

JUST FINANCE FOUNDATION

this formerly powerful payday lender.

Archbishop Justin believes that being able to obtain a loan is an important part of life. He is concerned for the many millions of people in this country with little in the way of resources. Often a personal tragedy such as bereavement or job loss can cause a major crisis, or something on a global scale such as a recession can have a huge effect on a family's finances.

Justin writes: "People are thinking, "I don't want to borrow any more. How am I going to pay off what I already owe?" Then suddenly the exhaust falls off the car. You have another bill and don't know how to deal with it all. Jesus calls us to roll up our sleeves and get involved in the issues of financial vulnerability. And that is where the *Just Finance Foundation* comes in. It has been set up to create a financial system that is fair, accessible and open to all. His aim is to create:

- better structures of finance
- low cost affordable loans
- better habits of finance in our communities."

In addition to praying he invites Christians to respond as individuals and PCCs to the *Mustard Seed Appeal* designed to launch the *Just Finance Foundation* at Harvest. You will hear from the Archbishop directly next Sunday morning via YouTube about why this vision matters so much to him.



In last week's bulletin we mentioned the Archbishop of Canterbury's expressed desire to see *Wonga* out of business. That seems as though it is about to happen as changes in the law have led to serious problems for

Growing Bridgebuilders

We want to grow healthy communities but many of us struggle with the issue of conflict. Even in the church. *Growing Bridgebuilders* is a practical resource organised by the Diocese of Bristol to help Christians to be better equipped for life together. It takes place once a month in Toothill Church starting October 9th. Hot meal at 6.30 pm—7.15 pm start.



Sign up on <http://eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-bristol-9201833076>

What Has Happened to Swindon Foodbank?

Foodbank no longer exists under the old name. It has closed and a new organisation has opened. It is called *The Swindon Food Collective*. *Swindon Foodbank* was one of our eight nominated charities and the question of transferring our donation, will have to be considered at the next PCC meeting.

Meanwhile, we are committed to providing produce. The season of harvest is, for all food banks, a hugely important time. That is when they receive a large percentage of the items they need. Harvest is for a Foodbank what Christmas is for a toy shop or Bank Holiday Monday for *Homebase!*

St John's is officially a Breakfast Church, which means that, throughout the year, we provide the kind of items that people have for breakfast. Just put them in the box outside.



We will be publishing a full list of additional non-perishable foodstuffs that the *Swindon Food Collective* are hoping to receive at Harvest. That will be October 14th.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith.



We are very keen to run Alpha again this year. It is such a great course. The new Alpha videos will help you understand better things like faith, salvation, prayer, temptation, guidance, and much more. If this sounds like something for you, do get in touch with Simon, Raymond or Catherine so we can find a date that suits everyone.

Improvements For Communion: For many years, the clergy have used the radiator as the place to keep the bread and wine used in communion. If you want a definition of what it means to be "low church", I guess that's going to be hard to beat.

Chris Hawkes has considerably improved things for us by building a shelf or, to give it its proper name, a credence table. That will make the front of church appear less cluttered.

If you take a look at the space, you will see that he had to build it in the form of a V, because it is considerably wider at the front than the back. It was by no means an easy fit. Many thanks Chris.



Prayers: Sue Harvey as she is due to go into hospital for an operation, and is likely to have to stay in for up to a week. **Pam Howlett** is finally out of hospital and back home again with Peter. She has a long way to go but is now making progress and showing real signs of recovery. **Richard Gray** needs to be in our prayers as he recovers from a serious operation on his spine and gets back to fitness once again. We continue to remember **Jean, Simon, Rebecca and Rachel and their wider families** as they mourn the loss of Andrew. Pray for the service on Tuesday that Andrew's faith and life may be remembered with joy and celebrated in hope.

Mon 3rd	9.30-11.30am 7.30pm	Pram Club FF&G Sub Team Meeting in Quiet Room
Tues 4th	10.30 am 11.30 am 1.30pm	Service of Committal at Kingsdown Service of Thanksgiving for Andrew Dean Pastoral Care Team Meeting in Quiet Room
Wed 5th	1.00-3.00pm 8-9pm	Craft Club in Church Room Whole Church Prayer Meeting
Fri 7th	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Café

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 3rd	Mike & Mary Southgate
Tue 4th	Pauline Stacey
Wed 5th	Ann Startin-Field
Thurs 6th	Merthyr Stevens
Fri 7th	Brian & Susan Sweetman
Sat 8th	Maureen Taylor
Sun 9th	John & Jane Tibangu and family

Please join us for the
Whole Church Prayer Meeting
led by Andy & Carol Hall
on
Wednesday
5th September 8-9pm

Services Next Week			
9th Sept	9am 11am	Holy Communion 1662 Morning Praise	Raymond Adams Raymond Adams

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Sunday Sept 02

Trinity 15



"The Hen"

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Psalm 90 Luke 13: 1-35
11.00am	All Age Service	Raymond Adams	Luke 13: 1-35