

Two Sad Losses

- ◆ The funeral of our former church warden **Peter Howlett** will take place at Kingsdown Crematorium on Tuesday 18th January at 2.15pm
- ◆ **Sheila Galvin** also died suddenly in Salisbury having recently moved there from Swindon.
- ◆ If you would like to send a card:
Pam Howlett—Flat 42 Haydon Court Swindon SN25 1QN
Mick Galvin— 2a Queen Alexandra Road, Salisbury SP2 9LN



Sunday
January 9 2021
Epiphany + 1

Please pray for our church family

Mon	Pat Edge & John
Tue	Robert & Annabel Elrick
Wed	John Evans
Thurs	Judy Evans
Fri	Phil & Jenny Evans
Sat	Irene Ferguson & Peter
Sun	Peter & Pam Fletcher

Please pray for:

Julian and Win Priddle: *Julian's mother's funeral will take place on January 10th.*

Pam Howlett: *we remember Peter with great warmth and affection.*

Mick and Sheila *were planning a new life together in Salisbury nearer to their family.*

Mary Southgate *who lost Mike so suddenly at this time last year and for all those for whom Christmas brings both warm and painful memories.*



When The Fun Stops

Services Next Week - The First and the Last.			
January 16th	9am	Holy Communion in church	Raymond Adams
	11am	Holy Communion live streamed to YouTube	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion in Church	Raymond Adams	Hebrews 13: 1-8 Matthew 21: 28-32
11.00am	All Age Service Live streamed to YouTube	Raymond Adams	Matthew 21: 28-32

New Area Dean of Swindon

(Parts of this Item are taken from the Diocesan Website)

The Bishop of Bristol, the Rt Revd Vivienne Faull, is pleased to announce the appointment of Revd Sally Robertson as Area Dean for Swindon.



Pray for our new
Area Dean

Sally follows Revd Trudie Wigley who has recently been elected *Chair of the House of Clergy* in Bristol Diocese, the role Raymond held for nine years.

During her time in Swindon, Sally has chaired the Swindon-Uganda Link and has formed relationships with Christians from Kampala and Luweero through hosting visits here and visiting Uganda twice. She and Chris Hawkes went out together to represent our deanery at Bishop Eridard's consecration.

Sally said : "Over the past year I have enjoyed working with Trudie. I am passionate about encouraging churches to work together so that resources and initiatives can be shared, and Jesus' name proclaimed by a united body of Christians across Swindon"

The Bishop of Bristol, Rt Revd Vivienne Faull said: "I am very pleased Sally has agreed to take on this important role. She will do it with flair, prayerfulness and commitment. There are both challenges and exciting opportunities as we look to connect with our communities and grow the Church in Swindon Deanery. But I look forward to working with Sally, drawing on her wisdom and experience to enable this."

Sally worked with Raymond for three years as our Assistant Minister before moving to North Swindon. The entire congregation joins me in sending our warmest congratulations on her recent appointment.

Sally picks up her new role just as we start to see our deanery and diocese moving in a new direction. The fruits of *Transforming Church Together* will be revealed during the course of 2022. You will certainly hear more.



Bishops need
prayer as
well.

St. John's Oldest Member

The names of Eileen Arkley and Ruby Allen have appeared frequently in the bulletin in recent weeks.

Eileen, who is our oldest member, sadly died last Monday. She would have been 99 later this month. She was able to join her sister **Ruby** in Princess Lodge Care Home in November. Eileen and Ruby are long standing members of St John's and were part of our communion service at James Wilks House for many years.



Eileen and Ruby
Together

Eileen worked at the Oasis for seven years. She has a scrapbook of signed photographs from the people she looked after there including David Essex and Harry Secombe.

If you would like to send a card to Ruby her address is Princess Lodge, 17 Curie Ave, Swindon SN1 4GB.
Eileen's funeral service will take place in St John's on Tuesday 1st February at 11am

Maintaining our Weekly Services Under Covid

We had a tremendous Christmas with a huge amount of energy and inspiration shown in the glorious Narnian forest and in the music at the Carol Service.

Although we managed to serve up a glorious Christmas Cake, some bread and butter aspects of church life need urgent attention.

1. Counting and Banking. This involves counting the money given on the plate and by envelope after the 11:00 am service. Two people to do this together in church. Despite Covid, we really must not deviate from best practice with regard to finance.



2. Multi Media: This is giving Sharon in the Parish Office a headache. We need a few more adults to be involved at 11:00 am.

We have had strong responses to our requests for help since August. That is great because all the work is done by volunteers. Your help will be vital in keeping services running smoothly in St John's on a week-to-week basis in 2022.