

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Julie Jarman
Tues	June Judge
Wed	Laura Judge
Thurs	Man Kam & Charmain Tan
Fri	Dilys Kimber
Sat	Delroy & Natalie King and family
Sun	Joan King & George

Please Pray

**Our Challengers Party** in December.

**Plans to develop** more social events for our young people.

**The opportunities** Christmas offers for reaching out to people beyond the church.

**Initial plans** and discussions about the coming vacancy.

**Lesley Mead** as she continues to recover from the accident and subsequent operation.



# Sunday November 27 2022 Advent Sunday



## The Christmas Choir

**First Rehearsal: Tomorrow Evening  
at 7.45 pm**

## Christingle

**This year we celebrate Christingle on  
Sunday 11th December at 4.30 pm.**

Services for Next Sunday			
Dec 4th Advent 2	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	Morning Praise	

Time	Service	Sermon
9.00 am	Holy Communion	This morning we have a visit from Bishop Lee who has recently returned from a visit to Uganda
11.00am	Morning Praise	

## Prayer for The Future

There will be a prayer meeting at **7.30pm** in the Quiet Room on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** to seek God's guidance for the next vicar.



## Three Thank You's

**Sanyu Babies' Home Uganda:** *"I am glad to inform you that we received your donation of £284. Thank you so much for your kind donation and we send our appreciation to the entire congregation."*

**The Filling Station:** *"Very many thanks to St John's for your gifts at Harvest Festival for those who are homeless in Swindon. Many people are still hungry because they are not supported out of their substance abuse. The system of total support within a hostel does not happen now."*

*We are currently giving out food to sixty people every Thursday evening and this would not be possible without your support."*

**Tear Fund:** *"Thank you so much for your generous gift of £1,101, proceeds from your annual "Jar of Grace" appeal. What a wonderfully inspired name for this appeal. You are making a difference for individuals."*

**Solange in the Democratic Republic of Congo** had to remove her children from school because she could not pay their fees. Funding from churches like yours meant we could provide training on new methods of farming and new techniques. She is now growing and—more importantly—selling aubergines, spinach, soya, maize and cabbage. Her children are back in school and getting the education they need for their future."

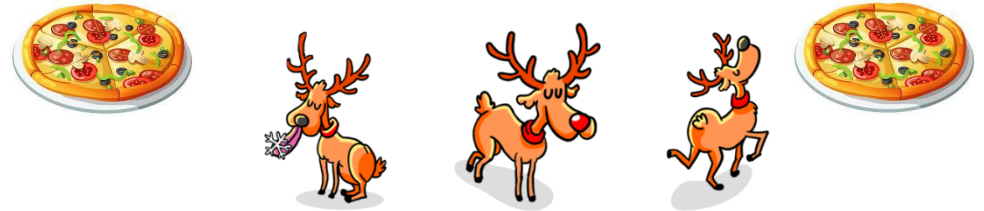


## Challengers Christmas Games and Pizza

Anyone Year 7—Year 13 is invited

**Friday 2nd December @ 7pm—9pm at Church**

Let Cathy Brown know if you can make it



## Holy Communion

Last week, during the communion service at 11am we offered the chalice to members of the 11am congregation for the first time since March 2020. It was received by ten people. We will continue to offer the common cup in the weeks to come.

This does not mean we will abandon our current practice of pouring wine into the individual cups that people bring to the rail. That will continue. There will always be a choice. However, our plastic glasses have run out and we do not want to invest in hundreds more plastic containers.



### **We never give out plastic glasses**

at the 9am service. The congregation always bring their own. That is a practice we are keen to encourage at the 11am. Bringing 40 or 50 glasses from the kitchen every time we have communion is not the best way forward.



### **You could set an alarm on your phone.**

We will provide you with reminders in the weeks to come. It might be a good idea to keep some glasses in your car so that, if you do forget, they are always there. And there will always be glasses available for visitors.