

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

Sunday 22nd June 2025

Trinity 1

Christ Church

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

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

Sermon: the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

Theme: 'Change for the Better'

Bible Readings: Galatians 3: 23-end; Luke 8: 26-39

Reader: Anthea Thackstone

Prayers: Anthony Slack

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

6.30pm Informal Evening Worship – led by the Revd. Rach Collins

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

[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

Next week in and around Christ Church

Morning Prayer	9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel 9-9.30am Wednesday & Friday virtual morning prayer Telephone: 08002605903 to join by phone Use this Passcode 694043607#
Wednesday 25th June	10.30am Christ in Quiet 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Thursday 26th June	3pm burial of ashes of Violet Williams in Christ Church Remembrance Garden
Friday 27th June	11.30am Iona Worship Group in St Mary's 7pm Old Town Comedy Club in the Community Centre
Saturday 28th June	11.30am burial of ashes of Deryck Baker in Christ Church Remembrance Garden
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 29th June – Trinity 2

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

6.30pm Songs of Praise

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Christ Church Floodlighting The church will be floodlit on Sunday 22nd June in memory of Steve Stephenson, and on Saturday 28th June to mark Moira and Anthony Slack's Golden Wedding Anniversary. To floodlight the church for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office.

Next Sunday 29th June our Mayor of Swindon, Councillor Fay Howard, will be preaching at the 10am service at Christ Church. All welcome to join us for this, whether you are a 'regular' at Christ Church or not.

Grave Care in the Churchyard So far no one has come forward to help Ian Handy with maintaining graves in the churchyard. Could you help by 'adopting' just one grave and keeping it 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 Ian or call him on 01793 521030.



  **There is still time to Support Chris & Clare's Ultra Marathon for Alzheimer's Research UK!**  

By the time you read this, God willing, **Chris Smith** will have completed an incredible challenge – running **100km** alongside his wife Clare as part of the **Race to the King** ultra marathon!

Their epic route follows the stunning **South Downs Way**, starting near **Goodwood Racecourse in Chichester** and winding its way through rolling hills, ancient trails and breath-taking countryside, all the way to **Winchester Cathedral**.

Chris and Clare are raising vital funds for **Alzheimer's Research UK**, a cause close to their hearts. If you're able, please sponsor them via their fundraising page:

 justgiving.com/page/chris-smith-9

Or pop into the **Parish Office** with a cash donation – every penny helps in the fight against dementia. Let's get behind them as they push their limits for such an important cause!  

Thank You to Arline Stovell

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Arline Stovell for her many years of dedicated service as Ride and Stride organiser for Christ Church with St Mary's. Arline has faithfully led this important fundraising event for 9 years, and her commitment has made a real difference.

Thanks to her energy and organisation, last year Christ Church came third overall for points and raised an impressive £1,450.69 — a fantastic achievement that benefits both our parish and the wider work of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

This year's Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 13th September, and Jennifer Miles will be taking over the organiser role. Arline is a tough act to follow, but we hope to do her proud!

Please save the date — we'll soon be asking for volunteers to help welcome and greet participants at Christ Church and St Mary's on the day.
With thanks again to Arline, and looking forward to another successful event!

"The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" by Karl Jenkins - Saturday 28 June

5pm at St Sampson's Cricklade

In aid of the St Sampson's Church Appeal, this concert comes at the end of our "Come & Sing" day and will be conducted by the Director of Music of Bristol Cathedral, Mark Lee, and accompanied by organ, trumpets, cello, flute, piccolo & percussion.

Tickets cost £7 (which includes a glass of wine or a soft drink) and are available on the door or alternatively on the TicketSource website (a 59p booking fee applies):

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/cricklade/st-sampsons-church/concert-the-armed-man-a-mass-for-peace-by-karl-jenkins/e-ajkbyg>

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 26th June 7pm in Christ Church. All welcome. Sign up at fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com

Future events to put in your diary:

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.

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 Jean Freebury, Joyce Cook, Dorothy Hodgson 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 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.

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<https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindonecohub>

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CHRIST CHURCH ...**

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DementiaUK



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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

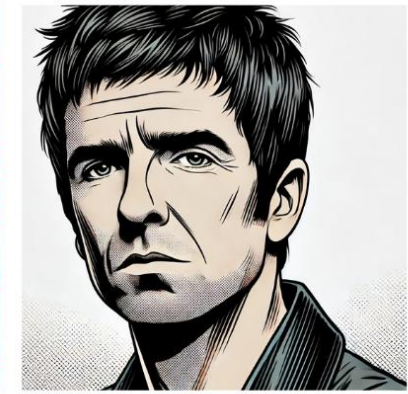
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***Saturday 19th September
7:15pm @ Christ Church***



**Christ Church
Swindon**

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