

## Easter Services

- **Maundy Thursday: 7:45 PM** – Traditional communion service
- **Good Friday: 10:00 AM** – Walk of witness beginning at Emmanuel
- **Good Friday: 10:30 AM** - All age service in St John's
- **Good Friday: 7:45 PM** - Prayer and worship around the cross
- **Easter Day: 6:30 AM** – SonRise service at Barbury Castle
- **Easter Day: 9:00 AM** – Communion Service
- **Easter Day: 11:00 AM** – All Age Communion Service with children in mind.



**Good Friday morning:** This year, **Fraser Digby**, who leads North Swindon Baptist Church is going to be our preacher at the Good Friday service in the morning here in St John's.

**Walk of witness:** Our walk will begin at Emmanuel just off the High Street in Haydon Wick. We will walk behind the cross to St John's.

**SonRise Service:** Have you ever thought of coming to Barbury Castle at dawn on Easter Day? It is without doubt a "sacrifice of praise". In order to be there you will have to sacrifice your warm bed and a couple of hours sleep. But you will get something infinitely more important. Christians from all over Swindon will be celebrating the Resurrection of the Son of God together as the day begins to break and the sun comes up over Swindon. We are following in the footsteps of Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus and the "other Mary", who made their way to the tomb while it was still dark. It is a wonderful sight to see the headlights of so many cars making their way up the hill to the service. If you want to put some spiritual zest into your Easter experience this year, let me encourage you to set your alarm clock and join us.

### The Lounge—What is happening about the floor in the Lounge?



First of all, it is very clear that things are getting worse. The crack at the top of the wall is clearly bigger than it was at Christmas. You can easily slide your fingers between the bottom of the skirting board and the carpet. Gareth Morgan is heading up the team looking at this with the aid of a number of building professionals. So far we have been able to rule out a number of possible causes, but we are not able to identify the reason for the problem. Following a recent inspection the engineer has a hypothesis. However, it needs to be tested and there is a lot of preparatory study to be done. All we can say is that thorough investigations are proceeding.

**Bob Startinfield.** **Bob, along with his wife Ann**, have been members of St John's 9:00 AM congregation for about eight years. We were so sorry to report his sudden death last week following a heart attack. Bob was a founder member of the charity Headway, which he began after a tragic cycling accident befell his son. Chris Alcock was one of many people to benefit from this organisation. Bob's trust in God was a big part of his life and he left this world with words of faith in his lips. We look forward to a reunion in the next.



**Letter from Peter and Sally .** Peter is Bishop of Paraguay and he and Sally are regular visitors to this church when they are in the UK. They were last with us a year ago, and have recently received our annual gift towards their work. They write: "Thank you very much for your generous donations last year which enabled us to carry on with our ministry in Paraguay, helping the church to extend God's kingdom. Your partnership with us is greatly valued, and we really appreciate your faithful prayers for us in the Anglican Church in Paraguay.

We've been back in the UK visiting family – it was our little grandson Finn's baptism last week which was a joyous occasion. We are travelling back to Paraguay this Sunday and looking forward to seeing what has been happening whilst we've been away. May the Lord bless and prosper the ministry and witness of St John's

With love in the Lord, Peter and Sally"

### The Big Day! Still time to Support Lizzie and Willows

This Sunday, 18th March, **Lizzie Tunley** will be running the Reading Half Marathon (13.1 miles). This is her biggest running challenge to date and is raising money for Willows Counselling Service, one of St John's mission partners. If you would like to sponsor Lizzie there is a form in the table in the foyer or you can do it online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lizietunley2> (Hyperlink should work this week!) Thanks

### Where is Tony Njorge?

If you don't see **Tony, Grace, Jane or Emma** around for the next few weeks, Tony wants us to know that he has not deserted the church. Tony and Grace are both currently taking a theological course at Roehampton University, which is in West London. And as part of that course, Tony is required to spend some time on placement. They have not gone far. They are currently with Sally in North Swindon, and are glad that the temperature has warmed up.

### Flower Power:

A warm thanks to **Faure and Louise Breytenbach** who prepared all the flowers for us on Mothering Sunday. They were much appreciated.



**Prayers: Ann Startinfield and her family** after the sudden death of Bob. We also remember the family and friends of **Chris Alcock** as it will be 3 years since her passing on 19th March 2015. We continue to remember **Doris** who is having tests for her eyesight and **Rod and Sharon** who will receive the results of further tests on their return from holiday. We remember the CNC who last week met to appoint a new **Bishop of Bristol**. Silence must be maintained by all the members of that committee until the Queen is informed and grants her approval. But we can still pray for whoever will be following Bishop Mike in that important role.

# *St John's Haydon Wick*

## Sunday, March 18th 2018

### *5th of Lent*

|           |                       |   |
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| Mon 19th  | 9.30am<br>2.00pm      | Pram Club<br>Homegroup in the Quiet Room                  |
| Tues 20th | 8.00 pm               | Homegroup 27 Garraways, Royal Wootton Bassett             |
| Wed 21st  | 1.00-3.00pm<br>7.30pm | Craft Club in Church Room<br>Homegroup at 17 Rother Close |
| Fri 23rd  | 10.30-1.30pm          | Rock Café   |

| Please pray for our church family |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mon 19th                          | Mark & Mel Sansome       |
| Tue 20th                          | Carole Sawyer            |
| Wed 21st                          | Winnie & Gary Schafer    |
| Thurs 22nd                        | Kathleen & David Selwood |
| Fri 23rd                          | Mick & Jean Sharp        |
| Sat 24th                          | Cath Sheldrake           |
| Sun 25th                          | Chris Shurey             |



Please note that **Catherine will be on holiday next week**, so the parish office will not be staffed in the normal way. If you have anything to send for the bulletin, it can be emailed in the usual way.



## *“Guilt and Innocence”*

| Services Next Week - Palm Sunday. |             |                                   |                                |
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| Sunday<br>25th Mar                | 9am<br>11am | Holy Communion<br>All Age Service | Raymond Adams<br>Raymond Adams |

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| Time    | Service        | Preacher      | Readings                           |
|---------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 9.00am  | Morning Prayer | Raymond Adams | Isaiah 53: 1-9<br>Matthew 27:11-32 |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | Raymond Adams | Isaiah 53: 1-9<br>Matthew 27:11-32 |