

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Liz Morecombe and family
Tue	Rod & Sharon Mortimer
Wed	Trevor & Linda Morton-Holmes
Thurs	James & Mary Muigai and family
Fri	Tony & Jill Nash
Sat	Aman & Eunis Ng
Sun	Abraham & Esther Ngeru and family

Please Pray

For Andy Hall with his recent Covid diagnosis, and all others known to us who are unwell at this time.

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

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



Sunday 17th Dec Advent 3



Peter Fletcher writes:
We are giving thanks for the good outcome so far from Pam's knee operation. Please pray for continued recovery from this and from her previous hip operation. Pam and Peter send Christmas greetings to all.

Thank you!
To Rachel and John Hodgkinson for buying and decorating our Christmas tree this year.



Services next week			
24th Dec Advent 4	9am	Holy Communion	Tom Morgan
	11am	Holy Communion	
	11pm	Midnight Communion	
25th Dec Christmas Day	10am	All Age Service	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Simon Robertson	Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 John 1:6-8,19-28
11.00 am	Morning Praise		
6.30 pm	Seven Lessons and Carols		Various

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

Welcome Course Christmas Party 8th Dec 2023



On Friday evening Hongkongers from across all 3 of the Welcome Courses, plus those newly signed up for Spring, came to enjoy a great Christmas party!

We had around 32 families arrive, bringing a delicious selection of favourite foods which were the first things we appreciated. Our next treat was two Carols led by a professional pianist and singer in both English and Cantonese, followed by the 12 Days of Christmas led by our own Simon

Robertson. Pastor Cheung from the

Chinese Church did a bi-lingual Christmas message, making sure we all got the story in the right sequence!

Then it was time for games – Pass the Parcel and Musical Chairs, led by Carol and Tom! Everyone certainly threw themselves into these games which produced a great deal of laughter.

All too soon it was time to clear up and say our goodbyes, but not before a donation was given to St John's. Special thanks must go to Charmain for her organizational abilities, despite feeling unwell.



The Big North Swindon Sing

Wednesday 20th December

5pm Local
Tadpole Garden Village
Outside Sainsbury's
Moredon
Outside Tesco

6:30pm Together
The Orbital
The tree (outside Boots)

Come and sing your favourite carols with the churches of North Swindon



Last Sunday's Christingle service was a great success. A huge thank you to everyone who took part - in



particular to the group of ladies who managed to make 120 Christingle oranges between them!

