

with St Mary's, Commonweal Road
Providing a spiritual home and resources for the local community

Sunday 1st June 2025
Easter 7 – Sunday after Ascension

Christ Church

8am 1662 Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

10am All Age Worship – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette & David Cain

Theme: 'Nicodemus – Darkness to Light'

Bible Reading: John 3:1-16

Reader: Caroline Pitt

Congregational prayers based on the 'World Blessing' film

[Download an order of service so you can follow and join in](#)

3pm Messy Church at Bath Road Methodist Church

6.30pm Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

St Mary's

9am Morning Prayer – led by Ailsa Palmer

[Download our monthly Service Poster for June](#)

Bible verse for 2025



Our Prayer for Growth

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.
Help all our Partnership churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment
to you and in service to our Swindon Community.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Our vision - To be Christ's Church in the community

Our mission: By proclaiming Christ through teaching and example:

- By welcoming and serving all through hospitality.
- By encouraging people to find God through worship, faith, and prayer.
- By providing a spiritual home and resources for the local community.
- By transforming Swindon and beyond with God's hope and compassion.

Our values: We will do this with humility, grace, and respect, listening prayerfully to God and our neighbours.

Next week in and around Christ Church

Morning Prayer	9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel 7.30am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel followed by Men's Breakfast 9-9.30am Wednesday & Friday virtual morning prayer Telephone: <u>08002605903</u> to join by phone Use this Passcode <u>694043607#</u>
Monday 2nd June	2pm Funeral of Violet Williams in Christ Church 7.30pm Staff Team Meeting in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 3rd June	2pm burial of ashes of Anthony Bowdidge in Christ Church Burial Ground 3pm Memorial Service for Jordan Wadsworth in Christ Church
Wednesday 4th June	10.30am Christ in Quiet 1pm Organ Recital given by Charles Vince 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Friday 6th June	7pm 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer gathering with Christians from across Swindon in Christ Church. All welcome
Saturday 7th June	7.30am Morning Prayer & Men's Breakfast 10am Peal attempt on the Christ Church bells <i>10am Spiritual Refreshment Day at St Peter's Church, Leckhampton. All welcome to join us. Please contact Simon if you would like to come.</i> 12 noon Christ Church ECO Fair

Regular Groups – everyone welcome

'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group	Monday 12 noon in the Large Meeting Room
Fellowship of Faith	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday 7pm in Christ Church

Bible Encounter Group	2 nd and 4 th Wednesday 7pm in Christ Church
'Where Art Thou' Children's Art Group	Thursday 4pm Term Time only in the Garden Room
Iona Worship Group	Every 4 th Friday 11.30am at St Mary's
Pilgrims of the Way	2 nd and 3 rd Friday 7pm at St Mary's
Men's Breakfast	Every 1 st Saturday - Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 7.30am followed by breakfast in the Community Centre. To book breakfast please contact Mike Palmer Michael@christchurchswindon.co.uk

Sunday 8th June – Pentecost

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion - Partnership Pulpit Exchange

6.30pm Healing Service

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

There will be a peal attempt on the Christ Church bells on Saturday 7th June from 10am. We wish the visiting band of ringers every success.

Daniel Pitt is grateful for all kind good wishes received and is pleased to report that he is making steady progress after his knee replacement.

This Sunday, 1st June, as part of our Healing ministry, we will be offering anointing of oil in all our services. The oil has been blessed at Bristol Cathedral to be used for healing and anointing. You will be invited to the front of church to receive anointing and the words we shall use are as follows:

May Christ dwell in your heart by faith through his Spirit. Amen.

This is part of the tenth 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative focusing on The Lord's Prayer. On Friday 6th June we will be hosting the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Gathering at Christ Church 7pm with Christians from across Swindon coming together to pray together, worship, hear stories and testimonies. We shall be joined by Bishop Neil and Fay Howard our new Mayor and many other guests and speakers. Please join us as it promises to be an evening of great blessing for us all. All welcome.

Devizes Road Closure Devizes Road is due to close from next week for the installation of a new gas main – the work will begin at the Croft Road junction and move towards Wood Street. Please take this into account when travelling to Christ Church as there could be delays in Old Town.

Our next Mission Giving Day is on Sunday 15th June when all monies collected will go to the Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership.

'Christ Church, Old Town, Swindon – Stained Glass' Mike Snow and Janet French have written a new, comprehensive, book about the stained glass in Christ Church. This was launched at the Friends of Christ Church Annual Lecture and a limited number are now available to purchase from Janet for a minimum donation of £13. All profits to the Stained Glass Window Repair Fund. Don't miss out – order your copy now!

Our New Events Brochure is available in the churches or view it on the website here

<https://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/events/eventsnewsletter>

Stay up to date with upcoming events at Christ Church and the Community Centre by signing up to our new Events News email newsletter at:

<https://mailchi.mp/c741f2489c2f/events-at-christ-church-and-the-community-centre-swindon>

Bible Reading Course Join us on alternate Wednesday evenings as we learn from Paul and Maranda in an in-depth course to make sure we get the most from God's word. Next session is Wednesday 11th June 7pm in Christ Church. All welcome. Sign up at fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com

Organ Recital Charles Vince will be giving an organ recital in Christ Church on Wednesday 4th June at 1pm. Refreshments kindly served from 12.30pm by the Friends of Christ Church. Pieces in this recital by: Grayston Ives, Eric H Thiman, Dr Herbert Howells, Dr Harold Darke, George Thalben Ball, Alec Rowley, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Karg Elert. Free entry with a retiring collection for church funds. This is an Old Town Festival event.

Old Town Festival Volunteers Needed Friends of Old Town are currently looking for volunteers to help with two key events during this year's Old Town Arts Festival 1-8 June.

On Sunday 1 June, we are running a Family Fun Day at Town Gardens, Swindon, 12-5 pm.

On Sunday 8 June, we are running a Street Party on Wood Street, Swindon, 12-5 pm.

You could volunteer for the whole day, or half the day - we appreciate all the help!

We need support with event setup, stewarding and monitoring numbers during the day, and a bit of tidy-up in the evening. It's a great opportunity for people to get involved in a well-loved local event, which has been run for over 20 years. We would ask volunteers to come at 11:00 for briefing and confirming rota, and stay until 5/5:30 or for half the day.

We provide a £10 lunch voucher for any food stall at the event.

If you would like to help, please email Tanya at events@thisisoldtown.com confirming your availability (date and time).

The 2nd Christ Church Dog Fun Run & Walk Saturday 14th June 10.30am-1.30pm in Christ Church and on The Lawns. Competitive race and fun run, plus family entertainment, refreshments and a dog show after the race. Tickets: Adults £6; Children £4; Family (up to 5 people) £15. Tickets available here: <https://ccccswindon.co.uk/events/61/details>

Future events to put in your diary: Friday 6th June 7pm in Christ Church – ‘Thy Kingdom Come Good News for Swindon’ prayer evening. All welcome
Thursday 3rd July – Archdeacon’s Visitation in Christ Church – time 7.30pm
Friday 4th July 7.30pm in Christ Church – Paul Kerensa, Christian Comedian

5th/6th July Ordination weekend – please hold Nitin Shinde and Will Stevenette in your prayers as they look forward to their curacies this coming year

All Saints’ Day Saturday 1st November 7.30pm in Christ Church – **‘The Grief Opera’ by Nigel Lineacre**

Partnership Holiday Club 28th July -2nd August

We are currently preparing for our Partnership Holiday Club. The theme will be 'Stories Jesus Told'. We will be looking at the following parables:

- The Prodigal Son
- The Mustard Seed
- The Lost Sheep
- The Good Samaritan
- The Wise and Foolish builders.

We are looking to make a collection of storybooks suitable for 5-11 year olds on these parables. If you have any books which you would be prepared to lend us for the week then please contact us.

thank you gratefully

Nicola Stevenette or Christine Senior

Christ Church with St Mary’s Family Weekend at Home beginning on Friday 12th September with a dramatization called ‘The Beloved Son’ based on Henri Nouwen’s spiritual journey and challenges by Alan Harrison. This has been highly reviewed. There will be further events throughout the weekend.

Old Town Partnership News



Summer Holiday Club

Plans are moving on now. Please see paragraph above regarding a request for donations of story books.

For your prayers

† Mike Shurmer, John Webb, Martin Hiscock, Janice Penny, Ann Sharpe, Pauline Cain, Ali Potter, Pippa Starr, Gordon Hudd, Neville Gray, Adrian Marsh, Junior and Sybil as they care for their baby Asher born prematurely in the John Radcliffe Hospital and all those in need of God's healing, including those undergoing long term treatment of any kind

† For those who are lonely, anxious, and depressed; those living with long-term medical conditions or mental health issues and all who care for them, that they would all receive strength, support, and peace

† For the families and friends of Jordan Wadsworth, Anthony Bowdidge, Violet Williams, Muriel Welch and all those mourning a loved one

† For peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land and Ukraine, and for those seeking justice and peace in Iran

† For our chosen charities to support this year - Willows Counselling Service, Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership, and for Swindon Youth for Christ and Swindon Street Pastors whom we supported by our Partnership Project last year

† For our Old Town Swindon Partnership of churches, our Swindon Deanery, our Bristol Diocese and our Church of England

† For our Spiritual Refreshment day at St Peter's Leckhampton and Bishop Bob

† For our Eco Creation Care Festival on Saturday 7th June giving thanks for God's beautiful creation and our part in caring for it.

† For Will Stevenette and Nitin Shinde preparing for Ordination on the weekend of 5/6 July

† For James Davies-Spratt for his formation year training to be a Lay Minister and for all those exploring Licensed Lay Ministry

† All those involved in the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative.

† For our pastoral care for members of the congregation and wider Swindon community.

JUNE 4

Arts Festival
1st - 8th JUNE
FRINGE WEEK
OLD TOWN

Christ Church Swindon

Organ Recital by Charles Vince
Wednesday 4th June 2025, 1-2pm
Christ Church Swindon

Cost: Free (donations welcome in aid of church funds)

This free event offers the chance to experience the power and elegance of the church's historic organ, with a carefully curated programme showcasing both classic and contemporary pieces. Everyone Welcome!

Christ Church Swindon

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE
Christ Church 2nd Eco Fair

Come and Discover the Plant and Wild Life in your local churchyard

FREE ENTRY

Sat 7th June 2025 12-4pm at Christ Church

.Bug hunts .wildlife specimens .wild plant tours .talks .storytelling .children's activity tables .local wildlife and environmental and sustainable living organisation's displays .local history talks .picnic area .refreshments .more

CHARITY DOG FUN RUN!

Sat 14th June
10.30am - 1.30pm
Christ Church & The Lawns

A family fun day (for dogs and their humans!)

Competitive Race	The Fun Run
11:00am start 5km distance	11:15am start 2km distance

Tickets To Join The Race:
Adults: £6 | Children: £4
Family (Upto 5): £15

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW:
ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets

Family entertainment, refreshments and dog show after the race!

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Christ Church Swindon

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EVENT IN AID OF
DementiaUK

THE OLD TOWN PARTNERSHIP OF CHURCHES PRESENTS
A FUN EVENING WITH COMEDIAN
PAUL KERENSA

British Comedy Award-winning co-writer for BBC's Miranda, Not Going Out, Top Gear, ITV's Royal Variety, C4's TFI Friday, CBBC and much more!
Paul brings laughs from comedy clubs to churches; from atheists to archbishops!

FRIDAY 4TH JULY. DOORS 7PM, STARTS 7.30PM
ALL PROFITS FROM THIS EVENT WILL SUPPORT DEMENTIA UK

TICKETS ONLY £10

AVAILABLE AT WWW.CCCCSWINDON.CO.UK

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<https://linktr.ee/communitycentrechristchurch>

To find out what we are doing to reduce our impact on the environment and improve biodiversity on site, visit:
<https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindonecohub>