

Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.

Reading—Acts 16:9-15

(Page 169 of NT in bibles)

Read by Sue Bicknell

Gospel - John 14:23-29

(page 138 of NT in bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Gary Collins

Preaching by Revd Gary Collins

Worship led by Revd Christine Bainbridge

Prayers led by Rachel Thake

Hymns for Today

O for a thousand tongues to sing
Ancient words
Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
My life flows on in endless song
O Lord, hear my prayer
And can it be

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.

A note from Pete & Ali

We spent today erecting the fantastic greenhouse that you wonderful people of ST John's gave us. We will think of you all everytime we enter, and try to forget you when the plants die. Neither of us have green fingers but we are hoping to learn from many friends up here who have allotments and the church that runs a community garden, we will go along and help and then do whatever they are doing on Monday mornings in our own garden later in the week. Mostly we want to grow food, because eating and sharing meals is such a big part of who we are and what we love to do, and actually we have so many very happy memories of doing just that with the ST Johns family. Sorry not to have written before but boxes called to be unpacked and then it seemed we had left it a long time and then the greenhouse arrived but it took us a month to find time to put it together, but it now it is safely up and I have already dug a first vegetable bed, digging up the grass next to the greenhouse in the sunniest patch of the garden. We also have quite a large wild area, rather grandly called the orchard with several fruit trees. We so hope friends from Reading will come up and visit, there are some fantastic walks close by and we have a couple of spare rooms. We do miss you, speak of you all often but are also very sure we are in the right place, enjoying time with children and the next generation. As I write we are waiting for Rachel and Tom's second to arrive, due last week! There is still a lot for us do with Iona and we have not yet found ourselves with time on our hands wondering what we might get involved with. So thank you all, for the love, your generosity and all that we have learned together through the years, God bless you, much love Ali and Pete.



Pentecost & Picnic

Sunday 9th June.

Meeting by the River for fellowship and fun! Meet after Church at Thames Valley Park Rowing Club on Pentecost Sunday. Either walk from Church along the river or drive and park up.

Act Now for Climate Justice

Weds 26 June

Join the mass lobby of Parliament being organised by Christian Aid along with a host of other development and environment organisations. Please see Liz Bailey for further details or go to www.caid.org.uk/timeisnow

Classical Concert

A Concert of Classical and Palestinian music, organised by Reading Kairos
Sunday June 30th St Andrews Church, Caversham.
18.30 Tickers £12, (concessios£8)
www.thelittleboxoffice.com/palmusic



Taizé 2019

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



Birthdays

Bethany White (26th)

Prayers

- Prayers for Sushila and her family as they cope with husband Vikram's diagnosis
- Prayers for Val Thorne and family
- Prayers for John Lawrence. His treatment so far has gone well and he is due to start a more aggressive type of treatment in early June
- 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 26th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	2-5pm	Contact Centre
Thurs 30th	8pm	Ascension Service
Sun 2nd	10.30am	All Age Communion

Followed by Church Lunch

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**

Sixth Sunday of Easter
26th May 2019



WELCOME TO OUR 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.

26th May—Thake Homegroup
2nd June—Oasis Group

Welcome Team leader **Norma Stevenson**
On-duty Warden today is **Richard Harwood**
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