



Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
 by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
 is governed and sanctified:
 hear our prayer which we offer for all your
 faithful people,
 that in their vocation and ministry
 they may serve you in holiness and truth
 to the glory of your name;
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Reading—Colossians 1.15-28

(Page 185 of NT in the Church bibles)

Read by a wonderful reader.

Gospel - Luke 10:38-end

(page 66 of NT in the Church bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Gary Collins

Preaching by Revd Christine Bainbridge

Worship led Revd Gary Collins

Prayers led by Hugh Fisher

Hymns for Today

O worship the King all glorious above
 King of kings, majesty
 Jesus be the centre
Come to me, you weary ones
Jesus, remember me/ Oceans
 O Jesus, I have promised

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.

Until we meet again...

It is with real sadness that we say goodbye to Francesco, Elena and Martino as they leave to begin a new life in Belgium.

Dear friends, our prayers and warmest wishes go with you...

Hope into Action

A very warm welcome to Mary Lewis, the empowerment officer for Hope into Action.

There will be a short 'interview' with Mary at the end of the service to find out about this work.

Bibles for St John's School

Thanks to this dear congregation for sponsoring the bibles for the year 6 leavers at St John's school. They were blessed and handed to each pupil in a very moving and inspiring service on Friday.

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/>

From Café Chat. Do you Pray?

Do you pray with you'r family and maybe friends, hoping that sometimes 'someone' leesen you'r despered 'litle' iner-voice, to get answer or gidence, ephifany, in this cruel world, which most of us taket for granted?

GIANELLI, PULA, CROATIA

Dear Gianelli,

I love this despairing and soulful question so much.

Firstly, do I pray with my family and friends? The answer is sadly no. My family, and especially my friends, are mostly not the praying types, and I'm not sure they would know who to pray to if they were – apart that is from darling Susie, my wife. Susie prays a lot, I think, but alone, I would say, terribly alone. I do pray myself – and I also meditate; prayer and meditation are different practices but they serve a similar function.

Do I hope someone listens to my prayers – to my inner voice? Well, I don't know where my prayers go. I don't know if anyone is listening. However, I still kneel down alone and pray. My prayers mostly revolve around the wellbeing of the ones I love, because I feel, possibly erroneously, that the world aligns itself in such a way that it draws those I send my prayers to closer to me. I feel, without any evidence to suggest that this is true, that the people I pray for benefit from my prayers, as if the energy of my prayers travels along streams of collective goodness that connect us all in some way, in a sort of humanistic cooperation of light and compassion.

Do I get guidance from prayer and meditation? The answer is certainly, yes. After applying my full attention to whatever it is I am praying about – and to whoever it is I am praying to – I feel that I simply know how to proceed in a rightful way; one that causes the least harm to myself and to others. I feel less a victim of the endless self-defeating thoughts that can go on in my mind, and instead I feel a quietness and clarity of thought.

Thank you for your question.

Love, Nick Cave (musician, songwriter)

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Birthdays

Rob Jones (a special one!) (21st)

Anthony Okyere-Darko (24th)

Trish Denny (27th)

Noah Kelly (27th)

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.
- For students and families as they leave year 6.
- For Francesco, Elena and Martino.
- For Jose and Mike Kennedy.

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 21st	10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>sung</i>)
Mon 22nd	9am	Morning Prayer
Tues 23rd		End of School Term No Fireside
Weds 24th	1.30-3.30 6-8pm	Oasis Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 25th	10.45am 11.15am	Holy Communion (Café) Coffee morning
Sun 28th	10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>sung</i>) Including Baptism

Note

Café Communion will be continuing all the way through summer, please do join us!

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**

6th Sunday after Pentecost 21st July 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.

21st July—Croft Homegroup
28th July—Judith Lawrence and Homegroup

Welcome Team leader **Marian Harwood**
On-duty Warden today is **Ian Maynard**

Image. Rembrandt, *Christ with Mary and Martha*, 1652