

All Age Communion

Collect for Sunday

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading—Acts 2:1-21

(Page 149 of NT in the Church bibles)

Read by Vicki Jones

Gospel - John 14:8-17

(page 137 of NT in the Church bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Peter Crooks

Preaching by Jeremy Thake

Worship led Revd Peter Crooks

Prayers led by Hugh Fisher

Hymns for Today

O thou who camest from above
There is a hope
Holy Spirit, living breath of God
Oceans
Spirit of the living God
Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

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.

Pentecost & Picnic

Today

Meet 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!

Christian Aid

So far we have raised £229 for Christian Aid, mostly from the Church lunch held on 5 May. If there is any further money waiting to be paid over, from uncollected envelopes, "Walk the Country" sponsorship or anything else, could you please pass it to the Treasurer no later than next Sunday 9 June? There has been quite a reduction in number of the house-to-house collections this year as some churches are finding it difficult to recruit volunteers for the task, so if you did were expecting an envelope but did not receive one, there is a supply at the back of church. Once filled, these can be passed to the

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.

Several of us are going to London to join in the Mass Lobby for Climate, Nature and People, being organised by the coalition of organisations including Christian Aid. #The Time is Now.

We have arranged to meet Matt Rodda MP outside the houses of Parliament. If you would like to join us – and thousands of others – ask Liz Bailey or Rosemary Croft.

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

Rebecca & Adam Snell
Marck Whatton (15th)

Prayers

- Prayers for Sushila and her family as they cope with the loss of Vikram
- Prayers for Val Thorne and family
- Prayers for John Lawrence. He is going into hospital on Tuesday 4 June for 3-4 weeks. He will receive complex treatment and will have to be kept in isolation with very few visitors.
- 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 9th	10.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	2-5pm	Contact Centre
Mon 10th	9am	Morning Prayer
	10am	English Class
	1pm	Monday Monsters
Tues 11th	9.45am	Fireside
	12-2pm	Jacket Potato Club
Weds 12th	1.30-3.30	Oasis
	6-8pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 13th	10.45am	Holy Communion (Café)
	11.15am	Coffee morning
Friday 14th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 16th	10am	Holy Communion (sung)

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

Vicar: Interregnum

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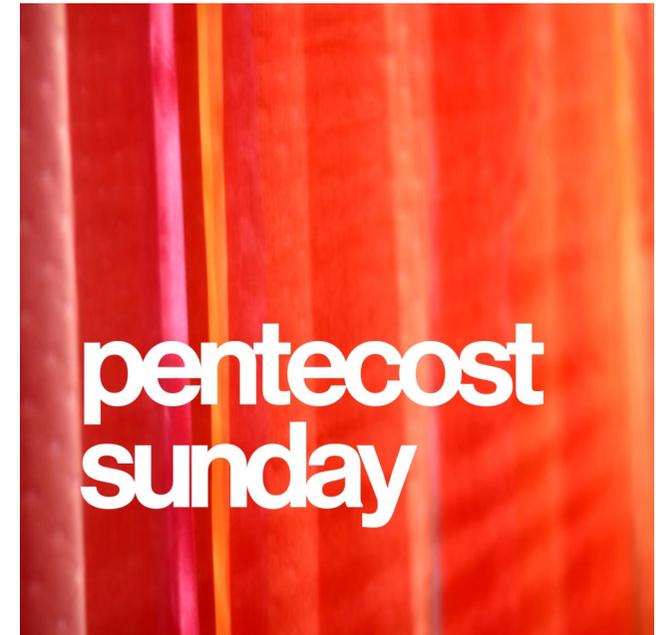
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**St. John &
St. Stephen's**

Pentecost Sunday 9th 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.

9th June—Croft Homegroup
16th June—Judith Lawrence & Homegroup

Welcome Team leader **Maureen Stevens**
On-duty Warden today is **Ian Maynard**