

## Morning service: Holy Communion

### Collect for today

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Readings for this morning

Genesis 14: 17—24  
(page 14 in the OT of the Church Bibles)  
Read by Charles Kenderdine

John 2: 1—11  
(page 118 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

The Eucharist this morning is led by Rev Vincent Gardner  
Prayers are led by Richard Harwood

### Songs and Hymns for this morning

Will you come and follow me?  
Jesus, we enthrone you  
I, the Lord of sea and sky  
May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you

### Communion

*All are invited to come for communion and prayer.  
The wine used in the celebration is Fairtrade and we also  
have gluten-free communion wafers available.*

*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.*

### Children's Work

Would you like to be involved with youth/children's work at St John's? All of the Sunday morning groups need more volunteers for helping or leading sessions. Whether you can only offer one Sunday a term or would like to be involved twice a month we can find a role for you!

Please see Judy Fisher and Hilary May (for 3-6 year olds), Jo Laynesmith (for 7-11 year olds) or Chris and Carol Meunier (for 11+).

### Give a tin—provide shelter

Worship Together on 5 February will focus on Homelessness.



We will be collecting tinned food and toiletries for CIRDIC as part of the service—so please bring some of these with you on the day. Following the service, our shared meal will be a simple "Soup Run" of soup and bread. If you would like to bring a pudding, please bring packets of cake bars, in keeping with the simple theme. Proceeds from lunch will also go to CIRDIC.

### Christian Community Action fundraising barn dance

It is CCA's 20th Anniversary this year and we will be running some events throughout the year to celebrate this.

We will be starting with a Fundraising Event - a barn dance, run by the Scamping Rogues on Saturday 3rd March, 7-10 pm, at The Warehouse (1A Cumberland Road).



Ticket prices:

Adults £6 if bought in advance (or £8 on the night);  
Children £2 if bought in advance (or £4 on the night).

Please come and have some fun with your friends and support this event so that we can raise funds towards the work that we are doing throughout Reading.

Tickets are available from all the CCA shops.

### Help needed in Sunday morning crèche

We are looking for more people help look after the children in the crèche on Sunday mornings. Volunteers take a turn on the rota approximately one Sunday each month. Please see Rosemary Croft if you can help.

## Evening service: Evening Prayer

### Readings for this evening

Jeremiah 3: 21—4: 2  
(page 734 in the OT of the Church Bibles)  
Read by Sue Smith

Titus 2: 1—8, 11—14  
(page 272 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Our service this evening is led by Rev Vincent Gardner

### Songs and Hymns for this evening

367 Jesus is Lord!  
515 O Love that wilt not let me go  
366 Jesus is King and I will extol Him  
159 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go

### Mission Moments:

**A weekly info spot to let you know where St John's is involved (and where 22% of our general giving goes). Today we feature....**



The English Class meets every Monday led by Liz Bailey and Ann Morrison at church with 30 or more mainly Nepalese women, encouraging them and helping them to learn English.

## Happy Birthday to ...

Jose Kennedy and Josh Morris on Tuesday;  
Fran Day on Friday



## Please pray for:

- Continue to pray for Steve and for Norma as she cares for him.
- Pray for Tim Beck who has moved to Leicester for recovery.
- For the cafe as we continue to grow and welcome new children and parents.
- Helen Major recovering at home.
- For Adrian Simmonds undergoing treatment and for Stella as she cares for him.
- Patrick and his mother following the death of Patrick's father.
- Marcia, from the cafe, who is unwell at the moment and has been for a while.
- Family and friends of Tony Allen (brother of Maureen Stevens) who died over Christmas.
- Hugh Fisher—for complete recovery from a serious eye infection.
- Peggy from the Lunch Club suffering from bronchitis.

## 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

<b>Sun 22 Jan</b>	1-5 pm 6.30 pm	Contact Centre Evening Prayer
Mon 23	10am-12md 1-3 pm 8.30 pm	English Class (Parish Centre) Monday Monsters (Parish Centre) Contemplative prayer at the Ripleys'
Tues 24	10.30 am	Newtown Lunch Club (Parish Centre)
Wed 25	1.30-3.30 pm	Oasis (Parish Centre)
Thurs 26	6-9 pm 10.45 am 11.15 am	Cubs and Scouts (Hall/Parish Centre) Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Coffee morning (Parish Centre)
Fri 27		
Sat 28	7 pm	Community Prayer Meal (Parish Centre)
<b>Sun 29</b>	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer

## Small Groups



Contemplative Prayer (Ripleys) .... 961 3034 Mon 8.30 pm  
 Oasis (Bridget Barwick) ..... 966 9735 Wed 1.30 pm  
 20s-30s Group (Helen Whitall) .... Helen\_e\_white@yahoo.co.uk  
 Wed 7.30 pm  
 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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Minister:	Ali Marshall (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 22 January Season of Light 2



**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.**

22 January: Mark and Monika Ripley's group  
 29 January: Leslie and June Russell  
 and friends

The link person from the Welcome Team today is  
 Norma Stevenson