

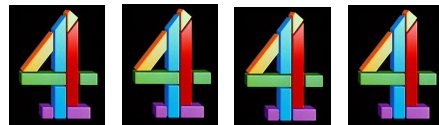
Prayers: Let's pray for the **United States of America** and **Uganda** in their struggles to see democracy prevail. **Trump** lost the vote and has finally left the White House. **President Museveni** remains in post after an election which observers have refused to describe as "free and fair." Pray for the future of both nations. We remember **Mary, Henry and Elie and their children** in their sad loss of Mike. **Mike and Wendy Crosby, Matt and Rachel** recently lost Mike's mum. Let's not forget those for whom pain is a regular part of their lives— **Andy Hall and Ian Bridge. And for ourselves** that we might be used by God to point someone to Him.



Sunday
24th January
2021
Epiphany 3

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Simon & Sally Robertson
Tue	David & Jo & Emily Rudland
Wed	Yvonne Rumble
Thurs	Amos & Elvira Sabling
Fri	Mark & Mel Sansome
Sat	Carol Sawyer
Sun	David & Kathleen Selwood

Meeting for Prayer
Here are two dates for your diary.
We are going to meet for prayer on Zoom on :
Thursday 4 Feb. @ 7.30pm
Thursday 4 March @7.30 pm
Code will be issued next week.



Zoffee at Noon
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86359204969?pwd=OUlzSjFYUDViNHVNQUZHSkpxcmNhZz09>
Passcode: 076070



How to be Good With Money

Services Next Week			
January 31	9 am	Holy Communion in church	Raymond Adams
	11am	Online Morning Worship	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion in Church	Raymond Adams	Selected Verses from Proverbs Luke 6:32-36
11.00 am	Morning Worship Online		

Our Jar of Grace and Our Year of Giving

It is now time for people to return any Jars of Grace that you might have. As ever your gift will be divided between Uganda and TEAR Fund. If you do not have a physical Jar, you are welcome to transfer money to the Church bank account or write a cheque, in lieu of cash. The counters would be pleased if you were to do that.

Because of Covid we are not, of course, expecting anything like as many jars as we have done in previous years.

We are also conscious that the church has responded with exceptional generosity over the last 10 months. We recently gave five and half thousand pounds towards the *Archbishop of Uganda's Emergency Fund*. (I will be reproducing a letter of thanks to +Viv from him soon.) This was on top of a further £3000 which St John's gave last April to relieve urgent distress in Uganda. Sally Robertson helped to organise a united response from the whole Swindon Deanery at that time.

So it has been a truly stupendous twelve months of giving. But, the truth is that it really had to be. The need among clergy and especially the children of clergy families in poor areas was urgent. God used us to answer their prayers and meet their need.

However, if you wish to give again your gifts will be most welcome. If you would like to, please do it soon.

The church account is **St John's PCC**

Sort Code **40 52 40** Account Number **00018582**

James also makes a plea that transfers are clearly labelled 'JOG' to ensure that he can correctly apply them to the *Jar of Grace Appeal*.

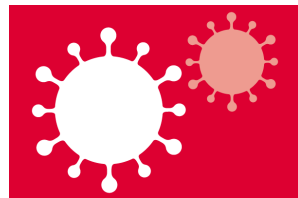


St John's has had a heart for Luweero since 1997.

Fit and Well

You may have heard that Raymond had a Covid Test on Monday evening after falling ill. He is now back at work and feeling a great deal better.

Thanks for your concern and prayers.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches of North Swindon Online Service

24th January at 6.30 pm.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland.

The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17.

We need hardly say that it is on Zoom, but as you will not have to go out in the cold this year, there are some advantages. Nick also intends to stream it to youtube.

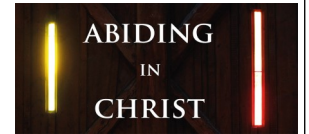
The whole service will last about 40 minutes. Please join your fellow Christians this evening. Raymond will be giving a short talk.

Here is the shortened url to the Zoom Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/WOP24JAN>

Zoom Meeting ID: 858 9173 0935

Here is the YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/TXAnkeyFmc>



The theme of this year's service

Alpha: Who Could You Invite?

You will have received the letter from our Communications Team. We hope to start on Wednesday January 27th. People can sign up directly from our website. Full information is there.



Eritrea - Country No 6

The Eritrean Orthodox Church is the only Christian denomination recognised by the government, and is tightly controlled by those in power.

Government security forces monitor phone

calls, scrutinise activity and conduct countless raids which target Christians, seize Christian materials and damage house churches. Christians can be arrested and imprisoned without trial. Many Christians are held in inhumane prisons because of their faith, and their loved ones often do not know where they are or even if they are still alive.

