



Providing a spiritual home and resources for the local community

If you need to contact us, in the first instance please contact the Parish Office on 01793 522832 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) or email parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk

Sunday 5th October 2025 Harvest Festival

Harvest gifts received at today's services will be given to the Swindon Food Collective

Christ Church

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

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

We welcome the families and friends of Bonnie Bradley and Riley Etheridge

Theme: 'Encountering Jesus Changes Lives - Bartimaeus: - from outcast to disciple'

Reading: Mark 10:46-52 (dramatised)

Talk: 'Bartimaeus, Jesus and each of us' – the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

Prayers: Nick Pannell & Alex Davies-Spratt

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

3pm Hillier Funeral Service's Annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance in Christ Church

3pm Messy Church at Bath Road Methodist Church

6.30pm Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

St Mary's

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

[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

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.

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 6th October	7.30pm Staff Team meeting in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 7th October	7.30pm All Age Planning Meeting – private address Christ Church will be floodlit this evening in memory of Michael Ringham
Wednesday 8th October	10.30am Christ in Quiet 12 noon funeral of Jacqueline Baker in Christ Church 6.30pm Evening Prayer 7pm Bible Encounter Group
Thursday 9th October	10am burial of ashes of Sheila Davies in Christ Church Jubilee Memorial Garden 11am Triennial Inspection at Christ Church 1pm Triennial Inspection at St Mary's 7pm Deanery Synod 'Pioneering Parishes' at Pattern Church
Friday 10th October	WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – Christ Church will be floodlit in blue this evening 1pm burial of ashes of Alan and Valda Jones in Christ Church Remembrance Garden

	7.30pm Beatles Tribute Concert in aid of the Kelly Foundation
Saturday 11th October	<p>There will be a full peal attempt on the Christ Church bells today, beginning at 10am. This will be rung by a visiting band – if successful the peal will last for more than 3.5 hours. We wish them luck</p> <p><i>10.30am LLM Licensing Service in Bristol Cathedral</i></p> <p>7pm North Wiltshire Rock Choir concert in support of Prospect Hospice and Wroughton Memory Café</p>
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 16th 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 12th October – Trinity 17	
Christ Church	
8am Holy Communion	
10am Holy Communion	
6.30pm Healing Service	
St Mary’s	
9am Holy Communion	
<p>Evening Services will move to 4pm from 26th October for the winter months.</p> <p>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!</p>	

Messy Church resumes today after the summer break. We meet at Bath Road Methodist Church from 3-4.30pm on the first Sunday of the month. **This month we will be celebrating Harvest and donations for the Swindon Food Collective will be welcome.**



Harvest Gifts received today will be given to the Swindon Food Collective. You can bring your donations to any of the services at Christ Church or St Mary's, or to Messy Church (see above). Please see the list here for items that Swindon Food Collective particularly needs at the moment. Thank you for your generosity.

From Jenny & Tony Selwood Thank you to everyone who sent us messages, cards, and gifts and to those who came to our open house celebration for our 65th wedding anniversary. Everyone has been so kind and we really appreciate you all. The celebrations went very well and it was lovely to see so many people in our home - we really enjoyed ourselves! Thank you all so much!

New Benches outside Christ Church

Thank you very much indeed to Daniel Pitt and Bernard Oxborrow in combining their engineering expertise and installing the two new benches in the front of Christ Church. They are a wonderful addition to the Christ Church site and look marvellous!

We are very grateful to Bernard for his generous gift of a bench in memory of his sister Barbara and to the Friends of Christ Church for funding the second bench.

I am sure that they will be well used for conversation and connection in the years to come. *Simon*

Treasures Together – new time! We have moved our start time to **3pm on Mondays**. Together we explore the messages of the Bible, following the amazing Lectio 365 devotionals and take part in faith-filled discussions. All are welcome. For more information please contact Ally Giles fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com

Volunteers for a Creche during the 10am service needed

We would like to start up a creche for pre-school children to take place on a Sunday morning, to give parents the opportunity to worship without distraction and allow their little ones to get to know members of our church family. We are hoping to start this in October. It is an initiative of faith, hoping that the provision will encourage more families to join our church family.

The creche will take place each Sunday during morning worship, with the exception of the All-Age service. It will happen in the main hall, where Sunday Club will also be meeting and the children will come/be brought by their parents at the same time as Sunday Club leave the church (after the children's talk). They will then return to the church/be collected with children from Sunday Club towards the end of the service. There will be a minimum of 2 adults running the creche and there will also be the adults running Sunday Club in the hall, so there will be a minimum of 4 available adults.

Please pray about whether you think this is something that you can help with and if you feel it is right for you to volunteer, please let Ali Tremlett know.

Alison@christchurchswindon.co.uk

🚴 ✨ **Ride + Stride 2025 – last chance to sponsor us!** ✨ 🚶

You can still sponsor the Christ Church team but you will need to be quick as we have to pay all our monies in by next weekend.

Chris and Jacob, Steve and Carol will be very happy to welcome you to their JustGiving link here:

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

Remember – half of what you donate will come back to Christ Church/St Mary's



🌱 **Growing in Generosity – Join the Parish Giving Scheme** 🌱

We've launched our annual stewardship campaign at Christ Church, and we're encouraging everyone to support our church through regular giving via the Parish Giving

Scheme.

Why use the scheme?

- ✓ It saves time, money, and reduces our admin
- ✓ Gift Aid is automatically calculated
- ✓ Easy to manage your giving online

Whether you're starting regular giving or reviewing your current contributions, the Parish Giving Scheme is our preferred way to give.

💻 Sign up here: Join the Parish Giving Scheme:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/swindon-christchurch-st-mary-swindon/>

💻 Manage your giving here: Manage your donation:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/managing-your-donation/>

Let's grow together in generosity! 🌸 Thank you for your support.

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.

As Fairtrade Fortnight draws to a close this Sunday (5th October), we want to remind one another that this is not the end but just the beginning of our journey as a **Fairtrade Place of Worship**. Over the past fortnight we have celebrated the difference Fairtrade makes, and now we are committed to carrying these values forward by using Fairtrade products wherever we can and encouraging others to do the same. This is the start of an ongoing commitment to justice, fairness, and care for creation in the choices we make together as a church family. To find out more about making Fairtrade choices when you shop, visit: <https://fairtrade.net/uk-en.html>

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. Please note that hiring a coach has proved not to be viable, so **please contact Simon if you need a lift**. **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.

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

Concert at Bath Road: Early Notice - October 10th at 7.30pm "Cabaret" A concert by the Swindon Community Concert Band and local talent. Proceeds to the Swindon Hardship Fund.

'Remembering Loved Ones' Sunday 12th October 10.30am at Immanuel. The service will be led by Robert and will include the lighting of candles in memory of the recently departed. The congregation will also be invited to light candles in memory of their loved ones.

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.



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Dates for your diary

'The Counterfeit Beatles Concert' in Christ Church **Friday 10th October 7.30pm** in aid of the Kelly Foundation. Tickets from

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/swindon/christchurch/the-kelly-foundation-presents-the-beatles/e-joalg>

Christ Church spire will be floodlit in blue on 10th October in honour of World Mental Health Day

Rock Choir North Wilts 10-year anniversary concert in Christ Church **Saturday 11th October 7pm** in aid of Prospect Hospice and Wroughton Making Memories Café. Tickets £15 (under 12s £7.50) from

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rockchoir4>

Swindon Choral Society Concert in Christ Church **Saturday 18th October 6.30pm** – 'Brahms Requiem' and Rheinberger's 'Stabat Mater'. Tickets £18 (under 18s free) from

<https://www.swindonchoral.org.uk/dbpage.php?pg=contact>

'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, 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 Sheila Davies, Padmini Dethe, Jacqueline Blake, Elise Rivers, Alan and Valda Jones 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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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>

The Kelly Foundation Presents
"The *COUNTERFEIT* Beatles"



FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 7.30 PM
IN CHRIST CHURCH

Tickets:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/rbypvmjvbybm>



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Christ Church Swindon
SN1 3HG
Scan the QR code for tickets



Tickets available at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rockchoir4>

Swindon Choral Society
presents



Brahms' Requiem
and Rheinberger's Stabat Mater

Conductor: Craig Plafant
Soprano: Nicky Smith, Alto: Rebecca Williams
Soprano: Charlotte Nicholson & Craig Plafant

Christ Church, Swindon, SN1 3HG
Saturday 18 October 6.30pm
£18.00 (under 18s free)

Facebook: @swindonchoralsociety
Twitter: @swindonchoralsociety
Website: swindonchoralsociety.org.uk
Swindon Choral Society Registered Charity 1059501

Candlelight Concerts
in Christ Church

Friday 24th October

6.30pm Vivaldi
'Four Seasons'

8.30pm' Coldplay
on Strings'

tickets: <https://feverup.com>
Pay Bar available

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