



## Holy Communion

### Collect for Sunday

Lord God,  
 your Son left the riches of heaven  
 and became poor for our sake:  
 when we prosper save us from pride,  
 when we are needy save us from despair,  
 that we may trust in you alone;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Reading—Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16**

**Read by** Susan Bicknell

**Gospel - Luke 12:32-40**

**Eucharist presided by** Revd Gary Collins

**Preaching by** Revd Christine Bainbridge

**Worship led by** Revd Peter Crooks

**Prayers led by** Richard Harwood

### Hymns for Today

Great is thy faithfulness  
 In Christ alone  
 The Lord's my shepherd  
*My heart is filled with thankfulness*  
*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful*  
 Thine be the glory, risen conquering son

*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.

## Green Electricity Switch

Following up the article on page 13 of NEWT (and the errata sheet!), it would be great to hear your feedback what decisions *you* have made about your Electricity supply, your reasons, your experiences and your tips to share with others. Please use the sheet on the Noticeboard in the glass corridor to just put your name, your chosen supplier, and if you wish add comments, or e-mail NEWT ([chris@meunier.org.uk](mailto:chris@meunier.org.uk))

## Christine goes to Sweden

Our associate priest Christine is going to Sweden until mid-November.

We'll hear all about it today.  
 Please remember her in your prayers.

## 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.

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

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



## Birthdays

**Jo White (11th)**

**Ffion Tomy (13th)**

**Julia Wright & Snell (14th)**

## 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.



**Called to be Christ-like**  
CONTEMPLATIVE • COMPASSIONATE • COURAGEOUS

## Church Diary

**Sun 11th** 10.30am Holy Communion (*sung*)  
Children's Holiday  
Activities

**Thurs 15th** 10.45am Holy Communion (Café)  
  
11.15am Coffee morning

**Sun 18th** 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*

Vicar: Interregnum

Curate: **Rev'd Gary Collins**  
07986 901879

Associate Priest: **Rev'd Christine Bainbridge**  
07939 662980

Church Office: **Tanya Penn**  
(0118) 926 3633

121-147 Orts Road Reading RG1 3JN. Tel. 0118 926 3633

e-mail: [office@stjohnandststephen.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnandststephen.org.uk)

website: [stjohnandststephen.org.uk](http://stjohnandststephen.org.uk)

facebook: [facebook/groups/StJ.StS](https://facebook/groups/StJ.StS)



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

**9th Sunday after Pentecost  
Christine goes to Sweden  
11th 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.**

11th August—Marian Harwood & Friends  
18th August—Thake Homegroup

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