

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Tomi Aliu and family
Tue	Wendy Barker
Wed	Gillian Barr
Thurs	James & Jo Bennett and family
Fri	Val Bowditch & Trevor
Sat	Faure & Louise Breytenbach
Sun	Ian Bridge & Jean

**Please Pray**

For the vacancy, that all involved will be re-filled by the Holy Spirit and given fresh energy and focus to take us through this third round of advertising and interviewing.

For Abigail Murichu and her family as she becomes more and more aware of the love of God in the next weeks, months and years.

For the trustees and volunteers at PCS as they look to the future and seek new ways to serve God in Swindon.



# Sunday 4th February Lent-2



**Diocese of Bristol**  
TRANSFORMING CHURCH.  
TOGETHER.

On Monday, St John's hosted an Engagement Day for incumbents to learn more about the **Transforming Church. Together** strategy being led by +Viv and +Neil.

Find out more on the Diocese of Bristol website

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/visionandpriorities/transforming-church/>

## *A Biblical Vision for Marriage*

Services for Next Sunday			
11th Feb Lent-1	9am	Holy Communion 1662	Tom Morgan
	11am	Morning Praise	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Tony Njoroge	Ephesians 5: 22-33 Matthew 19: 1-12
11.00 am	Morning Praise		

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

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.

Sadly, we have heard this week that the charity will be closing shortly.



*Rachel Hudd writes:*

When SPCC was established 20 years ago we little dreamt how many people we would meet as we trained ourselves and the advisors, recruited trustees and prayer and financial supporters, attended conferences and networking events. It has been a truly thrilling experience.

We always knew that God had placed us, as he had placed Queen Esther, "for such a time as this." (Esther 4:14).

Throughout the 20 years there have always been enough advisors for the number of clients; we have rarely had a waiting list. There has always been enough money to pay the bills. God has been faithful to us.

Since we had to leave our office in Milton Road, we have prayed that God would lead us to a new home, and although we have looked at several possible places, none has materialised or been suitable.

Towards the end of 2023, for the first time, we had no clients and no enquiries.

The trustees discussed the situation and agreed to go away for a month and pray that God would show us the next step.

We are writing to you now to tell you that we unanimously believe that this is the time for us to close the charity. We know that there are other Christians in the town doing similar work and we pray that they will have great blessing as they seek to reach out to the people of Swindon.

We sincerely thank you for all your support.

God bless,

Rachel Hudd  
On behalf of PCS trustees



It was wonderful to see Abigail Gathoni Murichu baptised into the church family last Sunday!

Dates have just been announced for the 4th Hong Kong Welcome Course!

February 26,  
March 4, 11, 18, 25,  
April 15.

Twenty five Hong Kongers have signed up for the course so far and we have 4 volunteer leaders: Carol and Andy Hall, Bill Hunt and Tom Morgan.

We are still looking for one more volunteer. If you can help, please contact Charmain or one of the leaders above.

Please pray for the course, the participants and the volunteer leaders for their health and wellbeing over the six week course.

