

THE PARISH OF PARKS AND WALCOT

working with Holy Family RC Church as 'the Church in Parks and Walcot'

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

Sun 3rd December – 1st Sunday of advent

**Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

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10am Jt Holy Communion @ St John's led by Linda

Today's Bible Readings

Is 64:1-9 & Mk 13:24-end

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**If you'd like someone to pray with you after the service,
please find a member of our prayer team.**

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Prayer chains - if you'd like a group of church members to pray confidentially or immediately about something, please phone & speak to one of our 'prayer chain' coordinators:

for St John's – Brenda Allen ☎ 642352

for St Andrew's – Margaret Golledge ☎ 526760

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Prayer crosses – if you'd like a prayer request included in the public prayers at church, please use the 'prayer cross' at the back of church.

This Week

***Every Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri during school terms:
'Tea & Toast', 9-9.30am @ St John's***

Mon 4th

9.45am Start the month with Prayer @ St John's

Tues 5th

**10.15am Christmas unwrapped @ St John's
12noon Small steps Christmas meal**

Wed 6th

10am Holy Communion@ St John's

Thurs 7th

**10am Cuppa & Chat @ St Andrew's
10.15am Christmas unwrapped @ St John's**

Fri 8th

11am Christmas Festival @ St John's

Sun 10th

**10am Holy Communion @ St Andrew's
10am Morning Worship @ St John's**

'Joint Service with Celebration' Today!

Our service today includes a celebration of Bettys commitment over the years as Lay Minister and her 'Reader Emeritus' award from Bishop Mike.

After the service there will be Cake & Fizzy drinks!

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'Start the month with Prayer'

Our prayer meeting is on Monday 4th December
Please do come along and feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours.

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'Christmas Fayre at St Andrews'

A huge 'thank you' to all who came along and also helped support the Fayre last Thursday. It was a really fun time and we were really pleased to welcome so many people from the community.

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'Carol Service'

St Andrews on Sunday 17 December at 4pm

Please invite friends and family for traditional readings and carols followed by refreshments. Donations of mince pies will be welcome.

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'Jesus Followers'

We are now on our Christmas break and will start back again on Tuesday 16 January 2018

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St John's 'Christmas Festival' - Not long now!

Friday 8th Dec, 11am - 6.30pm

We will need all hands on deck. Please do sign up on the Rota's for any help you can offer or talk to Martina. We need soft toys for the Teddy Tombolo and lots of cakes for the very popular Cake Stall.

The Mayor is coming – Our Mayor Maureen Penny has just confirmed that she will be singing in the CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CHOIR at the Christmas festival and will join us later at the BLESSING as well as draw the first raffle ticket of the night.

We just wanted to let you know some exciting news. This year at the Festival we will have for the first time CHRISTMAS STORY TIME (led by the Library) at 11:30am – 12:00pm, Swindon Libraries Children's Patron and local author and illustrator, Steve Antony, will also be coming along. He will be launching a fantastic fun and free competition to win signed copies of a new book.

Steve will read his new book and will also join Debbie in reading some Christmas stories. We think it is great that he is coming along. We believe he will contact the Advertiser to let them know he is attending our CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL!

'Carol singing at Morrison's & The Sun Inn'

We have the opportunity to do some fundraising by Carol Singing at 2 local venues. Please feel free to come along.

The more the merrier!

Thursday 21st Dec at Morrison's.

Drop in anytime between 11am-2pm, 2-5pm & 5-8pm.

Friday 22nd Dec at The Sun Inn

7-8pm.

Please put your name on the signup sheets at the back of church so that we have a rough idea on numbers.

Contact details

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St John's Parks Swindon & St Andrew's, Walcot, Swindon