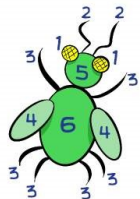


Forging Connections What is the enclosed leaflet all about?

A group of organisations serving the community are gathering together to **forge connections** between Christian organisations and the church in Swindon.

The event is being promoted by Good News 4 Swindon.



Challenger's weekend away – 1st fundraising event

A Beetle Drive – come along for a fun evening and a light ploughman's supper

Date: Saturday 18th May

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Cost: £5 per person or £15 for a family – pay on the door on the night.

To help us know how many to cater for - Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer from Sunday 5th May till Friday 17th May. Any queries please speak to **Liz Gardner 07966 314499**

The Rock Café committee have arranged a Volunteers meeting on **June 10th at 2.30 in the Cafe** at church. Could you please put this date in your diary and try to be able to attend. It is really important that we speak to you all to let you know how the cafe is progressing and the recent changes that have been made to the guidelines. We will be giving you all an official invitation and a copy of the newly revised guidelines and policies in the near future for you to have a look at in advance of the meeting. We need to hear your views and suggestions too. We really hope as many of you will come as possible, as an incentive we have our star bakers making cakes, and you all know how good those are! Thank you all for your continuing hard work and loyalty. We wouldn't have a cafe without you. Yours in Christ, Mary Southgate.



Nominations for Mission Donations 11% of our Giving goes to Mission. This is divided into 7 shares. 4 full and 4 half shares go to our Mission partners and the seventh share is held to enable PCC to match up to £1000, donations made for special appeals raised by retiring offerings. However, from time to time the seventh share fund increases to a level where it is appropriate to make extra donations on a 'one off' basis, as we did in 2017.

Anyone from the congregation who would like to nominate a local, national or overseas Christian based project or organisation for consideration please contact The Parish Office or e mail chrishawkes.2019@gmail.com for a nomination form to be received for consideration **by week commencing 1st July 2019.**

All Change

What happened at the APCM? We said a big thank you to three PCC members who stood down at the APCM on Monday having served us well over the years. **Chris Hawkes, Tony Nash and Simon Robertson** were all thanked for their service on PCC over many years. In their place we appointed **James Bennett, Lesley Mead and Mark Sansome.**



Rod Mortimer did an extra year in the role of church-warden. We thanked him for that and for all his service over the years to this church. The indefatigable **Sharon Mortimer** was appointed as church warden for her sixth and final year. We were also delighted to welcome as our new churchwarden **Sam Opoka.**

New Leaders: We ought also to point out that **David and Viv Williams** have taken responsibility for the **Prayer Ministry Team** for the future. We thank them for all they will bring to that.

And we were delighted to welcome **Mary Southgate** as **Chair of the Rock Café.** Dee presented a very encouraging picture of the ROCK on Monday evening. Over the years we have had to scale back what we were attempting to do, but we have now found the right balance.

One of the indefinable characteristics of the ROCK is its atmosphere. We just know when it feels right. We are in a good place at present with a strong committee and people keen to see the café work to its full potential. The atmosphere is welcoming. ROCK is in a good place.



The Strategic Plan

Next week we want to introduce the Strategic Plan and spend a few more weeks thinking about it. **Mark Sansome** and **Anna Richardson** have been really helpful in enabling us to think about the strategy we want to develop as a church and as a PCC.

Next Sunday we will spend some time looking at what we believe God is calling us to in the future. We need to acknowledge the big changes that have taken place. Sally's departure to North Swindon and Andrew's passing have meant that a church which two years ago had three licensed clergy now has one. That inevitably makes a big difference. It cannot do otherwise.

Our PCC is not in the business of decline, because we believe God is not in the business of decline. But we need the right structures. We need the right people serving. And we need to make ourselves available to the power of the Holy Spirit. Much more next week.

Prayers: We remember **Natalie King** and her family, and especially her mum. They have recently lost a husband, father and grandfather in Adrian. Maureen Taylor's daughter **Hayley** is getting married to **Tim Gleed** on Friday 10th May in a civil ceremony in Aldermaston. Pray for them both in their married life together. And thinking of weddings, **Jenny Robertson and Phil Evans** will be getting married in November. Pray for all their preparations and future life together. **Doreen Titcombe** is recovering from her shoulder operation. Let's keep **James Bennett** in our prayers as he continues to lead our financial life in St John's. Pray for **Lesley Mead and Mark Sansome** as they take up their places on our PCC. **Bill Hunt** is soon going to Senagal with Mercy Ships. (more in the services today)



Sunday
5th May
3rd of Easter

Mon 6th	9.30-11.30am	Pram Club
Wed 8th	1-3pm 8pm	Craft Club in Church Room Whole Church Prayer Meeting
Fri 10th	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Cafe



Please pray for our church family	
Mon 6th	Richard & Pauline Gray & family
Tue 7th	Angela Gunston
Wed 8th	Caroline & Peter Haines & family
Thurs 9th	Andy & Carol Hall
Fri 10th	Tersia Hall & family
Sat 11th	Wendy Hall
Sun 12th	Sue & Allan Hamer

Coffee Angels Needed!
11am after service Sunday 5th. Please help on the day as no-one is down to do it.

Seeing is believing!

Services Next Week			
12th May	9am	Holy Communion 1662	Raymond Adams
	11am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	1 John 1: 1-4 John 20: 24-31
11.00am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams	1 John 1: 1-4 John 20: 24-31

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.