

Prayers: Lets pray that the havoc that Covid has wreaked on our nation will cause people to turn to God for hope this Christmas. Hundreds of invitations have gone out to our local schools. Let's pray for people to watch Christingle and our other online services, and that God will speak to them.

Zoffee

Raymond will be in church on Sunday. If you would like to come to zoffee please send a message to Andy on andyshall@ntlworld.com. He will send you a code. We will work out a better system for the New Year.

Please pray for our church family

Mon	Julie Jarman
Tue	Simon Kan and Yu Ling Goh
Wed	Dilys Kimber
Thurs	Delroy & Natalie King and family
Fri	Joan & George King
Sat	Gillian Large
Sun	Lorraine Limer

Have you sent Alison your "Christmas Card" photo?

Send her a picture of yourself and a written message by Monday

alison.adams40@ntlworld.com

You will need to be quick!

Services Next Week

December 20	Time	Service	Minister
	9 am	Holy Communion in Church	Raymond Adams
	11am	Morning Praise in Church and Online	Raymond Adams
	6.30 pm	Carol Service Online only	Raymond Adams



Sunday
13 December
2020
Advent 3



Joy to the World

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9 am	Holy Communion	Simon Robertson	Psalm 2 John 6:1-15
11 am	Holy Communion Live and Online	Simon Robertson	Psalm 2 John 6:1-15
4.30 pm	Christingle Online	Lesley Mead & Team	Isaiah 9:6,7

Message from Bishop Viv to the Swindon Deanery



“Rt Revd Vivienne Faull, is pleased to announce that Revd Trudie Wigley has been appointed Area Dean of Swindon.

Trudie, who is vicar of Dorcan church in East Swindon, will become Area Dean of Swindon from 4 January 2021. She will take over the role from Revd Canon Raymond Adams who has been Acting Area Dean of Swindon since 1 April 2020.

Following a curacy in Swindon, Trudie has been vicar of Dorcan church since 2014, an ecumenical partnership with the Methodist church. She is active across the town and, as well as serving on the Deanery Leadership Team, is on the steering group team of Good News for Swindon, an ecumenical movement in the town.

She holds a number of posts in the Diocese of Bristol, as a member of the Bishop’s Council, the Finance Committee and the Diocesan Synod. “

Raymond writes: “ I have enjoyed doing the job — most of the time. However, no longer having to fit this into my timetable will make a big difference in 2021. Especially as, this coming July, after nine years in post, I will cease to be Chair of the House of Clergy.

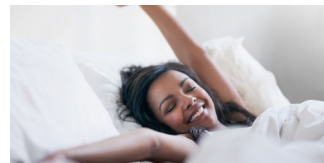
By August next year, my diary will look a lot different. I think I am going to be fishing around next summer for something new to put in it.

Don’t Come Too Early to the 11am in church.

Yes - I know we have been saying the opposite for years, but things have (temporarily) changed. We need to make sure the 9am worshippers are out of the building so we can do all the cleaning that is required before we let the next congregation in. So if you come too early you might have to stand in the rain. We will open the doors at 10:50 am.

Does that give enough cleaning time? Well, at the height of the pandemic we were holding funerals at the crematorium chapel every half hour throughout the day. The Director of Public Health was satisfied with the cleaning done.

There will be no signing in in advance. We have not needed to do it for the 9am service and are not expecting to need to do it for 11am.



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services



On reflection, we have decided that the **All Age service on Christmas Day** will now be online only and **NOT** in church.

There will be a short online service starting at 10 am.

Why not invite your family members to watch it with you?

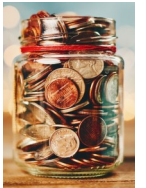
We will hold a live **Midnight Communion Service** at 11pm in church.

It can also be viewed on facebook and on our website anytime after **9pm on Christmas Eve.**

You can either start watching it then, or wait to join us at at 11:00 p.m.

The Bishops’ Uganda Appeal— A Magnificent Response

Treasurer James Barrett was delighted to let us know that we received **£5,338** in gifts from members of the congregation. The PCC were able to add **£300** and so **£5,638** will go to the *Archbishop of Uganda’s Emergency Fund* and be a huge blessing to many families in time for Christmas.



Jar of Grace— If you are collecting in this way, we will be glad to receive those gifts over Christmas. They can be left at Church after a live service or during the personal prayer time on a Wednesdays from noon until 1:30 pm.

Gifts will go to Tear Fund and projects we support in Luweero.

How To Make Your Christingle



Before

Type in the Bit.ly code from the poster or search youtube for “St John’s

Swindon Christingle” to see a terrific video from Abbie.

Then join Lesley and the team at 4.30 pm

The Christingle on Sunday (13th) is Online Only



After