

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Brenda Hunt
Tue	Decima Iles & Stan
Wed	Julie Jarman
Thurs	June Judge
Fri	Laura Judge
Sat	Man Kam & Charmain Tan
Sun	Dilys Kimber

Please Pray

For our upcoming Christmas services, that we can reach out into the community effectively and share the real meaning of Christmas.

For Neil Warwick as he begins his new role as bishop in Swindon, that he will be blessed greatly in his work in the town.

For our unfilled vacancies in various roles around the church, that volunteers will come forward and help share the load.



Sunday 3rd Dec Advent 1

Welcome to Swindon!

Don't forget, this Sunday (3rd December) at 6.30pm there is a service of welcome for Rt Revd Neil Warwick, Bishop of Swindon, at Christ Church, Cricklade Street, Swindon.



Services for Next Sunday

	9am	Morning Prayer	Tom Morgan
10th Dec Advent 2	11am	Holy Communion	+Viv
	4.30pm	Christingle Service	Tom Morgan

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Christopher Bryan	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 Mark 13: 24-end
11.00 am	Morning Praise		

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

Carol Service Choir

Our Carol service is on December 17th and this year, without Alison, we're going for a reduced musical offering. There will be one rehearsal – Wednesday 6th December, 7.45pm – and two songs. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us to sing. If you are interested, we will send you the songs in advance so you can listen to them before the rehearsal. Please speak to Tomi or email Simon for more info.

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Growing Faith. Together Conference

The Diocese of Bristol is running an event on Saturday 20th January 2024 for anyone wanting to grow in their understanding of discipleship and everyday faith, at St Michael's, Stoke Gifford, Bristol. The aim is that

everyone who goes will be encouraged, inspired, refreshed and excited about what God can do in and through each one of us.

Fr Christopher Jamison, former Abbot of Worth Abbey, is the keynote speaker. He will be

helping us to reflect on how spiritual patterns of discipleship can be incorporated into our daily lives. In addition, in the afternoon he will be leading a workshop of the special gifts of Benedictine spirituality. There will be plenty of other workshops and resources available. For more details or to book a place see: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/growing-faith-together-tickets-718582959977>



Thank you 

Rosemary Smith would like to thank all the people who very kindly sponsored her daughter Michelle on her walk for Macmillan Cancer Support. Michelle has completed her distance and is very grateful to you all for your support.

The Giving envelopes for 2024 are ready to be collected.

If you give by the envelope scheme, please remember to pick up your envelopes before you leave church on Sunday. Thank you.



Christingle 2023

This year, our Christingle service will be held on 10th December.

Please look out for our postings on social media in the next week and help spread the word!

Who will you invite?



Bishop of Bristol visiting

Viv Faull, the Bishop of Bristol, will be coming to St John's on Sunday 10th December. She will be preaching and leading us in Communion at the 11am service. She needs to leave straight after the service, so will be joining us for coffee from 10.15am. Sadly, she is unable to come to the 9am service (we did invite her), but we would like to encourage as many as we can of the 9am congregation to come to the 11am that week to hear Bishop Viv.

