

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Linda Frost & Eddie
Tues	Alan & Colleen Futter
Wed	Liz & Andy Gardner
Thurs	Libby Gash & family
Fri	Janet Gash
Sat	Barbara Gates
Sun	Luke & Sophie Gibbs & family

Prayers

For Rishi Sunak as he takes on the role of Prime Minister at one of the most difficult times in recent history.

For the many prayerful and thoughtful MPs in the House of Commons.

For the people of Somalia enduring a terrible drought.

For those young people who will be confirmed next Sunday

For Julie Jarman and her family as they prepare for the funeral service of Julie's mum, Angela.



**Sunday
October 30
4th Sunday
before Advent**



**The Woman, The Child
and The Dragon**

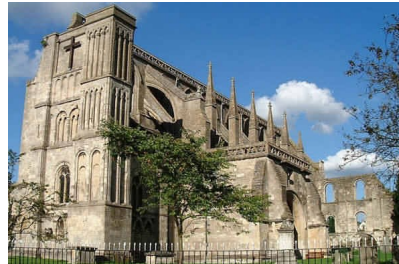
Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Revelation 12: 1-12
11.00am	Morning Praise		Revelation 12: 13-17

Confirmation Next Sunday

We have called the preparation course "Considering Confirmation".

Pray for those young people who have completed the course and are deciding if this is the right step for them.

**Malmesbury Abbey
Next Sunday at 4pm**



Services for Next Sunday			
Nov 6th Advent -3	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams

Light Party—Saturday Evening!!

The Light Party takes place on Saturday evening from 6pm. Please join us there. This is a family affair with crafts, songs and puppets.



Light Party
Saturday
October 29th
6pm to 7.45pm

Coffee (and Cake) After the Service

We are trying to work out the best way to do this. After Covid, people were just not keen on having coffee after church. In the end, we had to stand the tea and coffee teams down. Plus, people often have great conversations in church even if coffee is not served.

So, after tempting the congregation with cake, ice cream and chocolates, we have decided to go for tea and coffee on the first and third Sunday of every month. Sharon is going to put together a rota to reflect those dates. Former—or new—team members would be very welcome.



The Fourth Sunday Before Advent

Last week at 11am we sang a song containing the word “stable”. This week you will hear the word “Advent” for the first time in 2022. It can only mean one thing. Time to get ready.

An Advent Calendar which tells the Christmas story is a wonderful gift for a child.

It works like this: Behind each calendar door there is a line of the Christmas story. Each door has a corresponding page in the activity book which not only expands the Christmas story but sometimes sets an Advent challenge.

You will see an example on video this morning.

If you have cash with you, you can buy an Advent calendar in church today. Or you can sign the form to reserve a calendar or calendars for yourself. They are £4.50 each and make great presents for children and grandchildren.

We are a little bit ahead of the game this year, so if we need to order more, we can.



The Filling Station— A Long Term Project in our Church

Thanks to a tremendous amount of gifts at Harvest Thanksgiving, St John’s was able to donate considerable amounts of food to both the Swindon Food Collective and The Filling Station.

Filling Station is directly supported by church members throughout the year. They are currently feeding up to 70 people in a single evening. The next delivery of food will take place on **Thursday November 10th.**

This will be a long hard winter for many people. The warm autumnal weather we have been enjoying will pass. It is really important that we “do not grow weary in doing good.”. Mary will be sending out the requests in a couple of weeks. If anyone would like to add their names to her list she would love to hear from you. **Contact her on mary@lumel.co.uk**

