

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
**Trinity Sunday - Mission Giving Day**

**Christ Church**

**8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey**

**10am Informal Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Harwick**

**Sermon: the Revd. Norma McKemey**

**Theme: 'Bearing the Unbearable'**

**Bible Readings: Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15**

**Reader: Anne Grainger**

**Prayers: Verity Brooke-Maples**

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

**6.30pm Evensong – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick**

**9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey**

[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**

**SIMON IS AWAY** until 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please contact the Parish Office in the first instance for any pastoral needs

### Next week in and around Christ Church

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & 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>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8pm 'Bel Canto' rehearsal in Christ Church
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am Christ in Quiet 7pm Fellowship of Faith
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8pm 'The Best of Bel Canto' in Christ Church
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7pm Pilgrims of the Way in St Mary's
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	7pm Igor Grohotsky Fundraising Concert for Ukrainian Medics – <i>see paragraph below for more information</i>

### Regular Groups – everyone welcome

<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 22nd June – Trinity 1

#### Christ Church

**8am Holy Communion**

**10am Holy Communion**

**6.30pm Informal Evening Worship**

#### St Mary's

**9am Holy Communion**

**This Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June is Mission Giving Day** when all monies collected will go to the Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership. Please give generously – thank you.

**Christ Church Floodlighting** The church will be floodlit on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June in memory of Steve Stephenson, and on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Flowers in Christ Church** We try and keep our church beautiful with flowers. Would you like to join our small and friendly team? We enjoy arranging flowers for the Lady Chapel and High Altar. We are not trained florists just enthusiastic arrangers. Please get in touch with us initially at [FlowerTeam@ChristchurchSwindon.co.uk](mailto:FlowerTeam@ChristchurchSwindon.co.uk) for a chat. Looking forward to hearing from you.



  **Support Chris & Clare's Ultra Marathon for Alzheimer's Research UK!**  

On **Saturday 21st June**, our brilliant Site Operations Manager **Chris Smith** will be taking on 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](https://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!  

**Swindon, are you ready?**

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Join us for a live concert by GROHOTSKY!

The programme features international hits, beloved Ukrainian classics, and the artist's own songs that have already become hits.

🌟 GROHOTSKY — winner of The Voice Ukraine and headliner of Swindon UkraineFest 2024 — is ready to light up the stage!

His song "Be with Me" has already gained more than 14 million views on YouTube and captured the hearts of thousands of listeners. ❤️

Come to Christ Church for an evening filled with music, emotion, and the soul of Ukraine.



Get ready to dance, sing along, and feel every note with GROHOTSKY live!

Don't miss this unique opportunity to see a true star in action. 🌟

See you there!

👉 Date & Time: Saturday 21 June, 7:00 PM

🕒 Gathering: 6:30 PM

📍 Venue: Christ Church, Swindon (SN1 3HB)

🎫 Tickets: £10

📱 Grab your tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grohotsky-winner-of-the-voice-ukraine-headliner-of-swindon-ukrainefest-2024-tickets-1364813185979?aff=oddtcreator>

**"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>

**Parish Ride and Stride Organiser needed URGENTLY**

Unfortunately, due to illness, Arline Stovell has had to give up the role of Ride and Stride organiser for Christ Church with St Mary's.

Ride and Stride is organised by the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, to raise funds by sponsorship, for repairs to historic churches. Half of the sponsorship money is returned to the parish, so is a good fundraiser for our churches too.

The job is not difficult or time consuming. It entails booking the event with Chris in the community centre office, organising a rota of volunteers to welcome people to Christ Church and St Mary's who are riding and striding for the annual event, always on the second Saturday in September between 10 am and 6 pm. You also need to advertise for people to walk or cycle from the parish to as many churches as possible, about 3 months before the event, which this year is on Saturday 13 September.

All information is available on the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust web site, including sponsor forms, publicity material etc.

The new person will need to register the churches with Keith Rayward, Wiltshire organiser soon, and show what facilities you can offer (toilets and refreshments). It is also a good idea to liaise with Bath Road and Immanuel in the ecumenical parish to make sure if they have registered.

After the event sponsorship forms and cheques need to be collected in and forwarded to Keith Rayward. Luckily most people now get sponsorship on Just Giving. You just have to make sure that the totals add up!

Arline has laminated signs etc which she will pass on, together with any help that she is able to give.

Please contact Carol in the Parish Office if you can take on this small but important fundraising job.

### **Help Us Complete the Final Phase of the Jubilee Garden!**

We're now halfway through Phase 3 of our Jubilee Garden restoration – the final and most challenging stage of this long-awaited project.

This east–west section brings unique difficulties with mature trees, gravestones, and limited access. But thanks to the incredible dedication of Ian Handy and his hardworking team, fantastic progress has been made. Their care, skill and commitment have transformed much of the space already. Now, we need your help to finish the job.

♥ Please consider donating via our JustGiving page to support the completion of this special garden of remembrance:

 <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/rosegarden>

Every contribution brings us closer to creating a beautiful, peaceful space for reflection – a garden that truly honours those remembered here.

 Want to stay updated? Subscribe to our quarterly email newsletter here:

 <https://mailchi.mp/c79de914e698/jubilee>

And if you have loved ones remembered in this area or thoughts to share, we'd love to hear from you: <mailto:parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk>.

Let's complete this journey together – with thanks to Ian and the team, and to everyone supporting along the way. 🙏

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

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

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.

### Old Town Partnership News



#### **Raising Funds for "Brighter Futures" Saturday 21st June at Immanuel Church.**

Last month Immanuel was the venue for the 24-hour musical marathon when a huge £25,000 was raised for the Prospect Hospice. At the end of this month we will once again be hosting another charity event, this time raising money for the GWH's "Brighter Futures" organisation. Make a note in your diaries and come along any time to enjoy a feast of music (Immanuel church choir will be singing during the morning session!)

#### **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 Mary Davis, Jean Freebury, 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/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>