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

Sunday 18th May 2025
Easter 5

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

10am Informal Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

Theme: 'Gift of the Spirit'

Bible Readings: Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35

Children's Talk & Sermon – the Revd. Moira Slack

Prayers: Nicola Stevenette

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

6.30pm Choral Evensong – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

**Guest Preacher: Deacon Eric Holliday, Holy Rood Roman Catholic Church,
Swindon**

Theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope'

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

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

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

Next week in and around Christ Church	
Morning Prayer	9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel 9-9.30am Wednesday & Friday virtual morning prayer Telephone: <u>08002605903</u> to join by phone Use this Passcode <u>694043607#</u>
Monday 19th May	1.30pm Burial Board meeting in the Vestry 7.30pm PCC meeting in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 20th May	12.30pm Finance & Governance Group meeting in the Large Meeting Room
Wednesday 21st May	10.30am Christ in Quiet <i>5.30pm Christ Church Choir singing evensong in Salisbury Cathedral</i> 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Thursday 22nd May	9.30am burial of ashes of Roger Morcumb in Christ Church Burial Ground 11am funeral of Deryck Baker at North Wiltshire Crematorium 2pm Friends of Christ Church AGM 3pm Friends of Christ Church Annual Lecture – <i>see paragraph below for further information</i> 7.30pm Immanuel Holiday Club for all Holiday Club helpers
Friday 23rd May	11.30am Iona Worship at St Mary's 6.30pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's <i>7.30pm Induction of Fr Adam Burnham as a new Mission Priest at St Mark's New Town</i>
Saturday 24th May	7.30pm Ten in a Bar concert
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 Please note we have a new email address: fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com
Bible Encounter Group	2 nd and 4 th Wednesday 7pm in Christ Church
Iona Worship Group	Every 4 th Friday 11.30am 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 25th May – Easter 6

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

6.30pm Informal Evening Worship

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Choral Evensong Choral Evensong is this Sunday 18th May 6.30pm in Christ Church, when our guest preacher is Deacon Eric Holliday from Holy Rood Roman Catholic Church. Eric will speak on a theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope' using the specially commissioned Jubilee Icon. Our choir will sing music by Whitlock, Dyson and Shephard. Please come along and invite friends. The choir will also be singing evensong in Salisbury Cathedral at 5.30pm on Wednesday 21st May – please go and support them if you can.



Confirmation 2025 Last Sunday saw a packed church at Immanuel on the occasion of the annual Partnership Confirmation Service when in a very joyous service 6 people were received into membership of our churches (and two others from outside the area). If you missed the service it will be available here for the next few

weeks <https://www.youtube.com/live/Pqv-XOAJuz0>

Please continue to pray for Gabriel and Gennelle, Michelle and Eva, Abhinay and Mehak and Christopher and Michael from the wider Swindon Deanery on their Christian journeys.

Our amazing Verity is still fundraising! Dear Christ Church Family, this is just to say a massive THANKS AGAIN for supporting me in my recent marathon fundraising for The Children's Society. So very grateful. You have helped me reach my target. Some of you have asked if donations can still be made. Yes they can! Either direct to myself or to my JustGiving page. I'm trying to raise as much as possible. Next week I will give details of a post marathon fundraising final fling for the charity, to be held on our back garden in the afternoon on 14th June – so...after you've enjoyed the 2nd Christ Church Dog Fun...come on down! Watch this space! God bless you all. Verity. JustGiving Fundraising Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/verity-brooke-25>

Adopt a Grave at Christ Church Would you be willing to help care for our front churchyard? We are looking for volunteers to "adopt a grave"—taking responsibility for keeping a grave tidy and free from weeds and litter. It's a small but meaningful way to honour those who came before us and keep our churchyard looking its best. If you're interested, please speak to our Head Gardener, Ian Handy, or call him on 01793 521030.

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>

Attention all members of The Friends of Christ Church – a reminder that the AGM is on Thursday 22nd May at 2pm in church, followed by 'Glorious Glass'.

The Friends of Christ Church Annual Lecture by Mike Snow and Janet French: 'Glorious Glass – The Stained Glass of Christ Church Swindon'. Thursday 22nd May 3pm in Christ Church. All welcome. Free entry but a donation would be appreciated for the work of the Friends. Mike and Janet have written a new, comprehensive, book about the Glorious Glass in Christ Church. These books will be launched at the Annual Lecture and available to purchase from Janet. All profits to the Stained Glass Window Repair Fund.

An Evening with Philippa Hanna on Saturday 24th May @ St Johns Church, Park North, Swindon' Well-known British gospel singer/songwriter, Philippa Hanna is coming to Swindon! Philippa's down to earth combination of honest sharing of the gospel and her powerful vocals promises to be an unmissable experience. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or contact 01793 574924

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 28th May 7pm in Christ Church. All welcome. Sign up at fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com

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

Thursday 3rd July – Archdeacon's Visitation in Christ Church – time 7.30pm

Friday 4th July 7.30pm in Christ Church – Paul Kerensa, Christian Comedian

6th/7th 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**

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

Please pick up a prayer card this weekend and pray for all those planning the Summer Holiday Club.

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,

Daniel Pitt, Julia 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, Deryck Baker, Violet Williams, Muriel Welch and all those mourning a loved one

† For Alison Harris & Gawain Nicholson who were married in Christ Church on 25th May 2024

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

† For those who were confirmed last Sunday, that they will know the love and support of their respective congregations as they continue their Christian journey

† 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 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



THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH
ANNUAL LECTURE
BY MIKE SNOW & JANET FRENCH
THEME: GLORIOUS GLASS

THE STAINED GLASS OF CHRIST CHURCH SWINDON

ALL WELCOME

THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2025 @ 3PM
IN CHRIST CHURCH, OLD TOWN

Free Entry but a donation would be appreciated for the work of The Friends

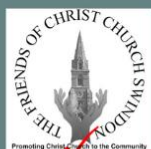


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Christ Church Swindon

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!

A Family Fun day (for dogs and their humans!)

Competitive Race **The Fun Run**

11:00am start 11:15am start
5km distance 2km distance

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

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

Family entertainment,
refreshments and
dog show after the race!

BellaJoJo's
pet boutique & cafe

Sponsored by ...

Raising funds for Christ Church

In partnership with the Young Entrepreneurs from Nova Hreed Academy

Christ Church Swindon

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SO, A COMEDIAN WALKS INTO CHRIST CHURCH ...

EVENT IN AID OF
DementiaUK

SCAN FOR TICKETS

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.CCCSWINDON.CO.UK

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<https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindonecohub>