

## Services This Week and Next Week

**A big Thank You** to Simon Robertson who is leading the worship and preaching this morning at 11am and to **Lesley Hawkes** who is leading the 9am service. Raymond and Alison are at a family wedding. It was good to have **Tony Njoroge** leading our service last week at 9am.

**Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday.** As usual, this will be an All-Age Service and we will be distributing daffodils. This is a great service to invite people to.

## Craft Club and Pram Club

**Craft Club** runs on a Wednesday afternoon and if you like knitting, sewing, crocheting and chatting you would be very welcome to join in. Even better, come with a friend. Craft Club has an open door policy and lots of people attend from the community around us.

**Pram Club** has been a part of the church for many years and continues to develop its approach as times change.

We used to talk about "the mums who come to Pram Club" but now dads and child minders play an important part. Lynda and Lesley, Pat and Joan will give a warm welcome to any visitors. There are toys galore and plenty of support and friendship.

It was good to see members of both these groups joining in our worship last week.



## Hire of the Building

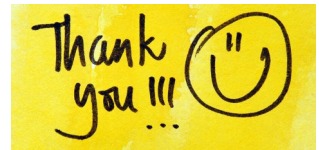


Are you aware that no less than three different churches which make use of our building during the week? We want to pray for them, in their work and witness. They are : **Christ Army Charismatic Ministries, International Central Gospel Church and Lighthouse Chapel.**

We also welcome Slimming World, Weight Watchers, The Les Slinn Running Club and Brownies. Having invested a lot of money over the year in developing our building, we have received a considerable return in rents. We try as far as possible not to live off those rents because there is no guarantee that they will always be there. Saving them means, as James was highlighting last week, that we have funds in place when unexpected emergencies strike, - like two new boilers and a subsiding floor.

## A Hard Border at the Bottom of the Stairs

In all the excitement of *Noah Afloat*, we forgot to mention the fact that **Chris Hawkes**, in addition to building a puppet theatre, also found the time to install a stairgate on at the bottom of the stairs in the same week. You probably wouldn't notice it, because it is so unobtrusive. It simply pulls across, which makes it a lot safer and easier to manage than a barricade of chairs! You just need to turn the button on the top of the column in a clockwise direction, pull the material over and clip. Many thanks indeed, Chris.

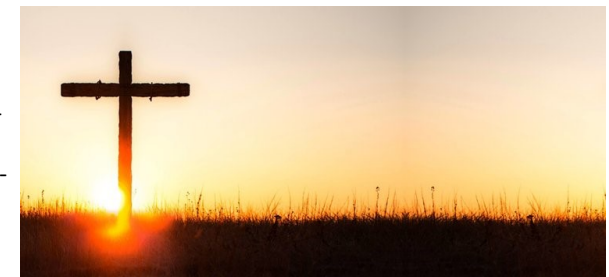


## Looking Ahead to Easter

As Easter is now less than a month away, it is time to highlight some upcoming services.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness:** This year the service will be held in Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church, and we will be setting off at 10 AM from the public car park near the Boundary House. (1 The Street Swindon SN25 3ER). There will also be a service here in church on Good Friday evening and a traditional communion service the evening before on Maundy Thursday.

**SonRise Service!** For those who like to be part of the service of worship at dawn, we will be holding our usual SonRise Service at Barbury Castle on Easter Day at 5:45 AM. It is a bit of a sacrifice to get out of bed so early, but, it brings home the reality of the early morning visit to the tomb by the three sorrowful Marys - only to find nothing there but the grave clothes.



# Have you returned your Electoral Roll Form?

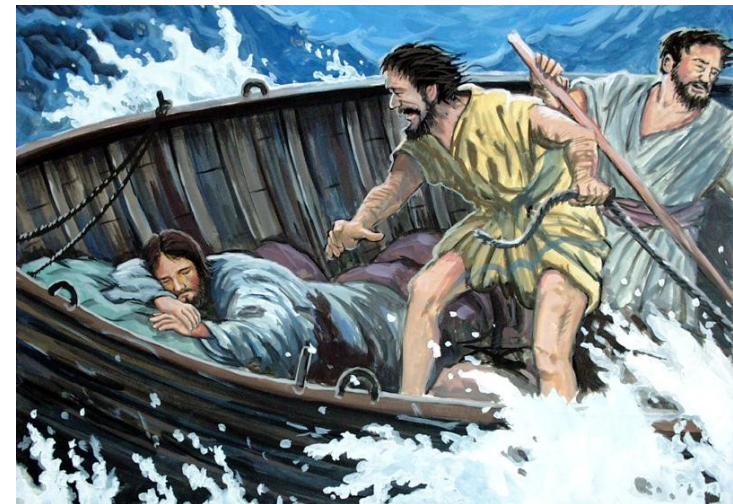
**Prayers: Doreen Titcombe** who is having an operation on her shoulder this week. For Natalie King's dad, **Rev Adrian Heath** who's got cancer of the oesophagus which has spread to his lung. He's had a stent fitted in his oesophagus to help him eat but at the moment he's in a lot of pain. **Andy Hall** has been undergoing tests this week. We pray for him and **Carol** as they await the results of those. Some will know **Helen Marsh** who teaches at Haydon Wick School. She is the wife of **Nigel Marsh** who once pastored a church here in Swindon. **Helen** is suffering from cancer and is currently very ill in hospital. **Sue Branch** remains far from well—her leg has a long way to go to full health;. **Sarah** is facing the future with more hope. **Raymond and Alison's new grandson Theon** after being very ill in hospital has begun to recover.



# Sunday Mar 24

## 3rd of Lent

Mon 25th	9.30-11.30am 2pm 7.30pm	Pram Club Edna Webb's Homegroup in the Quiet Room PCC Meeting in the Quiet Room
Tues 26th	8pm	David Rudland's Homegroup, Purton
Wed 27th	1-3pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Craft Club in Church Room The Bible Course in the Quiet Room Bill Hunt's Homegroup at 17 Rother Close
Fri 29th	10.30-1.30pm	Rock Cafe



Please pray for our church family	
Mon 25th	Peter & Grace Burrett
Tue 26th	Richard & Christine Burston
Wed 27th	Susana Calle Martin
Thurs 28th	Donald & Daphne Carter
Fri 29th	Joan Connor
Sat 30th	Laurane Cooper
Sun 31st	The Crosby Family

**Diamond Wedding Anniversary!**  
 Congratulations to  
 John and Dee Howard.  
 Married 60 years!

### “Wait for the Lord”

Services Next Week			
31st Mar	9am 11am	Holy Communion All Age Service	Tom Vandamme Tom Vandamme

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Simon Robertson	Psalms 27 Mark 4: 35-41
11.00am	Morning Praise	Simon Robertson	Psalms 27 Mark 4: 35-41

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