

Where Are We with the Communion Table?

You will remember that one of the options we presented to the church with regard to the new Communion table was that it might be raised a little higher. We have been in contact with the company that originally built it, and, although this is the first time such a request has been made, they do not foresee any great difficulty in building a plinth for it. However, because of pressure of orders at the present time, they will need a few months before they can work on this. They have suggested a particular height. We are currently looking at this to see whether we agree.



Alison's Mum: the news about Alison's mother could have been a lot worse. She had a stroke over the Easter weekend, which initially robbed her of her speech and her ability to walk. However, she is now able to string words together and can walk, if supported. She even managed to make a cup of tea. The Dr is confident that she will be able to return to her own home, but the pressing need is to find a place in a Rehabilitation Centre. Thank you so much for your prayers. They have meant a lot.

New Temporary Archdeacon: One of the more extraordinary people in our diocese is our Archdeacon, **Christine Froude**. It is impossible to imagine anyone getting through more work than Christine manages to complete, month in and month out, with incredible good humour. She sits on a vast number of committees and contributes to them all. She has particular responsibility both for church buildings and the welfare of clergy and their families. It is a varied brief. The Archdeacon is often the first person clergy turn to when we have a problem. Despite her busyness, she found time to spend an evening with our PCC. And all this when she is approaching 70! However, once our new Bishop is in place, Christine will finally step down and enjoy a well earned retirement.



The diocese has recognised that the job that she has been doing single-handed requires two people to do it - especially as we currently have only one bishop.



However, it is important that the new Bishop is able to choose his or her own Archdeacons. Therefore, a temporary Archdeacon has been selected to work alongside Christine. That will be the recently retired **Canon Michael Johnson**, ex-vicar of Wroughton. Michael has a wealth of experience, and we will be delighted to see him back in this temporary post. He is calling it his "gap year role". Michael will stand down after a year or so, and, around that point, two permanent archdeacons will be appointed.

St John's Annual Report and Financial Statements 2017

The Report and Accounts for 2017 are now available to view on the church notice board. If you would like to have a copy to read through before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (which is to be held on Monday 30th April 2018) please have a word with **Catherine, our Parish Administrator**, or with **Andrew, our PCC Treasurer (tel: 01793 725526)**.

Maybe...
It's
You!

PCC Vacancies

There are three PCC vacancies for a three year term and two for a two year term. There are also two Deanery Synod vacancies for a two year term. Sharon has all the relevant nomination forms.

A letter from Bishop Lee:

Dear friends at St John's Haydon Wick,

Thank you for giving £84,600 as a parish in 2017 to support ministry and mission across the diocese. As well as supporting ministry in your own parish, your generosity is resourcing the training of new leaders to grow the church, and funding leadership and mission everywhere, including areas of great need which would otherwise be unable to afford it.



We've been heartened to see the responsible, generous and faithful responses of churches like yours to the challenge of resourcing our shared vision of growing God's kingdom. Together parishes increased their contribution by £250,000, entirely meeting the amount needed for 2017.

Sustained investment is needed over the coming years to grow new leaders, to make disciples and to engage younger generations in the church....And this will involve all of us continuing to step out in faith.

A Letter of Thanks from the Vicar of Parks and Walcot:

Thank
You!

Here at *St John's and St*

Andrews, we want to say a huge thank you for the support of parishes who give generously in parish share. Without that support, we wouldn't be able to be the witness to Christ that we are here. Our parish is not wealthy in worldly terms, but we are blessed both with our faith and the resources to share with others, thanks to your giving.

(Rev Linda Fletcher)

Night Shelter: A Message from Lizzie Tunley:

I have started volunteering for the night shelter on a Friday night at St Mary's Church Hall Rodborne. They want to open on a Saturday night too but need a few more volunteers to be able to do so. If anyone is interested in finding out more they can speak to me or contact Jackie at

jackie@swindonnightshester.org.uk or call 07586 420011.

Prayers: We continue to pray for **Brian Sweetman** who is now home from hospital. 2018 has been a difficult year for Brian and also for **Susan. Andy Hall's brother Michael** is seriously ill in hospital at the present time. **Alison's mum** as she slowly recovers from her stroke. **Eileen Arkley** – a long-standing member of the 9 AM congregation – has been unable to attend the communion services at James Wilks House recently. We pray for her and for **Ruby** her sister who is concerned for her. **Ann Startin-Field and family** as they prepare for the funeral service on Monday.

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| Mon 16th | 9.30-11.30am 2.00pm | Pram Club Homegroup in Quiet Room |
| Tues 17th | 8.00pm 8.00pm | 20 Furlong Close 27 Garraways, Royal Wootton Bassett |
| Wed 18th | 1.00-3.00pm 3.00pm 7.30pm | Craft Club James Wilks House Communion Service Homegroup at 17 Rother Close |
| Fri 20th | 10.30am-1.30pm | Rock Café |

| Please pray for our church family | |
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| Mon 16th | Tom & Heather Vandamme |
| Tue 17th | Paul & Lorraine Vitti |
| Wed 18th | Karen Wallace |
| Thurs 19th | Edna Webb |
| Fri 20th | Janet Welham |
| Sat 21st | The Wheeler Family |
| Sun 22nd | Viv & David Williams |

There will be a service of
Holy Communion at
James Wilks House on
Wednesday 18th April
at 3pm.
All welcome.



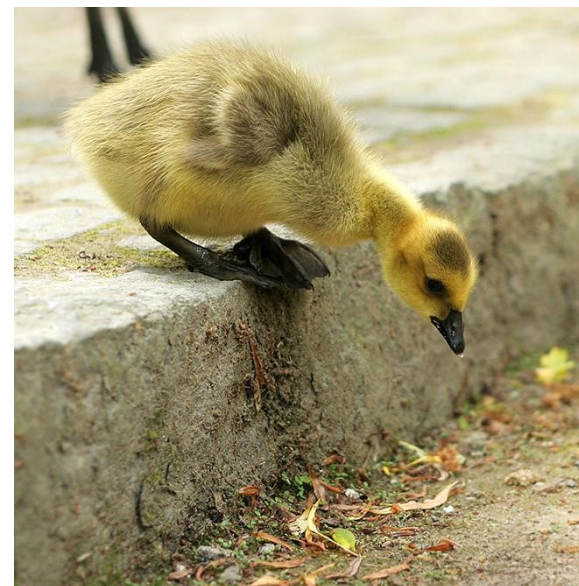
| Services Next Week | | | |
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| 22nd April | 9am | Holy Communion | Raymond Adams |
| | 11am | Morning Praise | Raymond Adams |

Parish Office Email: parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk or Telephone 726000. All items for the bulletin to the office in writing by first thing on Wednesday. Thank you.

St John's Haydon Wick

Sunday, April 15th

Easter 3



**Sharing our Faith:
Why we hesitate.**

| Time | Service | Preacher | Readings |
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| 9.00am | Morning Prayer | Raymond Adams | Genesis 13:10-20 John 21:15 -19 |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | Raymond Adams | Genesis 13:10-20 John 21:15 -19 |