis.
- Prayers for Val Thorne and family.
- Prayers for John Lawrence, son of Judith, as he continues his treatment.
- Prayers for Leslie & June Russell.
- Prayers for Carol Meunier.
- Please pray for Chris and Bill Gothard and family, for the grace and strength to persevere.

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 10th	10.30am 2-5pm	Holy Communion (sung) Contact Centre
Mon 11th	9am 10-12pm 1-3pm	Morning Prayer English Class Monday Monsters
Tues 12th	9.45am 12-2pm	Fireside Jacket Potato Club
Weds 13th	1.30-3.30 6-8pm	Oasis Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 14th	10.45am 11.15am 8pm	Holy Communion (Café) Coffee morning Lent Film Series
Friday 15th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 17th	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 8.00 pm

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

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

First week of Lent

10th March 2019



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, and chat. We look forward to your company.

10th March—Oasis Group
17th March — Croft Homegroup

Welcome Team leader **Maureen Stevens**
On-duty Warden today is **Rosemary Croft**