

Morning service: Holy Communion

Collect for today

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for this morning

Deuteronomy 18: 14—20
(page 189 in the OT of the Church Bibles)

Read by Jose Kennedy

Mark 1: 21—28
(page 46 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

The Eucharist this morning is led by Rev Ali Marshall
Rev Vincent Gardner is preaching
Prayers are led by Chris Jupp

Songs and Hymns for this morning

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
God to enfold you
Christ be beside me

Behold the lamb of God
Spirit of the living God

God is love: His the care

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.*

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.

The items CIRDIC are most in need of are tins of chicken, meat, soup and vegetables. They would also be glad of breakfast cereal, coffee, peanut butter, salad cream and brown sauce.

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.

Xn magazine



Xn - a new free magazine bursting with news, features and information from Churches across Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell is out now. It includes stories that will inspire, encourage and inform Christians living and sharing their faith in the Thames Valley. Take a copy (available in the Parish Centre), it's free! Also online at www.xnmedia.co.uk

Calling all readers and pray-ers!

We are looking for more people to do the Bible readings or lead the intercessions in our Sunday services. If you would like to do this please speak with Vincent.

Evening service: Evening Prayer

Readings for this evening

1 Samuel 3: 1—20
(page 267 in the OT of the Church Bibles)

Read by Jean Skuse

1 Corinthians 14: 12—20
(page 218 in the NT of the Church Bibles)

Our service this evening is led by Rev Vincent Gardner

Songs and Hymns for this evening

50 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
67 Breathe on me, breath of God
251 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
449 Love divine, all loves excelling

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....



Eco-Congregation; run by Jo Laynesmith for our church, this group looks to celebrating and caring for God's creation – and against pollution, waste and over consumption.

It elected to spend their money this year on a donation to the Park URC roof project – the voltaic cells there are now visible for all to see!

Happy Birthday to ...

Harriet Day and Mary Langshaw on Monday;
Ashley Charles on Wednesday;
Les Pullen on Friday;
Andy Barwick on Saturday



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

Sun 29 Jan	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Mon 30	10am-12md 1-3 pm 8.30 pm	English Class (Parish Centre) Monday Monsters (Parish Centre) Contemplative prayer at the Ripleys'
Tues 31	10.30 am	Newtown Lunch Club (Parish Centre)
Wed 1 Feb	1.30-3.30 pm 3 pm 6-9 pm	Oasis (Parish Centre) Holy Communion at Weirside Court Cubs and Scouts (Hall/Parish Centre)
Thurs 2	10.45 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Coffee morning (Parish Centre)
Fri 3	3 pm	Holy Communion at Tyrrell Court
Sat 4		
Sun 5 Feb	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Worship Together Holy Communion



Sunday 29 January Season of Light 3 Candlemas



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.

29 January: Leslie and June Russell and friends
5 February: The Croft home group

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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The link person from the Welcome Team today is
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