

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Susan Sweetman
Tue	Gary & Amy Tang
Wed	Maureen Taylor & David
Thurs	Katie Terrett
Fri	John & Jane Tibangu and family
Sat	Doreen Titcombe
Sun	Joan Titcombe

Challengers Helper

Challengers - our Sunday School group for children aged 11-18 - is in need of an extra pair of hands to help in the group on Sunday mornings. The helpers take turns week by week on a rota basis and no previous experience is necessary.

A CRB check and safeguarding training will be required.

For more information, please speak to Heather or another member of the Sunday School team. Thank you.

Please Pray

For Tricia Roberts with her recent health news (see overleaf), that doctors will reach a swift diagnosis and that treatment will be effective. We pray for comfort for Tricia and her family at this worrying time.

For next week's Harvest Service, where we give thanks for all we have and share our provision with others. We pray that our action and prayer will provide spiritual nourishment to those in need too, alongside the tins, jars and packets.

For the vacancy, as the interview period draws ever closer.

Sound and Multimedia

We are currently short of people to operate the sound desk and multimedia at both the 9am and 11am services. If you are able to help with either of these vital roles, please contact the Parish Office. Full training will be provided. Thank you.



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Services for Next Sunday

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8th October Harvest	9am	Holy Communion 1662	Tom Morgan
	11am	All Age Service	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Swindon Youth For Christ	Philippians 2: 1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32
11.00 am	Morning Praise		

Notices for next week's bulletin to the Parish Office by Wednesday 9am please

Please pray for Tricia

Tricia Roberts has sent a message with sad news about her health, which is that the doctors have found a 10cm mass above her kidney. Her letter is summarised below.

She has seen a haematologist and is now waiting for a biopsy and a CT-PET scan. Hopefully they will discover what it is and if it is a lymphoma what sort. The results then go to be discussed at a multidisciplinary meeting, after which she will see her consultant again. This will not be until mid-October. The prognosis for this kind of cancer is good.

We have sent Tricia some flowers from everyone at St. John's, but if you would like to send her a card, her address is:

The Vicarage, The Butts, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, SN5 3LR

Prayer Meeting

Our next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th October, the day before prospective candidates will be visiting our Parish and two days before the interviews take place on 12th October.

Please put this important date in your diary. We want the appointment of our next vicar to be covered in prayer.

Thank you from Brenda

Brenda Hunt would like to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes following Terry's death and his funeral last Tuesday. It meant a lot to her.

Harvest Service - next Sunday!

Just a reminder that our Harvest Festival service is next week on 8th October and this year we will be supporting the [Swindon Food Collective](#).

Swindon Food Collective would like donations of regular sized tins, jars, bottles, cartons or packets of **POTATOES; MEAT; FISH; TOMATOES; SOUP; VEGETABLES; FRUIT; PUDDINGS; PASTA SAUCE; CEREALS; SMALL JARS OF COFFEE; TEA; SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR; BISCUITS; 1L BOTTLES OF SQUASH; WASHING UP LIQUID; LAUNDRY PODS; 2 IN 1 SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER; MALE AND FEMALE DEODORANTS.**



After the service, we'll be having a bring and share lunch in church - open to everyone, both 9am and 11am congregations. Please let us know if you're planning to come to the lunch by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer. If you have any queries please contact Viv or David Williams.

Pregnancy Choices Swindon

Pregnancy Choices Swindon are one of the charities St John's supports through our giving. They provide confidential support and advice for people struggling with unplanned pregnancy and with pregnancy loss, through abortion, miscarriage and stillbirth.



On Saturday 14th October they will celebrate their 20th anniversary. It will be a time of reflection and thanking God for his faithfulness, and a good opportunity to meet them and hear about the work of Pregnancy Choices. As supporters, anyone from St John's congregation is invited to be there.

Time: 10:30am for coffee followed by meeting and light lunch

Place: Freshbrook Church, Worsley Rd, Swindon, SN5 8NU

RSVP to info@pregnancychoices.co.uk if you would like lunch please.

Lesley Mead writes....

We are moving away from Swindon in the near future and I thought I should remind everyone of what I have collected over previous years for Outreach events. These may be of great use to anyone contemplating planning the Christingle or other events.

We have the puppet theatre upstairs with a complete compliment of biblical puppets and others. Also animals of every kind. Plus outfits for them.

There is also a myriad of lights and decorations...some from the Narnia winter wonderland.

All in all hundreds of pounds of equipment at your disposal. I can show anyone where everything is stored. Hoping it will be of great use in future services and events.

Shoe Box Appeal

Denise Rees is organising the shoe boxes for Samaritans Purse this year.

The boxes will be available from Harvest Sunday, and we would like them all brought back no later than Remembrance Sunday, 12th November.