

## Holy Communion

### Collect for Sunday

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family  
to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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 - Exodus 2:1-10

(page 57 of OT in bibles)

Read by Alison Peyton

### Gospel - John 19:25b-27

(page 144 of NT in bibles)

**Eucharist presided by** Revd Christine Bainbridge

**Sermon** by Revd Gary Collins

**Worship** led by Revd Gary Collins

**Prayers** led by Donald Chambers

### Hymns for Today

I will sing the wondrous story

Speak, O Lord

Let us build a house where love can dwell

*Let all who are thirsty come*

*Here is love, vast as the ocean*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*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.*

CHORATE CHAMBER CHOIR  
PRESENTS

# GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Five Mystical Songs by R. Vaughan Williams  
Stainer's *Crucifixion*  
Selected works by Bach, Mendelssohn & others

ST JOHN & ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH  
121-147 ORTS RD, READING RG1 3JN

Sat 6th April at 6pm  
Admission: FREE  
Refreshments Included

Retiring collection in aid  
of the LAMB Health Care  
Foundation

  
  


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## APCM

This Monday is our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, please join us for a review of the Church and a celebration and reflection of the year that has been and hopes for the future. We will also be voting in new members of the PCC, if you would like to be considered for this please let either the wardens or Gary know.

Doors open at 7.30 for 8pm start.

## Service of Remembrance

### Annual Service of Remembrance

on Sunday 7th April 2019 at 5pm

At Reading Minster of St Mary the Virgin

Presided by the Bishop of Reading,

The Right Revd Andrew Proud

## LENT FILM SERIES



Thursday 8pm 4th April

## Hope into Action House

We have now confirmed our new Hope into Action resident, Eirena who has moved in on Friday. Please pray that she settles in well and builds good relationship with the other ladies.

## A Congregational Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Church Lunch

Church Lunch next week will be a Lenten lunch with bread & soup and no puddings, please join us.



## Birthdays

**Chris Jupp (1st)**  
**Maureen Stevens (2nd)**  
**Alan Denny, Stephen Herath & Shanti John (3rd)**  
**Ezekeil Jamfi (5th)**

## 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

<b>Sun 31st</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
Mon 1st	9am	Morning Prayer
	10-12pm	English Class
	1-3pm	Monday Monsters
	8pm	APCM
Tues 2nd	9.45am	Fireside
	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
Weds 3rd	1.30-3.30	Oasis
	6-8pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 4th	10.45am	Holy Communion (Café)
	11.15am	Coffee morning
	8pm	Lent Film Series (Doors open at 7.30pm)
Friday 5th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sat 6th	6pm	Chorate Chamber Choir
<b>Sun 7th</b>	10.30am	All Age Communion <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 8.00 pm

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

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

**4th Week of Lent. Mothering Sunday**  
**31st 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.**

31st March—Peter & Nancy Crooks  
7th April—Marian Harwood

Welcome Team leader **Charles Kenderdine**  
On-duty Warden today is **Ian Maynard**

**Image. Mary and Child, still from *The Gospel of St Matthew* by Pier Paolo Pasolini, 1964**