

Please pray for our church family		
Mon	Luke & Mia Hunneyball & family	Man Kam & Charmain Tan
Tue	Bill & Deana Hunt & family	Dilys Kimber
Wed	Brenda Hunt & Terry	Delroy & Natalie King & family
Thurs	Decima Iles & Stan	Joan King & George
Fri	Julie Jarman	Gillian Large
Sat	June Judge	Lorraine Limer
Sun	Laura Judge	Brian Limmer



Sunday April 9th



Please Pray

For Helen Wheeler and her family following the sad loss of Helen's mum on Tuesday evening.

For Bishop Eridard as he retires in the summer and for Rev Canon Godfrey Kasana who succeeds him as Bishop of Luweero.

For our young people - we give thanks for them and pray they will find good role models and make wise choices as they find their way in the world.

For James, our church treasurer - we give thanks for all his work throughout the year and pray for guidance as he gathers information from our Renewal of Giving to produce a budget for the coming year.

Sunday services coming up			
16th April Easter 2	9am	Morning Prayer	Bill Hunt
	11am	Morning Praise	
23rd April Easter 3	9am	Holy Communion 1662	Tricia Roberts
	11am	All Age Service	Simon Robertson

Easter Day

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Tricia Roberts	Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 21: 1-11
11.00 am	All Age Holy Communion		Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 28: 1-10

Praying Together on 19th April

It is important that we are praying during the vacancy for our church life to be sustained, and for the process of appointing our new vicar. We can do this on our own at home, but it is also good to meet together for prayer. The first of our dates for gathering to pray for St John's and for the needs of the wider world is on Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm in the church Quiet Room.



Renewal of Giving 2023

A note from our Treasurer:

In February we launched our Renewal of Giving for 2023. This important annual event gives me vital information about St John's income levels for the forthcoming year. It enables the PCC to plan and time expenditure in all sorts of areas important to the life of the church, from essential repairs, paying for the running costs of the building, our outreach work and services, and also the giving we make to mission partners across the town and the wider world. We had hoped to announce the results to the church in early April but we currently only have just over half of responses in. We would be so grateful for a response (all information is kept confidential) - you can respond via our website using this link (<https://www.stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk/renewal-of-giving/>), by sending me an email (to jameshywelbennett@gmail.com) or by using the paper pledge card in your renewal of giving pack.

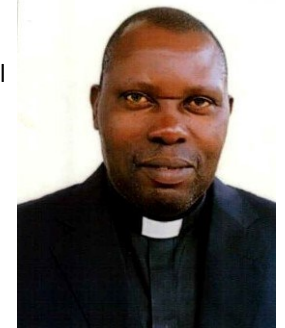


The Renewal of Giving report will be presented to the congregation on Sunday 16th April so any outstanding responses need to be received by Wednesday 12th April please.

Thank you.

Next Bishop of Luweero

Our friend Bishop Eridard in Uganda is following Raymond's example and retiring this year. The Church of Uganda has recently announced that his successor as Bishop of Luweero will be Rev. Canon Godfrey Kasana, who will be consecrated as Bishop on 16th July 2023. You may remember that Godfrey preached at St John's on video one week during lockdown. He also visited Swindon in 2014.



When Simon and Sally went to Uganda in 2019 Godfrey escorted them to visit some of the local schools around Luweero and his wife Harriet prepared a meal for them, which they ate outside their house, as the house was still under construction. One of Simon's fondest memories of Godfrey is how he "translated" for them when talking to secondary school pupils. This consisted of Simon speaking in the Queen's English whilst Godfrey repeated the same words in a thick Ugandan accent, but still in English, so that the pupils could understand it.

Please pray for Godfrey as he prepares to take up his new role, and for Eridard and his wife Jane as they prepare for retirement.

Trip to Uganda

A number of us from St John's have had the pleasure of visiting Uganda and some of the schools, churches and projects that St John's supports and is linked with. Chris Hawkes or Simon Robertson would be happy to talk to you about how they appreciated going to Uganda.



Rev Tudor Roberts from Lydiard Millicent is planning a trip for people from Swindon from 15 to 28 October this year. This will visit Kampala, Luweero (where St John's links are) and some other parts of Uganda finishing with a two day safari. If you are interested, no commitment at this stage, do get in touch with Tudor

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