



Holy Communion

Collect for Sunday

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading—Hebrews 12:18-end

Gospel - Luke 13:10-17

Eucharist presided by Revd Peter Crooks

Preaching by Richard Harwood

Worship led by Revd Peter Crooks

Hymns for Today

All my hope on God is founded
My Jesus, my Saviour
Before the throne of God above
Oceans

My worth is not in what I own
My song is love unknown

*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!

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

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.

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

Sharon Herath & Thomas Finlay (26th)
Tully Partosiyp (28th)

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 25th 10.30am Holy Communion (*sung*)
Children's Holiday Activities

Thurs 29th 10.45am Holy Communion (Café)
11.15am Coffee morning

Sun 31st 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

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07986 901879

Associate Priest: **Rev'd Christine Bainbridge**
(on Sabbatical until November)
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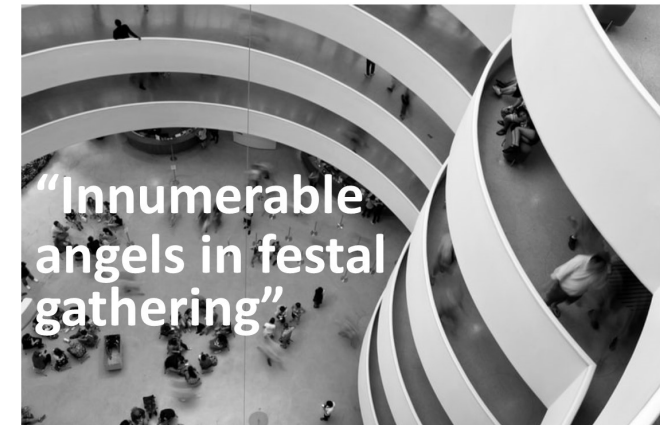
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St. John & St. Stephen's

11th Sunday after Pentecost
25th 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.

25th August—Oasis Group
1st September—Judith Lawrence & Homegroup

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

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