

Please pray for our church family	
<b>Mon</b>	Lyn Hammond
<b>Tue</b>	Sue Harvey
<b>Wed</b>	Chris & Lesley Hawkes
<b>Thurs</b>	Veronica Heath
<b>Fri</b>	John & Rachel Hodgkinson
<b>Sat</b>	Dee Howard
<b>Sun</b>	Bill Hunt & family

**Please Pray**

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

For the vacancy, that our advert will be successful in bringing the right person to our next round of interviews.

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



# Sunday 26th Nov Advent - 1



*Lesley Mead writes*

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the wonderful farewell! The pictures, the amazing worship medley!! That sneaky Worship group!! And for the gorgeous flowers and hugs and well wishes. Brian and I were very touched. We will no doubt drop in sometimes to see you all...lots of love and God bless.

Services for Next Sunday			
3rd Dec Advent 1	9am	Holy Communion	Christopher Bryan
	11am	Morning Praise	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Tom Morgan	2 Corinthians 3: 12-18
11.00 am	Holy Communion		John 15: 1-10

*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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## Sound and Multimedia

We are still short of people to operate the sound desk and multimedia at both the 9am and 11am services. There are currently gaps in the December rota where one or both of these roles are not filled. This includes the Christmas services. If you are able to help with either of these vital roles, please contact the Parish Office or chat to the one of the current operators for more information. Full training is provided.

Thank you.

## Health & Safety



The PCC have just reviewed the Health and Safety Policy and are seeking someone who would be able to be advise them on Health and Safety matters. This is an advisory role only, the PCC will remain liable for all Health and Safety issues.

If you feel you would be happy to take up this role, or would like more information, please contact Rod Mortimer

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## New Bishop of Swindon

Coming up, there are two opportunities to welcome Neil Warwick as the new Bishop of Swindon which we are all invited to:

*Thursday 30th November*, his consecration in Canterbury Cathedral. There is a coach going from Swindon, leaving from St Paul's Church, Covingham at 6am and returning to Swindon around 6pm. The cost is £30, including lunch. If you'd like a seat on the coach let Jo, the Deanery Administrator know

[admad.swindondeanery@gmail.com](mailto:admad.swindondeanery@gmail.com)

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*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December*, 6:30pm a service of welcome at Christ Church, Cricklade Street, Swindon.



## 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 few weeks and help spread the word!

*Who will you invite?*



## Bishop of Bristol visiting

Rt Revd Viv Faull, the Bishop of Bristol, will be coming to St John's on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. She will be preaching and leading us in Communion at the 11am service. Sadly, she is unable to come to the 9am service. We would like to encourage the 9am congregation to come to the 11am service that week and meet Bishop Viv.

