

## All Age Communion

### Collect for Sunday

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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.

**Gospel** - Matthew 13:33-34  
(page 20 of NT in bibles)

**Eucharist presided by** Revd Christine Bainbridge

**Worship led by** the Children's Team

### Hymns for Today

How great thou art  
My Lighthouse  
Act justly  
*God is so good*  
*Santo, Santo, Santo*  
Jubilate, everybody

*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.*

## Children & Young People

Today is a **Family Communion** when the children will collect together in the foyer as they arrive for the service. Whoever is taking the service will bring them all in holding the stole, to sit in the front row of chairs for most of the service.  
Parents of the youngest are asked to sit behind their children in the front row of chairs.

## Church Lunch

Today, please stay if you are able!

## 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

## Pop-up Choir for Easter

Please come and join us for a brief practice on Good Friday after our church service (around 11.30am). We'll be going through a couple of well-known Easter songs to celebrate this great festival. We'll also have an additional practice on the Easter Sunday before the service.

Do contact Hamish or Sue if you'd like further details or if you are able to attend either or both of these practices. Thank you!

## LENT FILM SERIES



Thursday 8pm 11th April

## Hope into Action House

We have now confirmed our new Hope into Action resident, Eirena who has moved in. 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.

## Taizé 2019

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



## Birthdays

**Jean Skuse (10th)**

**Margaret Elcock (11th)**

## 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 7th** 10.30am All Age Communion  
*Followed by Church Lunch*

**Thurs 11th** 8pm Lent Film Series  
(Doors open at 7.30pm)

**Sun 14th** 10am Palm Sunday  
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**

**5th Week of Lent. All Age Communion**  
**7th April 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.**

7th April—Marian Harwood  
14th April—Thake Homegroup

Welcome Team leader **Ian Maynard**  
On-duty Warden today is **Rosemary Croft**