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Sunday 19th October 2025

Trinity 18

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

Sermon: the Revd. Nitin Shinde

10am Informal Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

Children's Talk: 'Don't give up!' – the Revd. Nitin Shinde

Sermon: 'Don't give up – keep praying and keep learning' - the Revd. Nitin Shinde

Readings: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Reader: James Davies-Spratt

Prayers: Anthony Slack

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

6.30pm Evensong – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

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

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>
Tuesday 21st October	10am King William Street School Harvest Service in Christ Church <i>11.15am funeral of Mona Hall at Kingsdown Crematorium</i>
Wednesday 22nd October	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Prayer 7pm Bible Encounter Group
Friday 24th October	Candlelight Concerts in Christ Church 6.30pm Vivaldi 'Four Seasons' 8.30pm Coldplay on Strings 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's
Saturday 25th October	Carmel Pentecostal Church Music event in Christ Church from 4pm
Regular Groups – everyone welcome	
Partnership Messy Church	1 st Sunday 3-4.30pm at Bath Road Methodist Church
'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group	Monday 3pm in the Large Meeting Room (please note change of time)
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 7pm at Mackenzies Bar, Wood Street. Next meeting 30th October
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 26th October – Last Sunday after Trinity	
Christ Church	
8am Holy Communion	

10am Holy Communion

4pm Informal Evening Worship

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Update on Simon - Simon is being very well cared for at the GWH and will continue to receive IV antibiotic treatment for at least another two weeks for his infection. It has also come to light that he has a heart condition which necessitates surgery at the Brompton Hospital in London sometime around the end of October after which he will return to GWH for recovery. He remains in good spirits, and we are both profoundly aware of God's fingerprints over this whole experience. We do however recognise he will need time to recover physically and psychologically from this challenging period. We really appreciate your prayers, loving messages and support and are finding the song You Raise Me Up very powerful and comforting through these days. Every blessing, *Nicola*

Please pray for the Pattern Church The lead pastor, the Reverend Joel Sales has been signed off work due to his mental health. Simon has sent a message of support to Joel and his family; also the Reverend Kaf Smith is on reduced duties due to having treatment for breast cancer. Last Sunday there was a big Pattern Church gathering at the Deanery School which included The Well Church plant from North Swindon and The Light Church plant from Royal Wootton Bassett. Joel often reminds Simon that Christian ministry is about battles and blessings. Please join us today in praying for them all. Thank you *Simon & Nicola*

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month When I was diagnosed in May last year the charity 'Breast Cancer Now' was invaluable in providing information and support. They also finance ongoing research into the disease. In order to help raise some funds for their vital work I am holding two sessions of tea/coffee and cake.

You are warmly invited to come to our home, 62 Eastern Avenue, Old Walcot, SN3 1AD on **either Friday October 24th, 1400-1630, or Saturday October 25th, 1000-1230**. For any more details please contact me on 01793 524766. Many thanks ~ *Liz Day*

Job Vacancy for part time Operations Manager Shine Pinehurst and St. Johns & St. Andrews, Parks and Walcot are recruiting a part-time Operations Manager, shared across the churches. Closing date is the end of this month. Please contact the parish office if you would like to see the full advertisement.

Advance Notice – Christ Church choir are singing evensong at Worcester Cathedral on Tuesday 28th October and would love to have friends there to support them.

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.

All Souls Service of Remembering Loved ones – Sunday 2nd November 4pm in Christ Church The names of all who have died in the past twelve months, or whose funerals, interments of ashes have been taken by our ministerial team in the past year, will be read out during the service. If you would like to remember your loved ones during the service, please let the parish office have their names by Thursday 30th October – thank you. If you are unable to be with us in person, the service will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coNbruS72a0>

The Friends of Christ Church invite you to their popular **Charity Christmas Market** on **Saturday 22nd November** at Christ Church, Old Town. The event will be opened at 11am by the Mayor and Father Christmas, with stalls from a wide range of charities—**all participating charities will keep their proceeds.** Festive refreshments including mulled wine and hot food will be available, and there will be activities for all ages, including face painting. Enjoy carols from the church choir in the Community Centre at 1.30pm and in the church at 2pm, and take a guided tour of the bell tower (book on the day). The market runs until 2.30pm. For more details, contact Christine Senior at sec.focc@gmail.com

Advance Notice – Our Next Mission Giving Day will be Sunday 23rd November, when all donations given will go to the Willows Counselling Service.

Your Morning To Sing – Choir Taster Morning

Come and join us at Christ Church, Old Town, Swindon, on **Saturday 13th December, 9.30–11.30 am** for a free Choir Taster Morning. Step into the choir stalls beneath the magnificent East Window and experience the joy of singing

carols and simple songs in parts, accompanied by our beautiful pipe organ. No experience is needed — just enthusiasm and curiosity! All ages are welcome, and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, email Tim at musicdirector@christchurchswindon.co.uk or call him on **07387 290323**.

Our Latest 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>

Partnership News

www.sotpc.org.uk

Old Town Partnership secretary vacancy

The Old Town Partnership is looking for a new secretary as the current one, Andrew Enow, wishes to stand down after 3 years of service. The role is to:

- Take, and circulate to the 3 Churches' secretaries, the minutes of the Focus Group, which meets about 6 times a year, and the twice-yearly Council meetings
- Prepare, with the Chair, and circulate agendas for those meetings
- carry out any secretarial actions as a result of those meetings.

Anyone interested, please contact either the ministers or:

Anne Farrow farrow684@btinternet.com

George Kennedy kennedygeorge62@gmail.com

Old Town Partnership of Churches Council AGM Monday 27th October

7.30pm at Immanuel Church. Refreshments will be available from 7pm. All are welcome to attend so you can catch up with what has been happening throughout the Partnership and to hear and discuss plans for the future year including our next Partnership project.

Partnership Advent Service Sunday 30th November 10am at Bath Road Methodist Church – all welcome.

Evening Services will move to 4pm from 26th October for the winter months.

Please also remember to move your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Saturday 25th October and enjoy an extra hour of rest!

Dates for your diary

'Wrong Jovi' the best Bon Jovi Tribute in the World! Friday 31st October 7pm in Christ Church. Tickets from <https://ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets>

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://ccccswindon.co.uk/events/74/details>

Celebrating 40 years of the Open Door Centre there will be a concert in Christ Church on Friday 12th December 7.30pm featuring the Open Door Choir, Kentwood Choir, Billie and Louie plus special guests. Tickets £10 from Holmes Music on Faringdon Road (cash only), or from Open door 01793 512357 opendoorswindon@gmail.com. Licensed bar available.

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, Manda Shinde, Simon Stevenette, Barbara Sheppard, Joel Sales, Kaf Smith 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 Mona Hall, Cynthia Ford, Elise Rivers, Sydney Fowler 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 pastoral care for members of the congregation and wider Swindon community.



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Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership Appeal

Shap-a-Wrap Christmas 2025

With our local shops filling up with Christmas decorations already, The Swindon Humanitarian Partnership (SHAP) is also looking ahead and planning to bring some joy to children in the worst hit areas of Ukraine. They are seeking donations of new/as new toys, wrapping paper, games, craft kits, crayons and stationary which will be gift wrapped, dispatched and distributed to areas and orphanages where they know they will be incredibly welcome. It is hard to avoid feeling powerless to assist in such an awful situation, but in Swindon we can do a bit to help make children's Christmas in Ukraine a little brighter.

The Community Centre@ Christ Church, Cricklade Street, Old Town, Swindon SN1 3HB is one of SHAP's two donation drop-off - points (the other is the Ellendune Community Centre in Wroughton) and regular collections at both show just how generous local people continue to be.

In November you have a chance to volunteer as well as donate to SHAP by joining one of their three fun public drop-in sessions and get wrapping. **SHAP-a-Wrap family friendly drop-in-sessions will be held on Saturdays between 10am and 3pm on the 1st, 8th & 15th November** at SHAP's warehouse near Swindon Railway Station (Unit 4b, Station Industrial Estate, Swindon SN1 5DE). SHAP volunteers are a friendly and welcoming team and if last year is anything to go by the drop in sessions will be jolly occasions

Many children have lost their father's fighting against the Russian invaders and tragically others have lost both parents. Attending school in basements underground and experiencing nights upset by constant sirens and explosions has become a reality for many of them. SHAP supports children and families in Ukraine throughout the year and rely on public and business support to do this. You can find more information and ways of supporting us on www.shapuk.org.

Background

SHAP is one of Christ Church's chosen charities and the church has supported SHAP since it was founded by the late Mike Bowden immediately following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022. It was the first church to rally behind SHAP's Candles for Ukraine project which has since expanded to churches all over the country. SHAP has delivered 2,300 tonnes of aid as well as providing vehicles for vital humanitarian work.

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All Souls Service of Remembering Loved Ones

Sunday 2nd November 4pm
in Christ Church

Love never ends...

1 Corinthians v.8

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SWINDON OLD TOWN COMEDY CLUB

WINTER SHOW

FRIDAY NOV 7TH
7:30PM DOORS 8PM SHOW START
CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

HEADLINER... **TREVOR BICKLES**

WITH **FIONA ALLEN**

INTRODUCING **JEREMY FLYNN**

MC & HOST... **SAM MICHAEL**

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THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH

CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

FREE ENTRY!

To be opened by the Mayor
Father Christmas
Many charity stalls
Refreshments
Carols sung by the choir
Bell tower tours
Raffle
Participating charities retain all proceeds

NOVEMBER 22ND
11 AM - 2:30 PM
@ CHRIST CHURCH
OLD TOWN, SN1 3HG

email: sec.fccc@gmail.com

Your Morning To Sing

Choir Taster Morning

at Christ Church, Old Town, Swindon

Saturday 13th December | 9.30 – 11.30 am Free Entry

Step into the choir stalls, beneath the great East Window, and experience the joy of singing in a beautiful Victorian church with a real pipe organ. Join us to sing carols and simple songs in parts – no experience needed, just enthusiasm and curiosity! Discover what it's like to be part of a church choir and explore the timeless sound of Christ Church.

All welcome | Light refreshments provided

for more info, email Tim at:
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Christ Church Swindon

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<https://linktr.ee/communitycentrechristchurch>

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