

Please pray for our church family	
<b>Mon</b>	Carole Sawyer
<b>Tue</b>	Margaret Scott
<b>Wed</b>	Beryl Shakes
<b>Thurs</b>	Linda Simpson & Mark
<b>Fri</b>	Kath Smith
<b>Sat</b>	Rosemary Smith
<b>Sun</b>	Mary Southgate

**Please Pray**

We give thanks and pray for blessing on Tom Morgan, our other visiting clergy, and all St John's members involved in leading our services and bringing God's message to us each week.

For our PCC vacancies, that each of us will prayerfully consider if God is calling us to serve in this important way.

For progress in our ongoing search for a new vicar.



# Sunday 28th April Easter 5





Thank you, Helen Wheeler, for the wonderful image of treasure at the end of a (double!) rainbow on the front cover!

Services for Next Sunday			
<b>5th May Easter 6</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Simon Robertson</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Praise</b>	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Tom Morgan</b>	<b>Genesis 11v31 - 12v9 John 15: 1-8</b>
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>		

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

### APCM and PCC vacancies

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7.30pm.



This year we have three PCC vacancies to fill, each for a 3 year term. Could this be something you are prayerfully being called to do? There is still time to apply. Applicants must be on the electoral roll, must undergo a

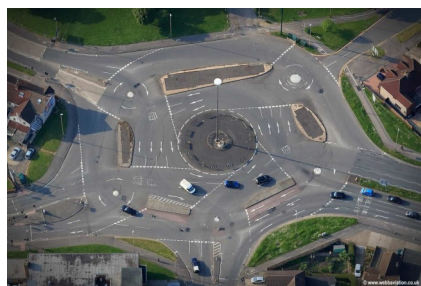
DBS check and must complete the necessary safeguarding training. If you would like more information please contact the Parish Office or chat to a member of the current PCC (their names and photos are on the wall by the Parish Office).

Our Churchwardens are also elected at the APCM for a one year term. If you would like to be considered for a position as Churchwarden, please speak to Ali or Sharon.

### PRAY FOR SWINDON 2024 – Saturday 18th May, 7pm-8:30pm at Christ Church, Old Town

We are all invited to join this cross-denominational event to pray and give thanks for Swindon!

As local businesses, authorities and residents consult and plan on the future of the town, we want to respond to scripture's encouragement to 'Pray to the LORD for the city you live in', by inviting God to bless this town and pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done here – that his salvation, light and healing would be known, seen and encountered in Swindon this year!



## **NEW MISSION PARTNER!**

### **THE FILLING STATION**



### New Mission Partner: The Filling Station

As a church we partner with eight local, national and international mission partners whose purpose and ethos aligns with our own mission 'to shine the light of Christ in our neighbourhood' and we support them through regular financial giving. When one of our local mission partners closed at the start of the year the PCC asked the congregation to suggest a replacement. Thank you to all of you who did – we received a number of really strong proposals and the PCC didn't find it easy to reach a decision!

We chose The Filling Station as our new mission partner, building on the existing links we have with this charity. The Filling Station is a mobile kitchen which feeds the homeless once a week, building relationships and providing some basic essentials to help get them through the week. It is supported by a network of local churches, including St John's, who provide food on a rota. Our support will help them continue this vital ministry at a time when their donations and costs have been impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.