

Let's pray

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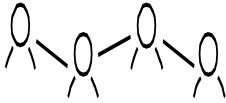
...as the Alpha Course comes to an end
 give thanks for those that have participated, and pray that God will continue to speak to and through them

... for St Andrews school as they move into a particularly busy time of the year

... for the businesses in Walcot Parish, especially during the build up to Christmas

... that God would continue to speak clearly to us this term, as we move through this Advent season

... for one of our mission partners



Prayer Chain

Muriel Venning

If you need someone to pray for you or a situation that comes up during the week, give Muriel a ring and she will circulate your request around three chains.

Please contact Fay Ollis if you know of anyone who would appreciate a card—illness, bereavement, celebrating, moving or any difficulties.

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Welcome

3rd December 2017

St Swithin's, a home of grace in the heart of the city

We're delighted to welcome you to St Swithin's, and hope that you quickly feel at home here. We seek to cater for people of all ages, from the youngest baby to the oldest adult, and we deliberately have a range of Sunday services and midweek activities to encourage people with different needs and at different stages in their lives. In all we do we place a high emphasis on worship, prayer and the relevant teaching of God's word. If you are new to St Swithin's, we invite you to help us welcome you by filling in a Welcome Card and handing it to one of the clergy.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Isaiah 9: 2

Today's services

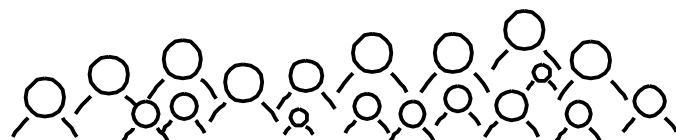
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**Advent Sunday
Holy Communion**

Tea and coffee will be served at the back of church following the service. All are welcome.

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What's on



Monday 4th December

Tuesday 5th December

9.15am - Morning Prayer
10.00am-3.00pm—St Swithin's Café open
10.00am—Spanish Toddlers
10.00am—12noon - Songways Choir rehearsal
1.00pm 24hr Advent Prayer begins
7.30pm—Advent Prayer Evening

Wednesday 6th December

7.30am and 9.15am—Morning Prayer
10.00am-3.00pm—St Swithin's Café open
12noon— Lunchtime Communion with prayers
ends our 24 hour of Advent Prayer
7.00pm—Songways Choir rehearsal

Thursday 7th December

9.15am—Morning Prayer
10.00am-11.45am Toddlers meet in the Crypt
12.00-3.00pm—St Swithin's Café open
8.00pm—Topping & Co Event

Friday 8th December

9.00am - Exercise Class in the Crypt
9.15am—Morning Prayer
10.00am-3.00pm—St Swithin's Café open

Saturday 9th December

10.00am-3.00pm—St Swithin's Café open
10.30am—Music for Miniatures Concert
1.00pm—10.00pm Bath City Singers
Rehearsal/Concert

Sunday 10th December

10.00am— Morning Worship

Home groups meet in various homes during the week. Great way to get to know one another and grow in our discipleship.
To join one or to find out more please speak to Tim.

Notices



We invite you to put your offering for the Lord's work in the box in church (cheques to "Walcot PCC"). You can get Gift Aid forms and bank details for regular giving from Janet in the Church Office.

New or visiting with children? We have a range of groups for 0 to 18yr olds meeting during the morning service in the Crypt. Please speak to Domi or one of the Welcomers on the door.

Bible Stories @ Bedtime, Tuesdays 5th, 12th and 19th December, 4.30pm—5.30pm in the North Pole Grotto at the Gateway Centre. Hot chocolate and cookies for all!

24 hours of Prayer for Advent. Do join us as we journey through Advent together as a church family. The church is open from 1pm on Tuesday 5th to 1pm on Wednesday 6th. You are especially welcome on Tuesday 5th December, 7.30pm for a corporate Advent Prayer evening but do take this opportunity to pray wherever you are!

Have you picked up one of our Christmas fliers? Do take note of the various services and think about who you might invite at this special time of year.

A skittles evening for women has been arranged for Thursday 7th Dec, 7pm - 10pm at The Royal Oak, Widcombe. Please sign up at the back of church or let Karyn Wolstenhome know if you plan to come

Do you have book keeping/finance skills and would be interested in a voluntary or paid position supporting the finance operations of St Swithin's? One day a week. Please speak to Janet or Nicola for more information.

If you are thinking of giving to help homeless people this winter, you can make an even bigger impact on local lives by donating to Genesis Trust Big Give Christmas Challenge - raising money for the Lifeline drop in centre in Bath. Until 5th December online donations can be doubled. Funds raised will enable Genesis to keep Lifeline open on a Saturday morning and increase individual support sessions to help homeless and vulnerable people turn their lives around. Simply go to www.bit.ly/GenesisBigGive17 and click donate.

Dementia Friendly Carol Services will be taking place for those living with dementia and their carers. Tuesday Dec 12th at St John's The Evangelist at 12.45pm and Sunday Dec 17th at Holy Trinity, Combe Down at 2.30pm.

Further Ahead

What are you doing on Christmas Day? Don't be on your own, join in the party! Bath Open Christmas will be providing Christmas Lunch again this year. Posters in the café for more information