



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 11th January 2026 – Epiphany 2 Christ Church

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

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey & the Revd. Nitin Shinde

Sermon: The Revd. Daphne Hardwick

Theme: The Baptism of Christ

Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-end

Reader: Janet French

Prayers: the Revd. Moira Slack

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

**4pm Healing Service – led by the Revd. Moira Slack & Ailsa Palmer
St Mary's**

9am Holy Communion – led by the Ven. Christopher Bryan, Archdeacon of Malmesbury

[**Download our monthly Service Poster**](#)

Bible verse for 2026

Please collect a card from church today and feel free to pass one on to anyone you know who would like one



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

Week commencing 12th January

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 12th January	2.30pm ECO Group meeting in the Choir Vestry
Tuesday 13th January	9.30am Lainesmead School Year 4 visit
Wednesday 14th January	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Prayer 1pm Friends of Christ Church meeting in the Large Meeting Room 7pm Bible Encounter Group
Friday 16th January	7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's

Sunday 18th January 2026 – Epiphany 3 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Partnership Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

4pm Evensong

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Update from Nicola Stevenette

Simon continues to make good progress.

We are feeling sad though as our dog, Rupert has become very unwell since Christmas and is deteriorating. Please continue to keep us as a family in your prayers

Every blessing Nicola and Simon

We are delighted to welcome our Archdeacon, the Ven. Christopher Bryan, to St Mary's this Sunday morning. He tells us he had never visited St Mary's until he conducted the Triennial Inspection in October, so we are very happy to have him celebrating Holy Communion with us on this occasion. If you are at St Mary's this Sunday, please do have a chat with him over a cuppa after the service

The Stained-Glass window reinstallation has been delayed and will now take place on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th January. Apologies for any inconvenience.

St Michael's youth and families worker

St Michael's Highworth with St Leonard's Broad Blunsdon are recruiting for a church youth and families worker. Full details can be found here

<https://www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk/jobs>

Closing date: 23rd January 2026

New Testament in a Nutshell – St Mary's Purton 31st January 10am-4.30pm

The New Testament is well known; however, the context can often be missed. Relax and enjoy the journey as an experienced guide encourages you to see God's Word through the 'Big Picture'. Our fun and memorable sessions will help you learn with such clarity you'll be able to retell the whole Storyline to a friend. We will also do our best to inspire and equip you to keep digging deeper.

St Mary's Church, Church End, Purton, SN5 4EB cost £19 (£14 before 24/12) including workbook and bread and soup lunch. Free for children 11-18 if accompanied by an adult.

Book at www.Bible.org.uk or from Ian Tweedie-Smith 01793 770077
vicarage@tweediesmith.co.uk

Ride + Stride 2025 – Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported this year's Wiltshire Ride + Stride. Together, our Christ Church and St Mary's participants raised £682.20, half of which returns directly to our parish.

Special recognition goes to Jacob Smith, who at just 12 years old cycled to 50 churches in one day, and to Carol Simmons, who walked an incredible 23 miles

in memory of Arline Stovell, whose faithful commitment to Ride + Stride shaped this event for so many years.

While there were no parish awards this year, these achievements — along with the efforts of all who took part — are something to be truly proud of. Thank you to everyone who donated, encouraged, and supported the day.

Jennifer Miles

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

Our Partnership Service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be in Christ Church on Sunday 18th January at 10am. Please do put this date in your diary – we would love to see you there.

For your prayers

† Mike Shurmer, John Webb, Ann Sharpe, Ali Potter, Neville Gray, Manda Shinde, Simon Stevenette, Barbara Sheppard, Joel Sales, Kaf Smith, Gordon Hudd, John Cross, Emilia Shaw 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 baby Oscar Simms, Ken White, Delia Smith, Marina Rudman, Margaret Cole 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.

A reflection as we enter a New Year

Our walk with God
is never a lonely walk,
it is a family occasion,
if taken in the company
of God's children.

If we lag behind,
there are those who will turn
and offer words of encouragement,
hold out a hand and offer assistance
over stiles and other obstacles,
share refreshment,
help us from our knees
when we stumble.

Our walk with God
is never a lonely walk.
It is a joyful experience,
as along the path others join us,
attracted by the company
of God's children,
singing the same songs of praise
that angels sing,
following a path
worn down by tears and joy,
and sacrifice.

Our walk with God
is never a lonely walk,
for he walks with us,
on a track that leads
to a glorious destination.

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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>





“ OneBody,
OneSpirit ”

Old Town Partnership of Churches Service

Sunday 18th January 10am
Christ Church, Cricklade Street, Swindon SN1 3HB

ALL WELCOME



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer


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together
IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND®

Christ in Quiet



A SHORT MID-WEEK
COMMUNION SERVICE
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10:30AM



Christ Church
Swindon