

Happy Birthday to ...

Noah Kelly on Tuesday;
Hamish Bruce on Friday;
Alison Morris on Saturday

Please pray for:

- Please continue to pray for Steve and Ron and for those caring for others including Norma and Marian.
- Jane Denny.
- Please continue to pray for Tim Beck.
- Michael and Jose Kennedy.
- All those who have left St John's School at the end of this term and will be moving up to secondary school in September.
- Those preparing to start school for the first time and for those moving on to university.
- Our School head teacher Ms. Angharad Braxton and all her staff, as they re-energise and prepare for the new school year.
- Helena Ripley on Iona.
- Elizabeth Rebbeck as she copes with loss of her husband.
- Suzanne and all those going on the Reading Family Aid trip on Thursday, for fun and safety for all.
- Lunch Club who have 4 outings planned over the summer. Pray for good weather and safety as they travel.
- Maria and Danny as they prepare for their wedding on 7 August.
- Evan and his family and friends as Evan is baptised this morning

Items for prayer and notices

Please give any items for prayer or notices to Linda *before* 9 am on Wednesday, by administrator's pigeon hole, e-mail, or phone.

Church Diary

Sun 25 July	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Mon 26	9.30 am 7.45pm	Pastoral staff meeting (Quiet Room) Prayer Ministry: Planning meeting at the Vicarage, 5A Alexandra Road, Reading, RG1 5PE.
Tues 27	8.30 pm	Contemplative Prayer at the Ripleys'
Wed 28		
Thurs 29	10.45 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion (Church) Coffee morning (Church)
Fri 30		
Sat 31		
Sun 1 Aug	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Family Communion Evening Prayer

Small Groups

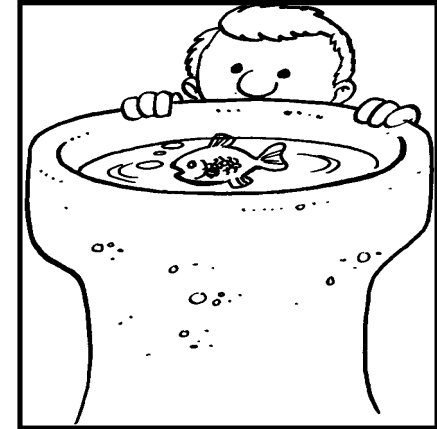


Contemplative Prayer (Ripleys).....	961 3034	Mon 8.30 pm
Oasis (Bridget Barwick).....	966 9735	Wed 10 am
Sue and Hamish Bruce.....	966 5925	Wed 8 pm
Ali and Pete Marshall	966 8794	Thurs 8 pm
Richard and Rosemary Croft.....	926 0672	Thurs 8 pm
Jeremy and Rachel Thake ..	987 1288	Thurs 8.30 pm
Judith Lawrence	954 1332	Thurs 7.30 pm

You are welcome to join with any group - please speak to contact/leader

Vicar:	Vincent Gardner (07901 737649)
Community Minister:	Suzanne Knight (day off: Thursday) (0118) 967 5645
Minister:	Alison Marshall (day off: Tuesday) (0118) 966 8794
Administrator:	Linda Wagner (0118) 926 3633

The church office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, approximately 8.30 am—1.30 pm.
Any bookings should be made through the office please.
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A special welcome today to the family and friends of Evan who is being baptised this morning

Sunday 25 July Pentecost 9

Don't rush away! Please feel free to join us after the morning service for a cup of coffee or tea. We look forward to your company.



This week served by Judith Lawrence and home group
Next week served by Hugh and Judy Fisher and friends

The link person from the Welcome Team today is Norma Stevenson

Readings for this morning

1 Kings 19: 4-13
(page 567 in the OT of the Church Bibles)
Read by Steve Lewis

Luke 11: 1-13
(page 92 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Heroes of Faith 6:

Elvis, Charlie's Angels & Elijah.

The Eucharist this morning is led by Rev Vincent Gardner

Prayers are led by Richard Harwood

Songs and Hymns for this morning

What a friend we have in Jesus
Jesus, the name high over all
By your side

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
There is a Redeemer

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Communion

*All are invited to come for communion and prayer.
We have gluten-free communion wafers available—please
ask one of the Welcome Team either before the service
begins or during the Peace if you require one. 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.*

Members of the Prayer Ministry Group are
available to pray in your home.
Please contact Suzanne to ask for this.

Introduction to Counselling Course

After a relaxing summer break, why not put your energy into something new? Would you benefit from learning how to listen more effectively? You can begin to understand yourself and others better on the Philippi Trust



'Introduction to Counselling' course.
The course will be held at Brookside church in Earley over 3 weekends:
24/25 September, 15/16 October and 12/13 November 2010.
For more details phone 0118 966 7422 or email
reading@philippitrust.freeseerve.co.uk

Street Pastors Reading are recruiting again ...

Are you interested in finding out more about the work of Street Pastors in Reading? Want to chat with Street Pastors and find out from them their experience and stories of being out on the streets? Then come along to a meeting to find out more on Sunday 5th September, 3-5 pm, at Greyfriars Memorial Hall. Refreshments will be served. For more information see poster on notice board, or contact Matt Hearn on 07533 325504 or reading@streetpastors.org.uk

As many of you know, Ali and Pete Marshall have for a long time been involved with the Iona Community. This has involved, amongst other things, long trips to the West Coast of Scotland to work with the community on the Island of Iona. Next weekend Ali and Pete will be making their vows of lifelong commitment to the community in a ceremony which is called Hallowing.



As members Ali and Pete will be expected to share in the Common Rule which includes:

- Regular meeting together.
- Daily prayer and bible reading.
- Mutual sharing and accountability of the use of time and money.
- Action and reflection on peace, justice and the integrity of creation.

Let us remember Ali, Pete and the family in our prayers as they undertake this next step in their life of faith.

Novimost

Novimost, the Christian group working with young people in Bosnia Herzegovina, have invited anyone from our church to join them at a Bosnian evening on Friday 20th August at St Mary's Church Rooms, in Chesham (HP5 1HY) starting at 7.30pm to meet and hear the stories of 4 Bosnian Christians. More details from Chesham@novimost.org

Sacred Space

Please note—we will not be having Sacred Space during July and August. Evening Prayer will be held instead on the 3rd Sunday in the month.

Prayer Ministry Team Meeting

All those who wish to support or be involved in the work of the prayer team please come along to the Vicarage on Monday 26th July at 7.45pm to find out more.



Community Picnic

This lunchtime there is a joint picnic organized by the As-Sabeel Bookshop and Wycliffe Baptist Church. All are welcome to come along, hopefully enjoy some good weather, and get to meet the local community.



Where: The picnic will be by the Boathouse at Thames Valley Park ... or in The Warehouse if it is raining.
Time: 2 pm onwards

Bring your own food

Out of respect to our Muslim friends - absolutely no dogs to be brought along and please dress modestly.