

All Age Communion

Collect for Sunday

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel - Luke 14:15-24

(page 98 of NT in bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Mark Laynesmith

The service today will be led by the Children & their leaders

Hymns for Today

Tell out my soul
God beside, God behind, God ahead
Jesus Christ, once again
Even before I was born, you knew me
My heart is filled with thankfulness
Walk in the light

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

Everyone welcome, please stay if you are able!

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

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—bring a picnic!

Taizé 2019

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

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.

Classical Concert

A Concert of Classical and Palestinian music, organised by Reading Kairos
Sunday June 30th St Andrews Church, Caversham.

18.30 Tickers £12, (concessions £8)

www.thelittleboxoffice.com/palmusic





Birthdays

Sara Daline & Juna Sabu (4th)
Ruben Collins (5th)
Gloria Patrick (7th)
Alina Chambers (8th)

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

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| Sun 2nd | 10.30am | All Age Communion <i>Followed by Church Lunch</i> |
| Tues 4th | 9.45am 12-2pm | Fireside Jacket Potato Club |
| Weds 5th | 1.30-3.30 6-8pm | Oasis Cubs & Scouts |
| Thurs 6th | 10.45am 11.15am | Holy Communion (Café) Coffee morning |
| Friday 7th | 9am | Morning Prayer |
| Sun 9th | 10.30am 2-5pm | Holy Communion (sung) Contact Centre |

Small Groups

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| 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**

Seventh Sunday of Easter All Age Communion – 2nd June 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.

2nd June—Oasis Group

9th June—Croft Homegroup

Welcome Team leader **Ian Maynard**

On-duty Warden today is **Rosemary Croft**

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