

Please pray for our church family		
Mon	James & Jo Bennett and family	Katherine Cheng Wai Han and family
Tue	Val Bowditch & Trevor and family	Edgar & Mary Ann Chickwanda and family
Wed	Faure & Louise Breytenbach and family	Tom Christie and family
Thurs	Ian Bridge & Jean and family	Pamela Chung & Andrew Kwai and family
Fri	Linda Caple and family	Joan Connor and family
Sat	Daphne & Donald Carter and family	Mike & Wendy Crosby and family
Sun	Patches & Zenaida Chabala and family	Rachel Crosby and family



Sunday 28th Dec Christmas 1



Verse for 2026: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19)

Services for next two Sundays			
4th Jan Christmas 2	9am	Morning Prayer	Patches Chabala
	10.30am	All Age + Holy Communion	
11th Jan Epiphany 1	9am	Holy Communion	Adam Beaumont
	10.30am	Morning Praise	

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Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
10am	All Age + Holy Communion	Patches Chabala	Matthew 2:1-12

Verses for the week & reflection:

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19)

The above verses are powerful promises of hope, urging believers to release the past, embrace God's fresh mercies, and actively participate in the new, life-giving work He is constantly bringing forth in their lives, making paths where there were none and bringing water to dry places.

This includes spiritual rejuvenation, releasing past failures, expectations disappointments, traumas or past victories should not limit present hope. Dwelling on them will only lead to stagnation and a ministry of maintenance. However, God is inviting us to trust Him in His ongoing provision and actively perceive or know what He is doing now.

If we actively perceive God's work among us now and release our past experiences, we will see God's power bring life, purpose, and provision where things seem impossible or desolate, transforming barrenness into thriving life.

What past are you going to forget or release into order for you to have a fresh encounter with God in the new year?

God is calling you and me to change our focus from ***"When will God fix my past?"*** to ***"What new thing is God doing today that I can partner with?"***.

May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Every blessing,

Patches

Please Note:

Wednesday Communion Service will resume next year on Wednesday 14th January 2026 and so our Monday and Tuesday Zoom prayer meeting will resume next year on Monday 12th January.

Please Note:

Our Church Parish Office will close for Christmas break from Monday 22nd December and open on Monday 5th January 2026.

There will be no separate bulletin next week for Sunday 4th January.



412 Youth - reminder to keep the 9th January free for the next Synergy event with Swindon youth for Christ. This is going to be a great fun event & a lovely chance to meet with other young Christians from around Swindon.
Natalie x

Just a quick reminder that for the remaining Sundays in December, we will have joint services beginning at 10am.

- Sunday 28th December 10am - All Age + Holy Communion

In January, we will resume our usual 9am and 10.30am services.