



## Holy Communion

### Collect for Sunday

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Reading—Colossians 3:1-11

Read by Don Barwick

### Gospel - Luke 12:13-21

**Eucharist presided by** Revd Christine Bainbridge

**Preaching by** Jeremy Thake

**Worship led by** Revd Gary Collins

**Prayers led by** Reeba Ushas/Revd Gary Collins

### Hymns for Today

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah  
From Heaven you came  
Love is the welcome  
*There is a Redeemer*  
*Go peaceful in gentleness*  
He who would valiant be

*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.

## Lost Property

We are soon to begin a big tidy up!! Could you please check the coat pegs and the kitchen (and anywhere else) for items that may belong to you that may have been left behind and reclaim them before we begin!

Thank-you 😊

## 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.

## 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

## Bereavement Awareness

**Care for the Family** bereavement awareness training for anyone who would like more guidance and training in how to support those who have been bereaved.

Greyfriars Church,  
Saturday 28th September  
9.30 til 4.30pm.

The cost is £15 per person, packed lunch needed

Please email [lizziewhite@yahoo.com](mailto:lizziewhite@yahoo.com) to register attendance or for further details.



## Birthdays

**Laura Finlay & Timothy Jones (4th)**

**Harriet Langshaw (9th)**

## Prayers

- 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 4th** 10.30am Holy Communion (*sung*)  
Children's Holiday  
Activities

**Thurs 8th** 10.45am Holy Communion (Café)

11.15am Coffee morning

**Sun 11th** 10.30am Holy Communion (*sung*)

### 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**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**4th August 2019**



### WELCOME TO THIS 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.**

4th August—Peter & Nancy Crooks

11th August—Marian Harwood & Friends

Welcome Team leader **Ian Maynard**

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

Picture Credit: *Rembrandt van Rijn (The rich man from the parable of the rich fool)*