



Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Heavenly Father,
 by the power of your Holy Spirit
 you give to your faithful people new
 life in the water of baptism.
 Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
 that we who are born again may serve you
 in faith and love, and grow into the full stature
 of your Son, Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit
 now and forever. Amen

Reading—Colossians 2.6-15 (16-19)
(Page 186 of NT in the Church bibles)

Read by Steve Lewis

Gospel - Luke 11:1-13
(page 67 of NT in the Church bibles)

Eucharist presided by Revd Mark Laynesmith
Preaching by Revd Mark Laynesmith
Worship led by Revd Christine Bainbridge
Baptism led by Revd Christine Bainbridge
Prayers led by Vicki Jones

Hymns for Today

All creatures of our God and king
 Ancient words
 Let us build a house where love can dwell
My Lord, what love is this?
Take my life and let it be
 How shall I sing that majesty?

*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

Over the Summer Holidays there are no children's groups however there will be summer activities for all ages. Details will be announced in Church.

Parish Centre

Please be aware that the Parish Centre runs on reduced hours during the summer holidays and is not open every day. Answerphone messages and emails will be checked twice a week so please be patient if your response is not immediate. Because of this it would be helpful if any changes to the rotas, notices or prayers requests are emailed through by 9am Wednesday morning. If there is an emergency either Gary or the Church Wardens can be contacted.

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/>

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Our next workshop in the Reading area will be in Autumn, Why not join us? The course is usually over a weekend, or two.

The sessions start with a warm welcome, cups of tea or coffee and include the topics:-

Is this really happening to me? Coping with your ex-spouse, Assuming new responsibilities, Letting go and forgiveness, Family matters' and Thinking about new relationships.

A light lunch is also provided.

For an informal chat, more information, or to book on the next course by phone –
 Tel: John/Melanie 0118 979 2770 or Seamus 07887 800521

Friends of Christchurch

Autumn Outing—Thursday 26th September 2019

Visit to the Temple Church and Middle Temple one of the oldest Churches in London.

Tickets : Friends - £55.00 each/Guests £57.00 each
Included: Coach and tip, tour of Temple Church and 2 course lunch.

Please contact the Event Organiser: Kathryn Murphy
On 01635 201254 for further details or to book a place.



Birthdays

Tully Partosiyp (28th)

Charlotte Lambourne (31st)

Amy Roche (2nd)

Prayers

- Prayers for Charlie, , Claudia, Alex & Isabella
- Prayers for Jose as recuperates from her broken ankle
- 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 doing well and walking and cycling to build up his strength.
- Prayers for Leslie & June Russell.
- Please pray for Chris and Bill Gothard and family, for the grace and strength to persevere.
- For Francesco, Elena and Martino.

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 28th 10.30am Holy Communion (*sung*)
Children's Holiday
Activities

Thurs 1st 10.45am Holy Communion (Café)
11.15am Coffee morning

Sun 4th 10.30am Holy Communion (*sung*)
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**

**7th Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Praise Plus
28th July 2019**



**WELCOME TO CHARLIE JEE BEING BAPTISED TODAY,
AND ALL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.... IT'S LOVELY
TO HAVE YOU WITH US.**

**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.**

28th July—Judith Lawrence and Homegroup
4th August—Peter & Nancy Crooks

Welcome Team leader **Norma Stevenson**
On-duty Warden today is **Rosemary Croft**