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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**Trinity 12**

### Christ Church

**8am 1662 Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette**

**10am All Age Worship and Adult Baptism – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette, the Revd. Nitin Shinde & Ali Tremlett**

*We welcome Alex Tuck who will be baptised today*

**Theme: 'Thomas – from doubter to certainty'**

**Talk: 'Thomas' journey of faith from Galilee to India' – the Revd. Nitin Shinde**

**Reading: John 20: 19-32 (dramatized)**

**Prayers: Ali Tremlett & Nick Pannell**

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

**NB: No Messy Church this month**

**6.30pm Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette**

### St Mary's

**9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Moira Slack**

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

### 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.

**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://ccccswindon.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 brochure with full details is available in church this weekend – or online [HERE](#) please pick one up and book your place to help us with catering – thank you.**

**Pastoral News**

We were very sorry to learn last week of the sudden death of Peter Owen following a fall at home. We thank God for Peter's life and Christian witness at Christ Church, as a Head teacher and across the Swindon community. We assure Joyce, Sally and the family of our love, support and prayers.

All are welcome to celebrate Peter's life at his funeral in Christ Church on  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1.30pm

We thank God that Junior and Sybil have now returned home with baby Asher following months in hospital. Nicola and I had a moving visit to their home on Wednesday. All being well they will come to St Mary's as a family today. Please hold them in your prayers.

Thank you gratefully Simon

## UK's Emergency Alerts system

Emergency Alerts is a UK government system that provides warning and advice in a life-threatening emergency. The government will be running a national test of the Emergency Alerts system at 3pm on Sunday 7 September 2025.

### What happens when you get an emergency alert...

Your mobile phone or tablet may:

make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent or it may vibrate or even read out the alert.

The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds.

An alert will include a phone number or a link to the GOV.UK website for more information.

You'll get alerts based on your current location - not where you live or work. You do not need to turn on location services to receive alerts.

### What you need to do

When you get an alert, stop what you're doing and follow the instructions in the alert.

**Don't panic!** It is a test to see how the system works!

## Next week in and around Christ Church

### Morning Prayer

9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and 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 10th September

10.30am Christ in Quiet

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7pm Bible Encounter Group

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

#### Church Family Weekend at Home:

7.30pm 'The Beloved Son'

10pm Christ in Quiet

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

10am – 6pm Ride + Stride

#### Church Family Weekend at Home:

10am Morning Worship in the Community Centre

10.30am 'Growing in Jesus' – the Revd. Robert Jordan

11.30am Coffee

11.45am 'Growing in Community' – the Revd. Robert Jordan

1pm lunch (please bring your own)

From 2pm – optional afternoon activities:

- Creative activities in the Main Hall

- Fundraising Event for the Children's Society at 65 Broome Manor Lane SN3 1NB
  - A Walk on the Ridgeway
- 6pm 'Growing in Maturity as children of God in God's beloved World' – the Revd. Robert Jordan  
 7pm Fish & Chip Supper and Games Night  
 9.30pm Christ in Quiet

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

8am Holy Communion  
 9am Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**Church Family Weekend at Home:**  
 10am Celebration Parish Service in Christ Church  
 1pm Congregational Roast Lunch in the Community Centre  
 3pm Q&A session with the Revd. Robert Jordan  
 4pm Bring & Share Tea & Cake  
 6.30pm Healing Service in Christ Church


### 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>
<b>'Paws for Thought' Dog Walking Group</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10am starting from Christ Church

## Ride + Stride – Saturday 13th September 2025

This year, Christ Church is once again taking part in Wiltshire Ride + Stride, a county-wide sponsored event to raise money for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust — with half of everything raised coming back to Christ Church and St. Mary's itself.

There are three great ways you can get involved:

 **Ride or Stride** – Visit as many participating churches as you can on the day (on foot, bike, or even scooter!) and help raise sponsorship. Join our team via our JustGiving page:

 Christ Church Community Centre Ride & Stride Team 2025:

<http://www.justgiving.com/team/christ-church-community-centre-ride-and-stride-team-2025?invite=true>

👋 **Volunteer** – Help us welcome participants to Christ Church and St Mary's during the day. Even half an hour makes a big difference! To volunteer, please contact Jennifer Miles:

✉️ [jenniannemiles@gmail.com](mailto:jenniannemiles@gmail.com) | ☎️ 07952 875994

💰 **Donate** – Support our team directly through our JustGiving page. Every pound raised goes towards keeping Wiltshire's churches open and thriving — and half of it comes back to Christ Church.

👉 Donate here: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/christ-church-community-centre-ride-and-stride-team-2025>

Last year, our amazing team raised £1,450, with £825 going to Christ Church (plus a £100 bonus for coming 3rd in the Brooke Cup 🏆). Special mention goes to 11-year-old Jacob Smith, who cycled 58.5 miles and visited 46 churches in a single day, setting a new Christ Church record! He's hoping to beat it this year. Let's support him and everyone else taking part! Whether you cycle, walk, greet, or give — your support will make a real difference.

**Sunday Club Shoebox Appeal** We have begun to collect items for the children to pack into shoeboxes later in October, on behalf of the charity Link to Hope. This is a small charity, who will be delivering the shoeboxes to families and the elderly in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria. We would be grateful of any donation, from an empty shoebox, a single item or completed box. Items needed include, toiletries, playing cards, adult socks, safety razors, shampoo etc. **Last date for donations is Sunday 26th October.** Please leave donations at the Parish Office (8.30am to 4.30pm Monday – Friday) or pass to Sue. For further details, please visit [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk) or see Sue at coffee on Sundays. You can also email [Sue@christchurchswindon.co.uk](mailto:Sue@christchurchswindon.co.uk).

### Partnership News



<https://www.sotpc.org.uk>

**New Bible Study Group for Young Women** fortnightly on Thursdays starting 18<sup>th</sup> September at Mackenzie's, Wood Street. Join us as we grow together in faith, friendship and understanding.

**Focus:**

- Exploring the Senses 👁️ 🧠 📌 🎨 🖐️
- Mental Health & Wellbeing 🧠 ❤️ 🙏
- Neurodivergence 🧩 🌈 🧠
- Developing Strength and Resilience 🦶 🌱 🛡️
- Women of the Bible 🙏 📖 ✨

More information from Revd Rach Collins [rach.collins@methodist.org.uk](mailto:rach.collins@methodist.org.uk)

**Our NEW September - October Events Brochure** is available online now. View it 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>

### Date for your diary

All Saints' Day Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm in Christ Church – **'The Grief Opera' by Nigel Lineacre** Tickets are just £10 + 50p BF, and are on sale now at: <https://cccswindon.co.uk/events/74/details>

### 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 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 Alex who will be baptised during our All Age Worship this Sunday

† For our Church Family Weekend at Home next weekend – for a deepening of faith and friendships

† For the families and friends of Peter Owen, Mairwen Fennings, Sheila Davies and all those mourning a loved one

† For our schools as they return from their summer break

† For peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land and Ukraine, and for those seeking justice and peace in Iran

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



# The Beloved Son

A New Play



**Christ Church Swindon**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 7pm

Tickets £10 + 50p BF

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

SCAN HERE



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.

The Beloved Son by P. R. H. M. M.



Christ Church  
Swindon

Christ Church with St Mary's Family  
Weekend

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
September 2025

**JESUS**

**'Growing in Jesus  
and Community'**

Join us as we grow together in faith,  
friendship, and understanding.  
*Sisters in Scripture*

Young Womens Bible Study

**Focus:**

Exploring the Senses  
Mental Health & Wellbeing  
Neurodivergence  
Developing Strength & Resilience  
Women of the Bible

**When &  
Where:**

Fortnightly on Thursdays  
Starting September 18th  
7:00 PM at McKenzies, Wood Street



More info from Revd Rach Collins:  
[rach.collins@methodist.org.uk](mailto:rach.collins@methodist.org.uk)

# THE GRIEF OPERA



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A profound grief journey from loss to love, through  
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**"The most moving show you will see this year"**

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**Christ Church Swindon, SN1 3HB**  
**Tickets only £10 + 50p booking fee**

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[cccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets](http://cccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets)



follow at  
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<https://linktr.ee/communitycentrechristchurch>

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