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

Sunday 6th July 2025
Trinity 3

Christ Church

8am 1662 Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

10am All Age Worship – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick & David Cain

Theme: 'Paul – Persecutor to Apostle'

Bible Readings: Acts 9:1-22; Matthew 19:27-end

Prayers: James Davies-Spratt

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

10.30am Ordination of Nitin Shinde as Deacon - Bristol Cathedral

4pm Informal Evening Service to welcome the Revd. Nitin Shinde

6.30pm Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

St Mary's

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

[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

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

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| Morning Prayer | 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> |
| Wednesday 9th July | 10.30am Christ in Quiet 6pm Evening Prayer – NEW - <i>see paragraph below for further information</i> 7pm Bible Reading Course |
| Friday 11th July | 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's |
| Saturday 12th July | 5pm Brunel Brass Summer Concert in Christ Church |

Regular Groups – everyone welcome

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| '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 |
| 'Paws for Thought' Dog Walking Group | Every 1 st and 3 rd Saturday 10am starting from Christ Church |

Sunday 13th July – Trinity 6

The Revd. Nitin Shinde will be welcomed at our 8, 9 and 10am services today

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion followed by Reading in and Declaration of Assent of the Revd. Nitin Shinde in his Curacy Church

6.30pm Healing Service

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Thank you for all your support as we hosted an excellent Archdeacon's Visitation on Thursday evening. Congratulations to our Church Wardens, Sheila Wright and Simon Giles, who were licensed to serve, with other Church Wardens in the Malmesbury Archdeaconry during the service. Thank you to all from the Christ Church home team who supported the event by providing excellent hospitality to our Diocesan and Deanery friends. It was very much appreciated.

Congratulations to Ed Stevenette and Yousra on their engagement Simon, Nicola and Hugo will be travelling with Team Stevenette to Paris on Monday 7th July to celebrate this and Ed's 30th birthday, returning late on Saturday 12th July.

Will Stevenette to be Ordained as a Deacon at Birmingham Cathedral 3.30pm on Saturday 5th July Christ Church will be hosting the live stream of the service on the big screen from 3.30pm on Saturday 5th July. All very welcome. If you prefer to watch the service from home here is the link https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCFlhnCfkd76gILhG_ZQtILQ

New priest and deacons Please continue to pray for Neil Fisher who was ordained to the Priesthood in Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 5th July, for Will Stevenette, ordained Deacon at Birmingham Cathedral on Saturday 5th July 3.30pm and Nitin Shinde, being ordained Deacon at Bristol Cathedral today Sunday 6th July at 10.30am. Please join us at our informal evening worship this afternoon to celebrate this.

Sunday 20th July We are welcoming back to Christ Church The Revd. Guy and Revd. Ruth Donegan Cross to Christ Church on Sunday 20th July 10am. Guy served as a Curate here from 1999-2002. Guy and Ruth are currently serving in the Birmingham Diocese.

Guy has recently published 2 excellent books on discipleship called '*Discipleship: Start this Way*' and '*Discipleship: Walk this Way*'.

Guy will be preaching on this theme and his books will be available to buy. I have read them both and they are excellent.

After the service Guy will lead a short seminar to discuss the themes raised and for you to ask any questions.


Please do join us on 20th July - All very welcome. *Simon*

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*

'Christ Church, Old Town, Swindon – Stained Glass' Have you got your copy of the amazing new book produced by Mike Snow and Janet French about the stained glass in Christ Church yet? Copies are selling fast but you can still purchase one from Janet for a minimum donation of £13. All profits will go to the Stained Glass Window Repair Fund – one of our windows is in urgent need of attention!

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

'Paws for Thought' Group – connecting dogs and their owners together From 5th July Wellness in Grace will be running a new dog walking group from Christ Church starting at 10am every 1st and 3rd Saturday. Everybody welcome and there will be refreshments available afterwards. A great chance to make new 2 legged and 4 legged friends. Further information from wellnessingrace@outlook.com

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 this Wednesday 9th July 7pm in Christ Church. All welcome. Sign up at fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com

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, 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 6th July 2024

† For the families and friends of 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 as they begin their new ministries as Deacon

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



Sing Out

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