

Happy Birthday to ...

Sue Oates today;
Gemma White on Thursday;
Dan Oates on Saturday

Please pray for:

- Please continue to pray for Steve and Ron and for those caring for others including Norma and Marian.
- Please continue to pray for Tim Beck.
- Michael and Jose Kennedy.
- Pray for our children and young people that they have an enjoyable summer holiday.
- Simon Batchelor following the death of his mother.
- Wendy Gillies and her children, Jack and Lucy, as Wendy will have a week's intensive chemo soon.
- For the Clergy Team as they seek God and make plans for the autumn term.
- Susan Bicknell
- Pray for those visiting from Trident Ploughshares this weekend.
- Those being baptised today and their families and friends.

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 5 Sep	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Mon 6	8.30 pm	Contemplative Prayer at the Ripleys'
Tues 7	10.30 am	Newtown lunch Club (Parish Centre)
	7.30 pm	Causeway Prospects (Parish Centre)
Wed 8	8.45 am	Morning prayer and cafe start again
Thurs 9	10.45 am	Holy Communion (Church)
	11.15 am	Coffee morning (Church)
Fri 10		
Sat 11	4-6 pm	The Well
Sun 12 Sep	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	1-5 pm	Contact Centre
	6.30 pm	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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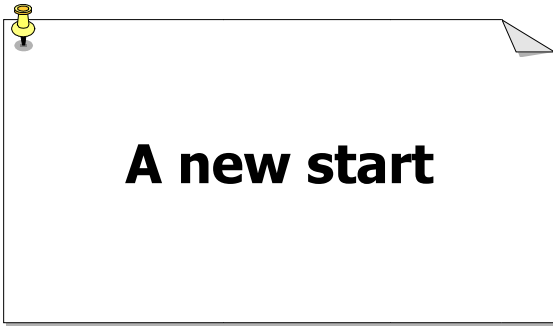
Sunday 5 September Pentecost 15

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 Chris Jupp and friends
Next week served by Leslie and June Russell and friends

The link person from the Welcome Team today is
Ian Maynard



Songs and Hymns for this morning

God made the heavens and earth
Baptised in water
For everyone born
God beside, God behind, God ahead
This we shall do
Tell out my soul

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.



'God is the DJ' dance event
Saturday 25 September, 9 pm til late, at Wycliffe Baptist Church. This event is initially aimed at Christian people (18 - 30's) in Reading with a view, if successful, to run similar events in the future and welcome non-Christians possibly.

The event will be a Dance event (House, Trance, Techno music) performed by a few Christian DJ's. There will be light systems and drapes to give the right atmosphere. There will be visuals aimed at giving glory to God whilst enjoying the type of music the DJ's are playing.

The event is free but donations would be welcomed.

Green tip

Today is the beginning of Creation Season. The theme this year is 'Creation Flourishing' (see the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website for more details <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/>).

So this week's green tip is: find an opportunity to take a prayerful walk or a picnic in green space and celebrate it.



What are your favourite 'green spaces' in Reading? Share them with others on the eco-congregation notice board and/or send photos to Jo Laynesmith or the church office so we can show them at the start of the service.

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.freeserve.co.uk

Food for ReadiFood

ReadiFood
Reading's Food Bank
Food Parcels for those in Need

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.

Communion Bread

If you would like to be part of a team occasionally making batches of rolls to freeze for communion, please see Jo Laynesmith.

