



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 16th November 2025 - 2nd Sunday Before Advent

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

10am Informal Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

Children's Talk: 'When things fall apart!' - the Revd. Norma McKemey

Sermon: 'New from the Old' - the Revd. Norma McKemey

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Reader: John Humphreys

Prayers: Liz Day

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

4pm Choral Evensong - led by Ailsa Palmer

Sermon: David Cain

St Mary's

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

[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, 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 17th November	1pm Eco Group meeting in the Choir Vestry
Tuesday 18th November	12.45pm funeral of Jose 'Joe' Trigo-Robledo at Kingsdown Crematorium
Wednesday 19th November	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Prayer 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Thursday 20th November	12 noon funeral of Donald Nwokolo at Kingshill House followed by burial in Christ Church Burial Ground
Friday 21st November	1pm burial of ashes of Terence & Jacqueline Blake in Christ Church Burial Ground 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's
Saturday 22nd November	11am – 2.30pm Friends of Christ Church Christmas Market

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 – NB NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER
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
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 1st 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

Sunday 23rd November – Sunday next before Advent - Christ the King

MISSION GIVING DAY

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

4pm Informal Evening Worship

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Update on Simon – Week 7: Simon was transferred to the Royal Brompton Hospital on Tuesday and since then there has been lots of tests and investigations to prepare him for major heart surgery on Friday afternoon 14th November. We have received support from the hospital chaplain and local curate who brought us Communion yesterday. We feel that he is in excellent hands with the wonderful medical team here with all their expertise. Thank you for your continuing prayers and support.
Every blessing, Nicola

Choral Evensong THIS SUNDAY 4pm – music by McKie, Murrill and Vierne and featuring Bairstow's magnificent anthem 'Blessed City, Heavenly Salem' which the choir performed recently in Worcester Cathedral. Tim will be conducting the choir and we are happy to welcome back Ian Crabbe to play the organ and whose preces and responses will be sung. The service will be led by Ailsa and the sermon will be given by David Cain. All welcome. If you are unable to be with us in person, you can watch live or on catch up later via our YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/wYAWKEKeH2-c?si=9Tu8JX9H-LO1x0QX>

Pastoral Care - We are aware that Simon was visiting a number of people, either pastorally or for home communion. If Simon was visiting you, or someone you know, please would you let the parish office know ASAP so we can ensure another minister can cover this during Simon's absence. Thank you for your help.

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 which will be open for tours at 11.30am, 12 noon, 12.30pm and 1pm** (book on the day). The market runs until 2.30pm. For more details, contact Christine Senior at sec.focc@gmail.com

Can anyone help with providing a cake to sell at the upcoming Christmas market taking place on 22nd November? Cakes can be left in the community centre kitchen or given to Carol, Jenny or myself on either Friday 21st between 12-4.30 or Saturday 22nd between 9-11am. Please get in touch to let me know what type of cake you can bring: chris@christchurchswindon.co.uk or 01793 267500. *Many thanks, Chris*

Could you lay an extra place at your table this Christmas for an international student? Each year the charity EIL UK receives hundreds of applications from international students studying at British universities hoping to experience Christmas or New Year in a British home. If you could offer friendship and host an overseas university student for a 3-night stay between 24th and 27th December 2025, drop us a line at host@eiluk.org to find out more about this rich and rewarding experience and how you can be part of the HOST UK programme.

Advance Notice – Our Next Mission Giving Day will be **NEXT SUNDAY 23rd November**, when all donations given will go to the Willows Counselling Service. Liz Day will be speaking about the important service that Willows provides. Please put the date in your diary and spread the word around.

Charity Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 29th November

Swindon Guide Dogs are holding a Charity Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th November 2025 at The Crown, Stratton, SN3 4NL from 10am to 12 Noon.

Cup of Coffee/Tea and a slice of cake for just £5.
There will also be a raffle too with some great prizes.
NO NEED TO BOOK just turn up.

We're preparing for our Christmas Eve Crib Service and need your help to bring the nativity to life! If you have good-quality nativity costumes, stripy or white pillowcases or sheets, lace, gold cord, or furry material for sheep and cattle costumes, please consider donating them. Anything you can contribute can be brought to the Parish Office. Your generosity will help us create beautiful costumes for our children and make this special service truly memorable. *Many thanks, Daphne*

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**.

Recycle Your Old Glasses and Printer Cartridges at the Community Centre

As well as a collection box for old glasses we now have a collection box for you to recycle your ink cartridges. Collection boxes can be found in the community centre lobby outside the main hall.

Upcoming Events at Christ Church and the Community Centre

Our latest Events brochure is available online now. View it here:

<https://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/events/eventsnewsletter>

Never miss any of our great events by signing up to our Events Newsletter email at: <https://mailchi.mp/c741f2489c2f/events-at-christ-church-and-the-community-centre-swindon>

Partnership News

www.sotpc.org.uk

Partnership Advent Services Sunday 30th November:
10am at Bath Road Methodist Church

6.30pm at Christ Church

All welcome.

Dates for your diary

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, Neville Gray, Manda Shinde, Simon Stevenette, Barbara Sheppard, Joel Sales, Kaf Smith, Gordon Hudd, John Cross, Elizabeth Hogg 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 Elsa Ashworth, Donald Nwokolo, Terence & Jacqueline Blake, Joe Trigo-Robledo, Paul Simpson-McGregor, Martha Edwards, Mary Parnell, John Hall 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.



Christ Church
Swindon

THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH



FREE
ENTRY!

CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

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.focc@gmail.com



Partnership Advent Services
Sunday 30th November



**10am Bath Road Methodist
Church**

6.30pm Christ Church

ALL WELCOME

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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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>