

Two New Archdeacons

Our former Archdeacon, **Christine Froude**, literally did the work of two people. The diocese has recognised this and has appointed two people to replace her! The new Archdeacon at the Bristol end of the Diocese has been named as Revd Neil Warwick. He is currently the vicar of Earley in Reading but will be arriving in the summer.

The person whom we will soon get to know as "our" Archdeacon is the Ven. Christopher Bryan. He was installed as Archdeacon of Malmesbury in Bristol Cathedral on Tuesday. Christopher is currently leading a group of eight rural parishes in Gauzebrook Benefice near Malmesbury and has for several years, since moving from Lechlade Parish Church. He has also worked on a large council estate in Manchester.



The Ven. Christopher Bryan

What does an archdeacon do?

- He works closely with the Bishop as a 'critical friend'.
- He is there to offer pastoral care and support to clergy and their families.
- He will help to develop and implement strategy for mission in the diocese.
- He is a member of the Bishop's Staff and contributes in that role to the development of Diocesan Policies and procedures.
- He plays an important role during vacancies helping parishes find a new vicar.
- He has responsibility for buildings and property.

The office is used to be known as *oculus episcopi*, or the "Bishop's Eye". In secular terms, they are the nearest thing clergy have to a line manager. Archdeacons tend to have a good idea of what is happening on the ground. For fans of the sitcom *Rev.* we ought to clarify that they don't wear black gloves, pour mugs of instant coffee straight down the sink or ride round in the back of black taxis.



Revd Neil Warwick

If you have been with us for some time, you will remember our former archdeacon, **The Ven Alan Hawker**. Alan had a superb grasp of the legal side of church life and was an excellent administrator. He led house parties for us and preached regularly. He was a gifted Bible teacher and spiritual leader.

So, it is a wide ranging role. Let's pray for our two Archdeacons, that God will continue to build his church under their guidance and leadership.

Challenger's weekend away – 1st fundraising event

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

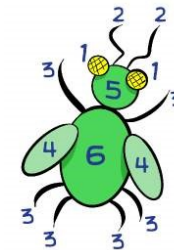
Date: Saturday 18th May

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**



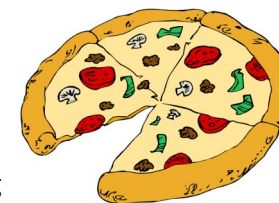
Another Fellowship Afloat

This ship will be home for **Bill Hunt** for three months. If you were here last week, you will have had a sneak preview of why Bill is going to be on board, and which part of the world he is going to. The full story will be told on Sunday June 9th at both services.



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.

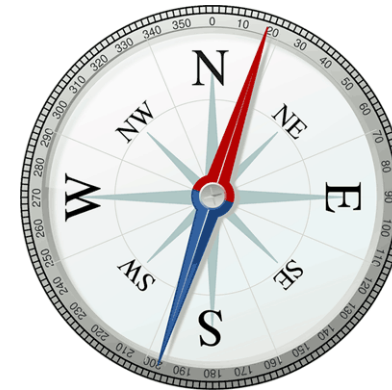


Anyone from the congregation who would like to nominate a local, national or overseas Christian based project or organisation for consideration please contact The Parish Office or e mail chrishawkes.2019@gmail.com for a nomination form to be received for consideration **by week commencing 1st July 2019.**

Prayers: Let's pray that **Christopher Bryan** and **Neil Warwick**, our new Archdeacons will be used by God to lead his church into the future He plans for us. Those of us who recall **Alan Hawker** and **Christine Froude** will want to give thanks for their ministry and all the support and help they afforded this church. Plans are in progress for a big celebration in October of our **50 year link with Uganda**. This will last for about ten days and will touch every part of our diocese. We pray for **Eridard and Jane Nsubuga from the diocese of Luweero** who will be visiting us along with many other Ugandan bishops and the music group **Uganda Fire**



Sunday 12th May 4th of Easter



Mon 13th	9.30-11.30am 2pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Pram Club Edna Webb's Homegroup—Quiet Room Bill Hunt's Homegroup—17 Rother Close PCC Meeting in the Quiet Room
Tues 14th	8pm 8pm	Paul & Carol Nichol's Homegroup—20 Furlong Close David Rudland's Homegroup—Purton
Wed 15th	1-3pm	Craft Club in Church Room
Fri 17th	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Cafe

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 13th	Lyn Hammond
Tue 14th	Sue Harvey
Wed 15th	Chris & Lesley Hawkes
Thurs 16th	Doris Haynes
Fri 17th	John & Rachel Hodgkinson
Sat 18th	John & Dee Howard
Sun 19th	Peter & Pam Howlett

11am Volunteer Vacancies:

1 counter & banker

2 coffee servers 

If you can help please let Catherine know.

Mapping our Future Remembering Our Purpose

Services Next Week			
19th May	9am 11am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Raymond Adams Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion 1662	Raymond Adams	Numbers 14:1-9 Luke 19:35-43
11.00am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams	Numbers 14:1-9 Luke 19:35-43

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.