

Youth Trip to Uganda

Who Is Going? A group of 15 young people and youth leaders from across the Diocese are travelling to Uganda this July in order to meet and work with other young people in Uganda.

The group will come from three different parts of the Diocese including three from Pinehurst here in Swindon. All of them come from parts of the diocese that are designated as areas of urban deprivation.



What's it all about? The trip aims to help the young people grow their confidence, faith and leadership skills, as they experience God and Christians in a different part of the world. They will be working alongside vulnerable young people living on the streets of Kampala, and will be staying in a village community in rural Uganda - sharing in their lives and spending time in their schools. There will also be a visit to a rural fishing community and a short time in a wilderness area.

Dan Jones Our Youth and Children's Adviser and Chris Dobson will be leading the trip. A number of the young people have never travelled abroad before, so will be exploring a new culture for the first time on the 12-day trip.

Tom Tyndall from Swindon writes: "My name is Tom, I am in year 11 and attend Swindon Academy Secondary School. I have recently started to get into photography so to be able to have a portfolio with images of such an amazing country like this will be great to capture. I am really looking forward to my first ever flight."



Dan said: "From experience, taking groups away from their comfort zones bring challenges, but we hope this will broaden their horizons to what they can achieve and how they can make a difference in the world. It is about seeing their own faith grow and realising their own passions and potential."



How do we finance this? Without the help of the wider diocese, they may not be able to raise the money they need for this trip. They are planning a sponsored cycle ride for Saturday fifth May and Sunday six May when they will try to visit as many churches as possible within the three deanery set the young people have been drawn from.

Currently **£9,929** has been raised but another £14,000 needs to be raised for August. So it is a significant sum.

They will be cycling 18 miles from St Andrews Church Avonmouth and finishing up at Pinehurst Academy on the Sunday afternoon. On the way they will visit 31 different churches. They would love it if a number of us were able to meet them at 2:20 PM on the Sunday afternoon of May 7, to provide them with a cold drink and to meet the team and be photographed with them.

To donate online please Google **Virgin Media Giving Youth Visit Uganda** and you will end up on the right page. They won't get there without our help.

Confirmation. We are planning our first confirmation preparation tomorrow evening in the Quiet Room on Monday 23rd at 7.45 pm

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)**.

An Ecclesiastical give-away To celebrate its 130th Anniversary of insuring Anglican churches, the Ecclesiastical (who insure our church at St. John's) is offering to donate £130 to our church each time a new home insurance policy is taken out by someone in our church family with the Ecclesiastical during 2018. So when your home insurance policy is due for renewal, why not obtain a quote from the Ecclesiastical? To take advantage of this offer visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or call **0800 783 0130** and quote **TRUST130**. For further information, see the poster on the noticeboard in the foyer or speak to our treasurer, Andrew, on **01793 725526**.

Updated Electoral Roll:

The new electoral roll is on display in the foyer on the blue noticeboard in the hall way.

Please remember to check that your name entry on the Electoral Roll is correct. Any issues please speak to Sharon.

An easy way to help St John's When shopping online any websites (including Amazon) will give a donation to St. John's if you go in through www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnshaydonwick

Please visit the website for more details – it's very easy to do, will cost you nothing and will benefit St. John's. In addition, there is an app that you can download if you use mobile devices. We have just received a commission cheque for **£21.26** and there is much greater potential for more commission if more of us signed up.



Communion before Confirmation: Some years ago, the Bishop of Bristol authorised young people in the diocese who have already been baptised to receive communion before being confirmed. He understood that confirmation is a big step. Often young people are still exploring their faith. Under these circumstances, we don't want to exclude them from communion, which is one of the things that helps us to really grow in our faith. One young person has asked about this already so Raymond will be meeting with her in a short time in order to take prepare her for receiving communion. Many of you have done this before. If you are in this category, then Raymond would be very happy to hear from you.

Prayers: It was great to see **Eileen Arkley** at our James Wilks communion again on Wednesday. Please continue to pray for her as she gains strength. The service at **James Wilks House** continues to grow. We pray for its outreach to residents and for a new lady called **Julie** who was there for the first time this week. We remember **Ann Startin-Field** and her family after the funeral service for Bob on Monday. For **Sue Branch** as she looks forward to a cataract operation.

Mon 23rd	9.30-11.30am 2.00pm 7.45 pm	Pram Club Homegroup in Quiet Room Confirmation Preparation in the Quiet Room
Tues 24th	8.00pm 8.00pm	20 Furlong Close 27 Garraways, Royal Wootton Bassett
Wed 25th	1.00-3.00pm 7.30pm	Craft Club Homegroup at 17 Rother Close
Fri 27th	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Café

Please pray for our church family

Mon 23rd	Lola Wilson
Tue 24th	Kathleen Zammit
Wed 25th	Raymond & Alison Adams
Thurs 26th	Terry Alcock
Fri 27th	Ruby Allan
Sat 28th	Eileen Arkley
Sun 29th	Catherine Attewell

A Thank you Message:

Ann Startin-Field and her family would like to thank everyone for the many cards, kind thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

“My church family have been a great comfort to me.”

Services Next Week

29th April	9am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Praise	Raymond Adams Raymond Adams
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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 22nd

Easter 4



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Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Jeremiah 20: 7-12 John 1: 35-42
11.00am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams	Jeremiah 20: 7-12 John 1: 35-42