

GOOD FRIDAY—Walk of Witness

This year The Good Friday United Walk of Witness will start at 10 am at *The Hub* (opposite the library on *The Orbital*) and move to an open-air service outside St John's at 10.30 am. Our musicians will lead the worship and Paul Freeland from *The Well* will preach.



Sunday
April 10 2022
Palm Sunday

Please pray for our church family

M.	Linda Simpson & Mark
Tu	Alan & Marion Smart
We	Rosemary Smith
Th	Mary Southgate

F	Pauline Stacey
Sa	Ann Startin-Field
Su	Dorothy Strowger



Services for Holy Week and Easter

Day	Time	Service	Minister
Thursday April 14	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
Friday April 15	10 am	Good Friday Walk of Witness (see in blue above)	Paul Freeland
Easter Day April 17	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	All Age Communion Live streamed to YouTube	Raymond Adams

A Very Narrow Escape

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion (1662)	Raymond Adams	Isaiah 50: 4-7 Matthew 27: 11-26
11.00am	Morning Worship Live streamed to YouTube		

The Beautiful Story - A Video From CEEC

Christians believe that the gospel is good news for all people and for all time.

Contemporary culture don't always echo our biblical world view. You only have to watch TV for a day or two to see that. The church needs to be clear about how the gospel both challenges and transforms human experience – including our relationships and sexuality. We do not just adopt current views automatically.

Living in Love and Faith (LLF) is an important exercise in listening. We must do our best to understand other people and listen to their experiences.

The Beautiful Story is a 30 minute film that explains how a biblical vision for human sexuality is good for individuals, the church and society as a whole. It is intended to promote discussion in local churches around sexuality and relationships. It aims to provide the case for a traditional Christian viewpoint.



We encourage groups to whole heartedly respond to LLF and engage with it. But there is more to say.

The Church of England Evangelical Council was founded by Revd John Stott of All Souls Langham Place. He also founded LICC—see page 3. What a legacy!!

Double Coffee—and something tasty.

We plan to serve Coffee and Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday after the service. If you are able to help, do please sign up on the sheet or email the parish office.

Lesley has had an idea for a remarkable backdrop for our services on Easter Day. It is something we have never seen before in St John's and will tie in with our theme for the day—the transformation of the looming cross. Come and join in person to get the full effect.



She would also like to serve coffee and something nice after the 11am service on Easter Day. The 9 o'clockers have always met for coffee after the service but the 11 am congregation are much more hesitant. Let's see if we can tempt you into the lounge on Easter Day. So we have a double sign up sheet.

40 Cities Tour with LICC

The London Institute of Christianity

Paul and Ruth Woolley were members of St John's for several years. Paul was a founding member of *Theos*, a Christian think-tank which stimulated debate on issues in society. When they were with us, he was helping to lead *Bible Society* here in Swindon. Many of us will remember them with warmth.

Paul is now working with LICC (*The London Institute of Contemporary Christianity*) and would like to speak to our congregation through the bulletin along with churches throughout the country. We will also see him on a short video on Sunday. Paul writes:

"It's 40 years since LICC was founded. Our whole-life disciple-making mission is as important to us as ever.

As we emerge out of the pandemic, we're on tour.

We'll be in Swindon on Thursday May 12th at 7.30 pm at Pattern Church. We'd love you to join us that evening

to hear more about how this whole-life vision can transform the way we see our daily lives and work – and how we might partner together to make a difference at this pivotal moment in our culture.

The evening events will begin with refreshments. After that we'll share stories, research, videos and music that capture the essence of what we do and how we might get alongside you as you seek to be an authentic disciple of Jesus in everyday life. You can learn more on the video on Sunday.



In the coming months, we'll be in London, Swindon, Glasgow, Belfast, Cardiff, Salford, and Bristol, with more locations and dates to be announced. But in May we will be with you in Swindon.

Whether you've been involved with LICC for decades or only just heard about us, please come and join us for that evening.

You can register your free place on <https://licc.org.uk/40-cities>



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