

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
**Trinity 5**

**Christ Church**

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

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

**Sermon: the Revd. Guy Donegan-Cross**

**Theme: 'Start and Walk this Way'**

**Bible Readings: Luke 1: 26-38; Matthew 28: 16-20**

**Reader: Caroline Pitt**

**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**

**Sermon: Fr Toby Boutle SSC**

**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, 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>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	9.30am King William Street Leavers' Service in Christ Church <b>Please note: Christ in Quiet may start later than usual due to this</b> 6pm Evening Prayer 7pm Bible Reading Course
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11.30am Iona Worship Group at St Mary's
<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>
<b>'Paws for Thought' Dog Walking Group</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10am starting from Christ Church

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 5	
<b>Christ Church</b>	
<b>8am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>10am Holy Communion</b>	
<b>12 noon Holy Baptism</b>	
<b>6.30pm Informal Evening Worship</b>	
<b>St Mary's</b>	
<b>9am Holy Communion</b>	

**This Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July** We are welcoming back to Christ Church The Revd. Guy and Revd. Ruth Donegan Cross to Christ Church at 10am. Guy served as a

Curate here from 1999-2002. Guy is currently serving in the Birmingham Diocese as Enabler of Learning for Discipleship and Mission for Church of England Birmingham, helping churches to put making disciples at the centre. Ruth is Vicar of Holy Trinity Benefice - three churches in East Birmingham in a Muslim majority area. From this autumn Guy will be Vicar, and Ruth Associate Vicar, at Warfield Church, Bracknell in the Oxford 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 Sunday morning - All very welcome. *Simon*


**Choral Evensong this Sunday 6.30pm** The choir will sing pieces by Palestrina, Howells and Edgar Bainton. Our guest preacher is Fr Toby Boutle SSC, Rector and Parish Priest of the Parish of Swindon New Town. Tm will play the organ and Richard Sutcliffe will conduct the choir. Everyone is welcome but if you are unable to join us you can follow the service via our YouTube channel here: [https://www.youtube.com/live/0RzGqLYD2\\_c?feature=shared](https://www.youtube.com/live/0RzGqLYD2_c?feature=shared)

### **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](mailto:antonhitz@yahoo.co.uk)

**'Paws for Thought' Group – connecting dogs and their owners together**

Wellness in Grace are running a new dog walking group from Christ Church starting at 10am every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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. The next session is this coming Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 7pm in Christ Church. All welcome. Sign up at [fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com)

**Dates for your diary**

**Christ Church with St Mary's Family Weekend at Home** beginning on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 7pm with a dramatization called 'The Beloved Son' based on Henri Nouwen's spiritual journey and challenges by Alan Harrison. This has been highly reviewed. Tickets available here:

<https://cccswindon.co.uk/events/72/details>

There will be further events throughout the weekend including talks by the Revd Robert Jordan on our theme, 'Growing in Jesus and Community', creative activities in the Community Centre or a walk on the Ridgeway on Saturday afternoon, and a fish and chip supper on Saturday evening. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September we have a Celebration service at 10am in Christ Church followed by a congregational roast lunch in the Community Centre.

A full brochure will be available next weekend with all the details.

All Saints' Day Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm in Christ Church – **'The Grief Opera' by Nigel Lineacre**

**For your prayers**

† Mike Shurmer, John Webb, Martin Hiscock, Ann Sharpe, Pauline Cain, Ali Potter, Pippa Starr, Gordon Hudd, Neville Gray, Adrian Marsh, Roger Gibson, 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 James Cowie, Anne Espley, Catherine Morton, Ivor Johns 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

† For our pastoral care for members of the congregation and wider Swindon community.

## OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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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>

# Upcoming Events at Christ Church

**SWINDON OLD TOWN COMEDY CLUB**

**SUMMER SHOW**  
**FRIDAY AUG 1ST**  
 7:30PM DOORS 8PM SHOW START  
 CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

**HEADLINER... ESTHER MANITO**

**LIVE AT THE APOLLO** **COMEDY CENTRAL** **Stand Up**

**WITH BILLY JAMES**  
 SOUTHAMPTON NEW COMEDIAN OF THE YEAR

**OPENING: DANI JOHNS**  
 BBC ONE

**MC & HOST SAM MICHAEL**  
 AL MURRAY TOUR SUPPORT

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS £12.00 (IN ADVANCE)**  
 (£15.00 ON THE DOOR) - EVENTBRITE (+ SERVICE CHARGES)

  **Scan for tickets here**

**oasis tribute** 

**NO GALLAGHER'S HIGH FLYING BIRDS**

*a tribute concert to Oasis and Noel*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
**7:15pm @ Christ Church**

**Tickets Only £15**


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**AT CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON**  
**SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**  
**DOORS OPEN 8PM**



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**THIS OCTOBER 31ST @ 7PM**

TICKETS £16 at [cccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets](http://cccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets)

# *The Beloved Son*

*A New Play*

**Christ Church  
Swindon**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 7pm**

**Tickets £10 + 50p BF**

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page/tickets](http://www.ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets)

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*The Return of the Prodigal Son by Rembrandt*

*From the creators of the acclaimed Mr Darwin's Tree and Fire from Heaven comes a remarkable new play The Beloved Son.*

*Written and directed by  
Murray Watts*

*Performed by  
Andrew Harrison*


*Henri Nouwen (1932 - 1996) was a Dutch Catholic priest, psychologist and professor who reached the heights of academic success at Yale and Harvard, before abandoning everything to join the community of L'Arche Daybreak in Toronto. He became part of a life-sharing movement, seeking to make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities, exploring their unique talents and creating a welcoming home of friendship and belonging.*

*To some, Henri Nouwen put his brilliant career into reverse, risking the loss of reputation, to others his life was a prophetic challenge to church and society. The Beloved Son is a moving solo performance exploring hope and longing, family dynamics, sexual and emotional crisis and the profound insights of a man who became one of the greatest spiritual writers of the Twentieth Century.*


Tickets also available here: <https://cccswindon.co.uk/events/72/details>

# Some of Our Fresh Expressions of Church @ Christ Church

**Treasure Together**  
A Spiritual Reflection Group



**Every Monday 12 - 1 pm**  
in the Large Meeting Room  
Christ Church Commiunity Centre



**MID-WEEK  
EVENING WORSHIP**  
AT CHRIST CHURCH SWINDON



JOIN US FOR A MOMENT OF PEACE  
IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR WEEK.  
A SIMPLE, REFLECTIVE SERVICE  
OF PRAYER, SCRIPTURE AND  
FELLOWSHIP.

**WEDNESDAY AT 6:00PM**  
JOIN US IN THE LADY CHAPEL

EVERYONE WELCOME - TAKE A  
BREATH, FIND STILLNESS,  
RECONNECT.

**PILGRIMS of  
The Way**



**EVERY 2ND & 3RD FRIDAY**  
**7-9PM WITH**  
*Simon Giles*

**WHERE ABSOLUTELY  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**St Mary's Church.**  
**1 Commonweal Road SN1 4LB**

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**Paws for  
Thought  
Group**



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**Connecting Dogs and  
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A new dog walking group, meeting every **1<sup>st</sup>**  
and **3<sup>rd</sup>** Saturday of the month at **Christ  
Church, Old Town, Swindon at 10am.**  
Refreshments available afterwards.

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:  
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