



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 9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday – 3rd Sunday before Advent

Christ Church

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

10am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

Theme: Remembrance

Sermon: the Revd. Nitin Shinde

Reading: Micah 4:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 15:50 – end

Reader: Mike Frost-Foster

Prayers: Helen Hartnell

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

4pm Healing Service - led by Ailsa Palmer

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

[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 10th November	12 noon Funeral of Bruce Lee in Christ Church followed by burial in Christ Church grounds
Wednesday 12th November	10.30am Christ in Quiet 12:45pm Funeral of Barbara Harper at Kingsdown Crematorium 6.30pm Evening Prayer 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Friday 14th November	7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's

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
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 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' Every 1st and 3rd Saturday 10am starting from Christ Church
Dog Walking Group

Sunday 16th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

4pm Choral Evensong

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Update on Simon – Week 6: Simon continues to be treated at the GWH as he waits for an imminent transfer to the Brompton Hospital for heart surgery next week all being well. He is looking much better this week and has been able to rest in preparation for his operation. We were blessed to share Communion twice this week with Fr Toby and then later with Archdeacon Christopher.

As a family we have been deeply moved by the response to Hugo's just giving page which he has set up last week to raise money for Sepsis Research FEAT: https://www.justgiving.com/page/fightsepsiswithsimon?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. Every blessing Nicola and Simon

The second updated edition/print run of 'Christ Church Stained Glass Windows' by Mike Snow and Janet French are now available. See Janet or Caroline Pitt to get your copy. All profits will go to the window repair fund.

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

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 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.

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**.

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 Service Sunday 30th November 10am at Bath Road Methodist 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, Adrian Marsh, Kathy Vincent, Manda Shinde, Simon Stevenette, Barbara Sheppard, Joel Sales, José Humerick, John Cross, Paul Simpson-McGregor 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, Bruce Lee, Barbara Harper, Joe Trigo-Robledo, 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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<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*

Partnership Advent Service



Sunday 30th November 10am
Bath Road Methodist Church
ALL WELCOME



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



email:

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

