

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

Sunday 14th September 2025
Trinity 13

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey
Sermon: Genny Williams

10am Celebration Parish Service of Holy Communion for Church Family
Weekend at Home – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette & the Revd. Nitin Shinde

Theme: 'Growing in Jesus and Community'
Children's Talk – 'Jesus loves you' - Genny Williams
Sermon: Genny Williams
Readings: Philippians 2:6-11; John 3: 13-17
Reader: Pauline Cain
Prayers: Nicola Stevenette

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

6.30pm Healing Service – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

St Mary's

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

[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

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: <u>08002605903</u> to join by phone Use this Passcode <u>694043607#</u>
Monday 15th September	7.30pm Standing Committee meeting at the Vicarage
Tuesday 16th September	12 noon Finance & Governance Group meeting in the Vestry
Wednesday 17th September	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Prayer 1pm Friends of Christ Church meeting in the Large Meeting Room 7pm Fellowship of Faith – Fire & Story Telling in the Vicarage Garden – all welcome
Thursday 18th September	‘Sisters in Scripture’ new fortnightly Bible Study Group for young women at Mackenzie’s, Wood Street – see paragraph below for more information
Friday 19th September	7.15pm No Gallagher’s High Flying Birds – Oasis Tribute concert in Christ Church 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary’s
Saturday 20th September	9.30am <i>Diocesan Synod at St Michaels Centre, The Green, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8PD</i> 10.30am Choir practice
Regular Groups – everyone welcome	
‘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
‘Sisters in Scripture’ Young Women’s Bible Study	Fortnightly on Thursdays from 18 th September 7pm at Mackenzies Bar, Wood Street
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 21st September – Trinity 14	
Christ Church	
8am Holy Communion	
10am Informal Holy Communion	
12 noon Holy Baptism	
6.30pm Choral Evensong – <i>see paragraph below for more information</i>	
St Mary's	
9am Holy Communion	
<p>Ride + Stride It's not too late to sponsor our intrepid team of riders and striders – every little helps! You can donate here 👉 Donate here: https://www.justgiving.com/team/christ-church-community-centre-ride-and-stride-team-2025</p> <p>We will report their amazing successes next week. Please hold them all in your prayers as the weather forecast for Saturday is not good.</p>	
<p>Thank you to you all for your support for our church Weekend at Home. It has been wonderful to share so many activities together over good food in our shared meals. Thank you very much indeed for all of you who have attended, those who have helped with the practicalities, those who have taken part in services, for Robert Jordan as our speaker and especially for James and Alex preparing such a delicious Sunday Roast.</p>	
<p>Choral Evensong in Christ Church next Sunday 21st September 6.30pm The choir will be singing music by Bruckner, Sumsion and Howells. Tim will conduct and Richard Sutcliffe will play the organ. The service will be led by Simon and Nitin will preach. All welcome.</p> <p>Advance Notice – the choir are also singing evensong at Worcester Cathedral on Tuesday 28th October and would love to have friends there to support them.</p>	
<p>Funeral of Peter Owen Peter's funeral will be in Christ Church on Tuesday 23rd September at 1.30pm. Please remember Joyce, Sally and the family in your prayers.</p>	
<p>LLM Licensing Service James Davies-Spratt will be licensed as our new Lay Minister in Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 11th October 10.30am. Please hold James and Alex in your prayers in this important new phase as they serve God together. We hope a good number of people from Christ Church, St Mary's and the wider Partnership will attend the service to support James and we are looking into whether it is viable to offer a coach, leaving from Christ Church at</p>	

8.30am and returning mid-afternoon. If you would like to go, please let the Parish Office know ASAP and also please state if you would like to go on the coach if it is available. **For those going by car, please be aware that the M4 will be closed in both directions between Junction 18 (Bath) and 19 (Bristol M32) that weekend** so more time will be needed for the journey.

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 or see Sue at coffee on Sundays. You can also email Sue@christchurchswindon.co.uk.

From Tony and Jenny Selwood - date for your diary – 27th September 2025
'On 1st October this year **Tony and Jenny Selwood** will be celebrating our 65th wedding anniversary. We were not allowed to see anyone for our 60th because of Covid, and we may not make it to our 70th so we would very much like to celebrate this year on the nearest Saturday. Which is September 27th. We invite everybody to come and have a sparkly drink and a nibble with us on that day at 35 Haydon View Road, Swindon SN25 3AT, any time from 11am onwards. We really would love to see you to remember the last 65 years. We were married in Christ Church by Canon Thomas and it has been our home for many years'.
The Christ Church floodlights will shine bright for Tony and Jenny on 1st October. We send them our warmest congratulations.

Comfort Teddies for Kingsdown Crematorium – thank you! Thank you to the generous people (you know who you are!) who scoured charity shops and lofts and have donated many beautiful teddies which the Crematorium were happy to receive. We – and they – appreciate your time and generosity for this important ministry.

Partnership News



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

New Bible Study Group for Young Women fortnightly on Thursdays starting 18th 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

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>

Dates for your diary

Autumn Fayre Saturday 4th October 11am to 3pm at Christ Church. Food & drink, craft market, glitter tattoos, bouncy castle. Free entry. For more information contact wellnessingrace@outlook.com

All Saints' Day Saturday 1st 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, Kathy Vincent, 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 the families and friends of Peter Owen, Mairwen Fennings, Sheila Davies, Joseph McShane and all those mourning a loved one

† For John & Jemma Spruce who were married in Christ Church on 21st September 2024

† 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.

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:

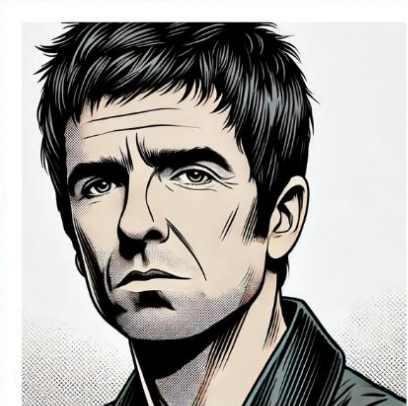
Fortnightly on Thursdays
Starting September 18th
7:00 PM at McKenzies, Wood Street



More info from Revd Rach Collins:

rach.collins@methodist.org.uk

oasis ***tribute***



NO GALLAGHER'S HIGH FLYING BIRDS

***a tribute concert to
Oasis and Noel***

***Friday 19th September
7:15pm @ Christ Church***



**Christ Church
Swindon**

***Tickets
Only £15***



www.ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets

THE GRIEF OPERA



A profound grief journey from loss to love, through
the medium of jazz, classical, and world music
As featured on the BBC and ITV

"The most moving show you will see this year"

**Saturday 1st November, 7pm
Christ Church Swindon, SN1 3HB
Tickets only £10 + 50p booking fee**

**Scan the QR Code for tickets or visit:
ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets**



follow at
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To keep in touch, visit us at: <https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindon> or
<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/christchurchswindonecohob>



Saturday 13th September

There is still time to sponsor our intrepid team of riders and striders – every little helps! You can donate here  Donate here:

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