

Happy Birthday to ...

Harriet Langshaw on Monday;
Francis How on Tuesday;
Jo White on Wednesday;
Emma Snell 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.
- 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 who were married yesterday.
- 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.
- Simon Batchelor following the death of his mother.
- Pete and Ali who made their vows of commitment to the Iona Community last week 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

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| Sun 8 Aug | 1-5 pm 6.30 pm | Contact Centre Evening Prayer |
| Mon 9 Tues 10 Wed 11 | 8.30 pm | Contemplative Prayer at the Ripleys' |
| Thurs 12 | 10.45 am 11.15 am | Holy Communion (Church) Coffee morning (Church) |
| Fri 13 Sat 14 | | |
| Sun 15 Aug | 10.30 am 6.30 pm | Holy Communion Evening Prayer |



Sunday 8 August Pentecost 11

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 Mark and Monika Ripley's group
Next week served by the Marshall home group

The link person from the Welcome Team today is Maureen Stevens

Small Groups



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| 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

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| 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.
121-147 Orts Road Reading RG1 3JN
0118 926 3633
e-mail: stjohns@readingchurches.org.uk
<http://stjohnandstephen.co.uk>

Readings for this morning

Genesis 15: 1– 6
(page 15 in the OT of the Church Bibles)
Read by June Russell

Luke 12: 32–40
(page 95 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Prayers are led by Joanna Laynesmith

Songs and Hymns for this morning

At the name of Jesus
A touching place
My song is love unknown

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
O Adoramus te Domine

Christ be our light

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.



The Lord took him outside and said, "Look at the sky and try to count the stars; you will have as many descendants as that."
Genesis 15: 5

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

24-7 Prayer Week in 229 Kings Road Basement Sunday 8th August to Sunday 15th August

We are running a 24-6.5 prayer room in the Basement of 229 Kings Road from around 10 pm on Sunday 8th August to 8 am on Sunday 15th August. Set aside time to be with the Lord, to seek Him and to pray in whatever way you are led. You can book an hour (or longer) for personal prayer, or get together with some friends to pray. It would be great to seek to ensure round the clock prayer. You can sign up electronically for an hour by going to <http://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/5c3153> (please give full name) or contact Chris Cobbold (0797 951 6518 or cobboldsjacs@aol.com) to book in a slot. Lets make this a great week of prayer for world issues, for Reading, for our community, church and personal issues.

Food for ReadiFood

Food is urgently required by Faith for ReadiFood parcels which are given out to people in need in the Reading area. For types of food needed please look at the notice on the notice board and put contributions in the box at the back of church. For more information see Alison.

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

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. Last weekend Ali and Pete made 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 in this next step in their life of faith.

