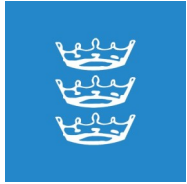


Exciting news about one of our church members

The Quest for a New Bishop: Earlier this year David Tunley was invited to be a member of the Vacancy in See committee. That is the group which begins the process of selecting a new bishop. David's talents for analysis and clarity of thought were quickly recognised, and he was asked to be part of the group which drafted the Diocesan Statement of Needs. This booklet outlines the desired profile of the next Bishop. You will soon be able to read it on the diocesan website.

From the Vacancy in See committee six people are chosen to go forward to the Crown Nominations Commission. (CNC) This is the body which discerns and eventually makes the recommendation as to who should be appointed to the role of Bishop of Bristol. David will be one of those six people. In addition to the six from Bristol diocese on the CNC, there will be three clergy members of General Synod and three lay members.



How does it work? The CNC will hold two meetings in private, about a month apart early next year. Those meetings will be chaired by Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury. At its first meeting the CNC reviews the requirements of the diocese and the national church, and draws up a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed. Typically four people are invited for interview.

At the second meeting which takes place over two days, the shortlisted candidates are interviewed by the members of the CNC. The CNC then chooses two names to submit to the Prime Minister who will ultimately recommend one name to her Majesty the Queen.

Support Required: We want to offer our warmest congratulations to David. This is a very significant role and it has a very significant workload to go with it in terms of reading and preparatory meetings. Let's make sure we uphold him in prayer. I am delighted to say that Network Rail have recognised his contribution to the Church of England, and have allowed him time to undertake this important task, but undoubtedly there will be acute time pressures in the months ahead.

Right now, we just want to say that we are hugely proud of David as a member of our congregation. And we will also want to remember Lizzie as she supports him during this process.



Booking of Church Rooms

Please remember that any meetings/bookings of church rooms can only be made via the central church diary to avoid clashes with external bookings. Please either book the meeting directly in the church diary in the office or email Catherine at parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk to secure your booking. Thanks



Double booked!!!

Prayer Meeting

The January prayer meeting will be held in church on **Wednesday 10th January 2018, from 8pm to 9pm** and will be led by the Rother Close home group. Please put this in your diary now so that as many of us as possible can meet for prayer early in the New Year.



THANK
YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Senior's Christmas lunch another success again this year. We would like to say thank you to **Sharon, Mary and Carol** as they step down from organising it after so many years. Thank you also to **Louise, Faure, Gail and Richard** as they take on this important outreach event.

Does Catherine have your email address?

If she does you get the full colour bulletin delivered to your PC.

Counters and bankers

We are so grateful to the people who are on the rota to count and bank our offerings each week. **However, we have recently lost a couple of our counters and are down to 13 people on the rota**, which means that when the new rota is drawn up for January to April 2018, the counters will be on duty once every 6 weeks which is more often than we think is desirable. **So we are looking for four more counters. Could you be one of them?** Counters work in pairs to count the money immediately after the 11am service is finished. The only rewards are the grateful thanks of our Churchwardens and Treasurer, coffee or tea and biscuits, and the knowledge that they are performing a valuable and important service. Our treasurer, Andrew, will be preparing the rota for January to April in a couple of weeks' time. **If you would like to join the loyal band of counters and bankers, please have a word with Andrew (tel: 01793 725526) as soon as possible.**

Christmas flowers



If you would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers used to decorate St. John's over Christmas, **please pass your donation to our Treasurer, Andrew, today.** If your donation is to mark a special occasion or is in memory of a loved one, we will note this in the Bulletin next Sunday, 17th December **if you let Andrew have a note in writing with your donation.**

Please Pray: Those who have lost loved ones at this time. We remember the **Mead family** who have lost a father and grandfather, and **Tony and Jill Nash** in the light of the death of Tony's mum. We thank God that **Andrew and Jean's great grand-daughter** Harriet is doing well and that **Bethany** her mum is recovering from a difficult birth. We will be welcoming a lot of visitors at **Christingle** on Sunday and pray for all involved and especially our **children and young people** who will be playing a big part in that service. **Pram Club** will be holding their annual Christmas service followed by lunch together on Monday.

Mon 11th	9.30am 2pm 7.45pm	Pram Club Christmas Party Homegroup in Quiet Room Choir Practice
Tues 12th	8pm	Homegroup 27 Garraways Wootton Bassett
Wed 13th	1.00-3.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Craft Club in Church Room Homegroup 17 Rothers Close Extra PCC Meeting in Quiet Room
Fri 15th	10.30-1.30pm	Rock Café

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 11th	Joan Connor
Tue 12th	Derrick Conquest
Wed 13th	Laurane Cooper
Thurs 14th	Mike & Wendy Crosby
Fri 15th	Matt and Rachel Crosby
Sat 16th	Jill & Nigel Crowhurst
Sun 17th	Wayne & Mia Davey & family

Don't forget Christmas in a Bun at the Rock Café on Friday December 15th from 10:30 am

&

Alison and Raymond's mulled wine party on Tuesday December 19th from 7.30 pm

Services Next Week			
Sunday 17th Dec	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	All Age Service	Raymond Adams
	6.30pm	Carol Service	Raymond Adams

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St John's Haydon Wick

Sunday, December 10th 2017

Advent 2



"He came to bear witness to the Light"

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	HC 1662	Tony Njoroge	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Matthew 11:2-11
11.00am	Morning Praise	Tony Njoroge	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Matthew 11:2-11
4.30pm	Christingle Service	Raymond Adams	Luke 2:1-7