

Happy Birthday to ...

Steve Stevenson on Monday;
Cathy Rowan and Laura Finlay on Wednesday

Please pray for:

- Please continue to pray for Steve and Ron and for those caring for others including Norma and Marian.
- Jane Denny—pray that she enjoys her holiday.
- Please continue to pray for Tim Beck.
- Michael and Jose Kennedy.
- Helena Ripley on Iona.
- 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.
- Pray for our children and young people that they have an enjoyable summer holiday and that those waiting for exam results can do so without anxiety.
- Pete and Ali as this weekend they make their vows of commitment to the Iona Community in a ceremony which is called Hallowing.

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 1 Aug	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Mon 2	9.30 am 8.30 pm	Pastoral staff meeting (Quiet Room) Contemplative Prayer at the Ripleys'
Tues 3		
Wed 4	3 pm	Holy Communion at Weirside Court
Thurs 5	10.45 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion (Church) Coffee morning (Church)
Fri 6	3 pm	Holy Communion at Tyrrell Court
Sat 7		
Sun 8 Aug	10.30 am 1-5 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Contact Centre 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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Sunday 1 August Pentecost 10

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 Hugh and Judy Fisher and friends
Next week served by Mark and Monika Ripley's group

The link person from the Welcome Team today is Ian Maynard

Readings for this morning

Hosea 11: 1—11
(page 880 in the OT of the Church Bibles)
Read by Ruth Mason

Luke 12: 13—21
(page 95 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Greed

The Eucharist this morning is led by Rev Vincent Gardner

Richard Croft is preaching

Prayers are led by Mary Langshaw

Songs and Hymns for this morning

Come now is the time to worship
My Jesus, my Saviour
I cannot tell

Abba, Father
Broken for me, broken for you
We want to see Jesus lifted high

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.freemove.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

~ Name the Twelve Apostles ~



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____



5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____



9. _____ 10. _____ 11. _____ 12. _____

Unjumble the name of each Apostle:

1. PREET
2. MAJES
3. HONJ
4. WREAND
5. HIPPL
6. WEBROTHAMLO
7. AWTHMET
8. MOTASH
9. SMEAJ
10. DUTHSEAD
11. NOIMS
12. SUDJA

You can check your answers by reading Mark 3:13-19

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

Pete and Ali Marshall

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. This 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.

Church office communications

Apologies if you have sent in notices by email—they will not be in this notice sheet as we have had no internet or email connection this week. Hopefully all will be back to normal by next week.