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Sunday 26th October 2025 Last Sunday after Trinity

Christ Church

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

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

Theme: 'Glad I'm not like other people'

Sermon: the Revd. Moira Slack

Readings: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Reader: Helen Hartnell; Prayers: David Cain

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

12 noon – Holy Baptism – the Revd. David Day

We welcome the family and friends of Arla Selina Swatton-Craig

4pm* Informal Evening Worship – led by the Revd. Rach Collins and James Davies-Spratt

** please note earlier start time*

7.30pm PCC Budget Setting Meeting in the Large Meeting Room

St Mary's

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

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

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

Please note that evening services have now moved to 4pm for the winter months

Next week in and around Christ Church

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: 08002605903 to join by phone
Use this Passcode 694043607#

Monday 27th October 11.30am burial of ashes of Cynthia Ford in Christ Church Jubilee Memorial Garden
7.30pm *Old Town Partnership of Churches Council AGM at Immanuel – all welcome*

Tuesday 28th October 5.30pm *Christ Church Choir singing evensong at Worcester Cathedral – all welcome*

Wednesday 29th October 10.30am Christ in Quiet
12 noon burial of ashes of Elise Rivers in Christ Church Remembrance Garden
6.30pm Evening Prayer
7pm Fellowship of Faith

Friday 31st October 11.30am Iona Worship Group at St Mary's
7pm Wrong Jovi Concert in Christ Church

Saturday 1st November 7.30am Morning Prayer & men's Breakfast
7pm 'The Grief Opera' in Christ Church

Regular Groups – everyone welcome

Partnership Messy Church 1st 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 1st and 3rd Wednesday 7pm in Christ Church

Bible Encounter Group 2nd and 4th 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 2nd November – All Saints & All Souls

Christ Church

8am 1662 Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship & Baptism Welcome – *Partnership Pulpit Exchange*

3pm Messy Church at Bath Road

4pm All Souls Service of Remembering Loved ones – *see paragraph below for further information*

St Mary’s

9am Holy Communion

Update on Simon

Dear Friends

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers over this week. Simon is making good progress. The latest update is that his operation has been postponed for a few days as he requires further medical tests before he is transferred to the Brompton Hospital sometime next week. He is being very well looked after by Nikita and her team on Mercury Ward and is receiving excellent medical care for which we are very thankful. We continue to see the fingerprints of God in so many ways and feel very blessed by the staff here and people that come our way. Please keep us in your prayers. Every blessing, *Nicola and Simon*

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 at 5.15pm on Tuesday 28th October and would love to have friends there to support them.

Sunday Club Shoebox Appeal Last date for donations is **THIS 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

 **Ride + Stride 2025 – Thank You!** A huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's Ride + Stride, whether by donating, cheering us on, or taking part. Together, our small but mighty Christ Church team raised an incredible £682.20, with an additional £118.55 in Gift Aid, bringing the total to just over £800!

Special congratulations to Jacob and Chris Smith, who set a new record by visiting 50 churches in one day, Carol Simmons, who walked an amazing 23 miles in memory of Arline Stovell, and Steve Cox, who cycled 65 miles through the Marlborough Deanery.

Thank you again to everyone who made this possible, every pound raised helps preserve Wiltshire's historic churches and supports Christ Church and St. Mary's. *Jennifer Miles*

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.

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://cccswindon.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, Ali Potter, Gordon Hudd, Neville Gray, Adrian Marsh, Roger Gibson, Kathy Vincent, Manda Shinde, Simon Stevenette, Barbara Sheppard, Joel Sales, Kaf Smith, José Humerick, John Cross 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 Elise Rivers, Terence & Jacqueline Blake, John O'Neill, Bruce Lee, Barbara Harper, Joe Trigo-Robledo and all those mourning a loved one

† For Hayley and Jeremy Williams who were married in Christ Church on 2nd November 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.



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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**

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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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or call him on 07387 290323

Christ Church Swindon

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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/christchurchswindonecohub>



'We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord, in the midst of thy temple...'

Choral Evensong

at Christ Church

Sunday 16th November
4pm

Music by McKie, Murrill and Vierende

Featuring Bairstow's Magnificent Anthem
'Blessed City, Heavenly Salem'

Organist: Ian Crabbe
Conductor: Tim Eyles

Service led by Ailsa Palmer
Sermon: David Cain

All welcome to join us for our final choral evensong of 2025