

All Age Communion

Collect for Sunday

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of
love,
that true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before
you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading—2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

(Page 310 of OT in the Church bibles)

Read by Jan Jackson

Gospel - Luke 9:51-end

(page 65 of NT in the Church bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Mark Laynesmith

Preaching by Revd Peter Crooks

Worship led Revd Mark Laynesmith

Prayers led by Donald Chambers

Hymns for Today

All people that on earth all dwell
Be still for the presence of the Lord
O, Thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray
I am the bread of life
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
Praise to the holiest in the height

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

This week is **Children's Praise Plus** - all children aged 3+ and their parents are welcome to join us in the Cafe. We will be going out during the gradual hymn.



The Festival of Prayer
Saturday 6 July 2019

Ripon College, Cuddesdon,
Oxford, OX44 9EX

Keynote speaker: Pete Greig

Booking now open
brfonline.org.uk/festival-of-prayer



Church Lunch

The Church lunch next Sunday, 7th July, will be an organised bring and share event. Please see Liz Bailey if you would like to contribute.

Modern Prophets

Hamish Preston's recent collection of papers - summaries of critical and insightful thinkers- is now available online....

<http://stjohnandstephen.co.uk/what-the-modern-prophets-are-saying/>

Bibles for School Leavers

We will be presenting a copy of the Bible in July to each of the 57 Year 6 pupils before they leave St John's School and start their secondary education in September. We would like to meet the cost - upwards of £500 - from the Church family, so would invite you to make a donation. Please help sow the Good Seed! Money can be passed via the Treasurer or the collection plate endorsed "Bibles". Cheques to "St John's Church" please.

Growth *versus* Post-Growth

7.30pm Wednesday 3 July, Politicians tell us we need to grow our economies, but is this possible on our finite planet? Is our drive to consume, leading us to social, economic and environmental collapse? Could a 'post growth' economy offer us happy and fulfilled lives within sustainable limits? Come and join in the debate led by Dr Andrew Mickleburgh, activist and teacher.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/578914905932902/>

Creed

We say it every week but what on earth does it mean? Come and explore the rich depths of the nicene creed and how it came to be.

This fascinating evening will be led by Fr. Peter Day from Christ church and Fr. Gary.

Thursday 4th July 8pm in the Gallery.



Birthdays

Lorna Taylor (30th)
Chris Smith & Dora Abbi (1st)
Elsie Reilly & Kane McJerry (3rd)
Tarne Anderson (6th)

Prayers

- Prayers for Sushila and her family as they cope with the loss of Vikram and for her mother who is ill in India
- Prayers for Val Thorne and family
- Give thanks that John Lawrence is now out of hospital and his treatment has gone well. Pray that he can avoid infection during the next few months while he recovers.
- Prayers for Leslie & June Russell.
- 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 30th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
Mon 1st	9am 10am 1pm	Morning Prayer English Class Monday Monsters
Tues 2nd	9.45am 12-2pm	Fireside Jacket Potato Club
Weds 3rd	1.30-3.30 6-8pm	Oasis Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 4th	10.45am 11.15am 8pm	Holy Communion (Café) Coffee morning Exploration of the Creed
Friday 5th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 7th	10am	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**

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Praise Plus
30th 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.

30th June—Marian Harwood & Friends
7th July—Thake Homegroup

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

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