



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 8.30am-4.30pm) or email [parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk](mailto:parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk)

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple Christ Church

8am 1662 Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey  
Sermon: The Revd. Nitin Shinde

10am All Age Worship – led by the Team  
Theme: 'Love for Everyone'  
Readings: Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 13  
Talk: James Davies-Spratt

[Download an order of service so you can follow and join in](#)  
*3pm Messy Church at Bath Road Methodist Church*

4pm Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey  
Sermon: the Revd. Nitin Shinde

*St Mary's*

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick  
[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

**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.

### Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	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>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>No Treasure together today – back on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	7.30pm Staff Team Meeting in the Large Meeting Room 9.30am Lainesmead School Reception Class Visit to Christ Church <i>6pm Old Town Partnership Focus Group meeting at Immanuel</i>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Fellowship of Faith
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12 noon funeral of Valerie Morgan in Christ Church
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	1.30pm burial of ashes of Margaret Cole in Jubilee Memorial Garden
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Morning Prayer & Men's Breakfast

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Second Sunday before Lent

#### Christ Church

**8am Holy Communion**

**10am Holy Communion**

**4pm Healing Service**

**St Mary's**

**9am Holy Communion**

**Willows Online Open Evening** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 6.30-7.15pm.

Join us online for an introduction to training at Willows, hear about the courses we offer and meet some of our friendly tutor team.

Are you considering training to become a counsellor and would like to know how to take the first steps? Or maybe you would just like to improve your listening skills?

Perhaps you are a qualified counsellor who is interested in our post-qualifying courses to extend and deepen your skills as practitioner.

Whatever stage you are at, everyone is welcome!

Our range of courses include:

- An Introduction to Counselling and Listening Skills
- Certificate in Counselling Skills - Level 2 (CPCAB)
- Certificate in Counselling Studies - Level 3 (CPCAB)
- Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling - Level 4 (CPCAB)
- Post-Qualifying Advanced Practitioner Course
- Post-Qualifying Diploma in Trauma (NCPS)
- CPD workshops for Counsellors/Psychotherapists

This open evening will give you the opportunity to:

- Meet the Willows training team
- Find out more about our training centre and our courses
- Participate in a course specific information session with the course tutors
- Ask questions and find out about the next steps

Book your free place today here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/willows-counselling-training-online-open-evening-tickets-1980554127711?aff=oddtdtcreator>

## A Book Club at Christ Church



Would you like to join a Book Club at Christ Church to share your love of reading, authors and genres with others and discover theirs, exploring new and established writers. The initial plan is to meet once a month, on a Tuesday between 10.00am and 12 noon in the Community Centre at Christ Church. A future development could be theatre and cinema visits. An opportunity to make new friends and have lunch in Old Town following meetings if that takes your fancy.

Please express interest to Judith Hawkins on [Judith.hawkins44@gmail.com](mailto:Judith.hawkins44@gmail.com) or in person on 07584 029126.

**Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February in Christ Church** There will be services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at 10.30am and 7.30pm – all are welcome.

**Partnership Lent Talks** will be on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Bath Road, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Christ Church and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Immanuel, all starting at 7pm**. The talks will be based around the Paula Gooder book 'Let Me Go There'. Please pop the dates in your diary – further information to follow.

### **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>

#### **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 Margaret Cole, Valerie Morgan, Audrey Levy, Beryl Green 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.

## OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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To keep in touch, visit us at: <https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindon> or  
<https://linktr.ee/communitycentrechristchurch>

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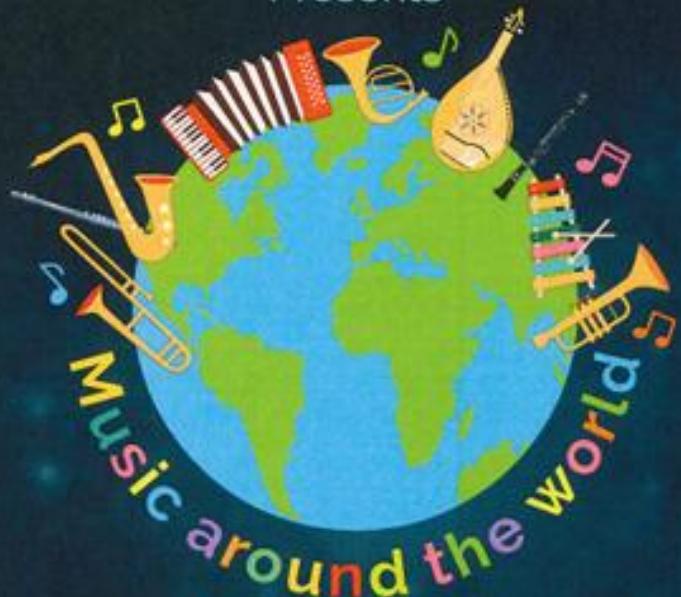
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