

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

**Sunday 29th June 2025**  
**Trinity 2**

**Christ Church**

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

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

**Speaker: Councillor Fay Howard, Mayor of Swindon**

**Children's Talk: 'Who is our Mayor of Swindon'**

**Sermon: 'It began with a Response'**

**Bible Readings: Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9: 51-end**

**Reader: Charles Vince**

**Prayers: Nicola Stevenette**

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

**6.30pm Songs of Praise – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette**

**Theme: 'God in the Public Square'**

**St Mary's**

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

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

**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

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel 7.30am Saturday Morning Prayer & 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>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6pm Evening Prayer – NEW - <i>see paragraph below for further information</i> 7pm Fellowship of Faith
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	2pm burial of Jean Freebury in Christ Church Burial Ground 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation in Christ Church
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30pm Comedy Evening with Paul Kerensa in Christ Church – organised by the Old Town Partnership of Churches and raising funds for Dementia UK – <i>further information below</i>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Morning Prayer & Men's Breakfast 2pm Rock Choir North Wilts Concert in Christ Church – raising funds for Prospect Hospice & Making Memories Cafe <i>3pm Ordination of Priests in Bristol Cathedral</i>
<b>Regular Groups – everyone welcome</b>	
<b>'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group</b>	Monday 12 noon in the Large Meeting Room
<b>Fellowship of Faith</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7pm in Christ Church
<b>Bible Encounter Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7pm in Christ Church
<b>'Where Art Thou' Children's Art Group</b>	Thursday 4pm <b>Term Time only</b> in the Garden Room
<b>Iona Worship Group</b>	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 11.30am at St Mary's
<b>Pilgrims of the Way</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 7pm at St Mary's
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday - Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 7.30am followed by breakfast in the Community Centre. <b>To book breakfast please contact Mike Palmer</b> <a href="mailto:Michael@christchurchswindon.co.uk">Michael@christchurchswindon.co.uk</a>

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 6

### Christ Church

8am 1662 Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship & Baptism Welcome

6.30pm Holy Communion

### St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

**We are delighted** to welcome our Mayor, Councillor Fay Howard, to preach at the 10am service today. Please do have a chat with her over coffee afterwards.

**We thank God** for Simon Giles and Sheila Wright who are our Church Wardens. Please support them by joining us at the Archdeacon's Visitation at Christ Church on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 7.30pm. If you are unable to be with us in person you can watch via our YouTube channel here either live or on catch up afterwards. <https://www.youtube.com/live/DfQk9Xz69Yw?feature=shared>



### **Paul Kerensa Comedy Evening – Just One Week to Go!**

On **Friday 4th July**, we're excited to welcome **Paul Kerensa** to **Christ Church, Swindon** for a brilliant evening of comedy, music, and storytelling – all in support of **Dementia UK**.


Paul is a BBC broadcast historian, award-winning comedy writer (*Miranda*, *Not Going Out*), and a gifted performer known for his clean, family-friendly humour and engaging stories from behind the scenes of TV and radio.

This is a *family-friendly event* organised by the **Old Town Partnership of Churches**, and **all profits will go directly to Dementia UK**. It promises to be a fun, uplifting evening with something for everyone – including a musical finale and Q&A session.

Please support this fantastic evening by **coming along and inviting friends and family**. Let's fill the church and make it a memorable night for a great cause!

 **Friday 4th July** |  **7:00–9:45pm**

 **Christ Church, Cricklade Street, Swindon**

 **Tickets £10.50 (ages 12+) – available now at:**

<https://cccswindon.co.uk/events/67/details>

**Ordinations** Please pray for Neil Fisher and others to be priested in Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Neil will continue to serve in West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze. Please also pray for Will Stevenette being ordained Deacon at Birmingham Cathedral on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 3.30pm. Will is serving at St Philip's and St James, Dorridge. Please pray for Nitin Shinde, being

ordained Deacon at Bristol Cathedral on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am. Nitin is coming back to Christ Church to serve his Curacy; there will be an informal service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 4pm in Christ Church with Toast leading our worship. All welcome.

**Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast** Simon attended this on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June in Westminster Hall. The theme this year was 'God in the Public Square' and the speaker was Professor John Lennox. Simon will be sharing some of what he learned with us at the 6.30pm service this Sunday. We would encourage you to watch the recording here


<https://www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/prayer-breakfast/> Please pray for our MP Heidi Alexander and all Christians working in the political arena.

### **Take a Midweek Pause**

Feeling the weight of the week? Come and find peace.

Join us for Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Lady Chapel at Christ Church, Swindon.

A short, reflective service with scripture, stillness, and space to breathe.

 Christ Church, Cricklade Street




 Wednesdays at 6pm



 Everyone welcome



"Be still, and know that I am God."

— *Psalms 46:10*

**I am looking for a very specifically experienced garden turfing person** to re-turf my Swindon old town garden this autumn (Sept/Oct). Garden size approx. 40sq.m, to remove existing turf, supply topsoil and prepare, provide and lay high quality turf. Please apply to Anton @ 0759-909-5546 or email [antonhitz@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:antonhitz@yahoo.co.uk)

**Chris and Clare did it!**  Chris Smith writes: *'Well! What can I say about that. Race to the King, you were the hardest thing I have ever done in my life. It was brutal due to the heat and I doubted whether I could physically complete it. My incredible wife Clare was an absolute trojan who kept me going throughout. We finished the 103k course at 2am in a time of 18 hours and 49 minutes. The power of the human mind is something truly incredible.'*  

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](https://justgiving.com/page/chris-smith-9)

Or pop into the Parish Office with a cash donation  

Well done Chris and Clare, from us all!

**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 9<sup>th</sup> July 7pm in Christ Church. All welcome. Sign up at [fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com)

**Future events to put in your diary:**

THIS COMING THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Archdeacon's Visitation in Christ Church – time 7.30pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm in Christ Church – Paul Kerensa, Christian Comedian

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm in Christ Church – **'The Grief Opera' by Nigel Lineacre**

**Partnership Holiday Club 28<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 Kevin and Oonagh Hunt who were married in Christ Church on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

† 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

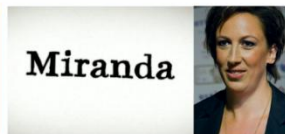
† For James Davies-Spratt for his formation year training to be a Lay Minister and for all those exploring Licensed Lay Ministry

† 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>