

The Alpha Banner:

A big thank you to the Hawkes brothers, who spent quite a lot of Monday morning up a ladder attaching the Alpha course banner to the church.

We want to promote this widely, because it really is a great course.

Anyone who is interested in doing it, should get in touch.



Farewell to the Revd Andrew Dean

Andrew's funeral service was a truly memorable occasion. I am delighted that a number of you were able to come to the service at Kingsdown or view it on the screens here in church. You shared that experience with those in Canada and in other parts of Britain. Being able to stream the funeral service will be hugely appreciated in future by friends and family members unable to get to a funeral. (Thanks to **Paul Nichol** for arranging it for us.) We managed to fit every single person in church, providing a chair for all those who attended. The worship area, church room and balcony were completely full, and we even had several people sitting in the creche. But no one had to stand.



This huge attendance says as much about Andrew as the words that were spoken during the service. There was inevitably sorrow at the loss of someone so special to us, but both services were full of hope, with lots of laughter here in church. **Bishop Lee** and **Archdeacon Christine** were able to join us to pay tribute to a man who has influenced just in our own church, but in the wider diocese.

It was very interesting to hear testimonies from those who knew Andrew in his work in the insurance industry. They clearly thought as highly of him as we did. I had to smile at the story of the solicitor who said he always had to prepare doubly hard when Andrew was in the room, because he knew that he would get an especially tough grilling.

If you would like to give a donation in Andrew's memory, please drop an envelope containing your gift into the collection plate indicating whether you would like it to go to the *Ministry Aviation Fellowship* or to *The Prospect Hospice*.

News of other congregations

Paul Rhodes, minister at Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church (RCBC) conducted his final service last week. On Monday he started work with *Barnabas Fund*, an organisation dedicated to supporting persecuted Christians around the world. No immediate full-time successor is envisaged. One of those who will be seeing the church through this period of transition is **Jamie Reeves**, Andrew's grandson, currently training for the Baptist ministry. While in theological college, he will be also be spending time doing some on-the-job training at RCBC. It is a joy to see Jamie following in his grandfather's footsteps. We will keep him in our prayers as he manages his challenging workload in this coming year.

The Bristol Resourcing Church. There will be a service to celebrate the reopening of St Nicholas Church on Thursday, September 27. St Nicholas has had a number of other uses over the last 65 years following wartime bombing. It is right in the heart of Bristol, and will form part of the vibrant life of the city centre. The team, led by **Rev Toby Flint** from Holy Trinity Brompton, will also be commissioned. They will be ready to receive students returning for the new term.



The Swindon Pattern Church: We are not expecting *The Pattern Church* to open its doors until sometime in early 2019 as much work needs to be done between now and then. Assistant Minister **Revd Kaf Smith**, who is now working in St Peter's Battersea, will soon be living in a house in our parish. While work continues on the fabric of the Pattern Store, Joel and Kaf intend to open the church in temporary accommodation sometime around Christmas.

11:00 AM members, please don't come to St John's!!

If you come to St John's at 11 AM on Sunday, September 30, you will find that no one will be here! We will however be in

St Francis School at 4pm where we will be joined by parents and children from the school. Instead of inviting everybody in, we thought we would take the opportunity to go out and celebrate St Francis Day in the local community.



Prayers: **Kath Ridley's mother-in law Linda** who has received some serious news about her health. **Richard Gray** is making progress. After a serious operation in August, he is on a long road to convalescence. He has to keep moving, but must be careful not to do too much. Pray that he will find the right balance. and that walking, sitting and carrying will become comfortable activities for him again in the near future. **Pauline** still has to juggle home, family and work during this time. Pray for **the wider Dean family** now that the funeral is over and life continues without Andrew.

Mon 10th	9.30-11.30am 2pm	Pram Club Homegroup in the Quiet Room
Wed 12th	1.00-3.00pm 3pm 7.30pm	Craft Club in Church Room Holy Communion at James Wilks House Homegroup at 17 Rother Close
Fri 14th	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Café

Prayer Circles: **Sharon** will be away from 13th to 28th September so **Joan King** will be looking after the Prayer Circles in her absence. Please let Joan have any prayer requests by email, joanking@live.co.uk or tel; 490396

Please pray for our church family

Mon 10th	Doreen Titcombe
Tue 11th	Joan Titcombe
Wed 12th	Patti Tomlinson
Thurs 13th	David & Lizzy Tunley & family
Fri 14th	Tom & Heather Vandamme & family
Sat 15th	Paul & Lorraine Vitti
Sun 16th	Karen Wallace

There will be a service of

**Holy Communion at
James Wilks House**

on

**Wednesday 12th September at
3pm.**

All welcome

Services Next Week

16th Sept	9am 11am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	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 Thursday. Thank you.



Sunday Sept 09

Trinity 15



Why are we doing this?

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion 1662	Raymond Adams	Mark 3: 7-19 Acts 17: 16-23
11.00am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams	Deuteronomy 8: 6-end Acts 17: 16-23

The flowers in church are in celebration of the **30th Wedding Anniversary of Brian and Lesley Mead** today in recognition of all God's blessings to them.