

Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reading—Jeremiah 2:4-13

Read by Alison Peyton

Gospel - Luke 14:1,7-14

Eucharist presided by Revd Richard Bainbridge

Preaching by Richard Croft

Worship led by Revd Richard Bainbridge

Prayers led by Donald Chambers

Hymns for Today

Lord of all hopefulness
Jesus Christ, once again
Act Justly
By the waters of Babylon
Thuma Mina
I will sing the wondrous story

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.

Church Lunches

These will resume on the first Sunday of the month as of 6 October. Liz Bailey would be delighted to hear from any group or individual willing to cook one or help with the cooking!

Church Tidy Up

We are planning to have church garden tidy up on the morning of Saturday Sept 7th. We would love anyone to come and help us – no skills needed!

TraidCraft

The Traidcraft roadshow for Autumn and Christmas Fayre is at RISC Café in London Street at 4-9pm on Friday 6th September.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Bishop of Oxford

+Stephen Croft, the Bishop of Oxford, is making a walking pilgrimage through the reading deanery on the 4th September. There will be a midday eucharist service at the Minster Church followed by a packed lunch.

Gary is Leaving

It was announced on Sunday 4th August that, following the completion of his curacy, Gary is leaving to take up the post of Associate Priest at St John's Church in Newbury.

Gary's last service will be 22nd September, and his installation in Newbury will be on Monday October 7th, (though this is awaiting final confirmation). Full details will be made know as soon as we know!

'I have so loved my time at StJ&StS and have learned so much with you all. This congregation doing its wild, creative and caring things in the community is a real beacon of light in the Church of England. This church keeps community, hospitality, theology, creativity and relationship as the soul of its 'Realistic Christianity'. And our deepening appreciation of the Eucharist underpins everything we do.. long may the resistance continue!'

Gary

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, a packed lunch is needed
Please email lizziewhite@yahoo.com to register attendance or for further details.



Birthdays

Amy Roche (2nd)
Sue Oates (5th)

Prayers

- Prayers for children at the start of a new term
- Prayers for Revd Claire Alcock & family as she prepares to join us
- 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.



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Church Diary

Sun 1st	10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>sung</i>)
Weds 4th		Start of New Term
	1.30-3.30	Oasis
	6-8pm	Cubs & Scouts
Thurs 5th	10.45am	Holy Communion (Café)
	11.15am	Coffee morning
Fri 6th	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 8th	10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>sung</i>)
	2-5pm	Contact Centre

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**

12th Sunday after Pentecost 1st September 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.

1st September—Judith Lawrence & Homegroup
8th September—Peter & Nancy Crooks

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

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