



Providing a spiritual home and resources for the local community

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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Epiphany 3  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Christ Church**

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

**10am Partnership Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – led by  
the Revd. Norma McKemey &  
the Revd. Rach Collins**

**Sermon: The Revd. Robert Jordan**

**Theme: ‘One Body, One Spirit’**

**Readings: Isaiah 58: 6-11 – read by Helen Hartnell (Christ Church)**

**Ephesians 4: 1-13 – read by Robert Manders (Bath Road)**

**Prayers: Wally Knight (Immanuel)**

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

**4pm Evensong – led by 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

### Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> January

<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 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	11am funeral of Ken White in Christ Church
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Prayer 7pm Fellowship of Faith
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	11am Iona Worship Group at St Mary's 6.30pm and 8.30pm Candlelight Concerts in Christ Church 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7pm Burns Night Celebration in the Community Centre – see <i>paragraph below for more information</i>

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Epiphany 4

**Christ Church**

**8am Holy Communion**

**10am Holy Communion**

**4pm Informal Evening Worship**

**St Mary's**

**9am Holy Communion**

### **Burns Night Celebration in the Community Centre – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 7pm**

Celebrate Burns Night with us again this year! Join Wellness in Grace and Christ Church on Saturday 24 January 2026 at 7pm for a hearty Scottish feast, the Selkirk Grace, the Ode to a Haggis, open mic poetry, and optional Scottish malt whisky tasting.

A complimentary drink is included on arrival, with a cash bar available.

Don't miss out—book your tickets now to secure your place at this much-loved evening! <https://ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets>

### **A Season of Remembrance at Christ Church Burial Ground**

Over the Christmas period, the Christ Church burial ground was lovingly adorned with over 200 floral tributes, placed by families, friends and relatives remembering their loved ones in the memorial gardens and graveyard. These heartfelt acts of remembrance created a moving and beautiful space for reflection. Ian Handy, who prepared for this by purchasing the flower flutes, was deeply moved by how beautiful the tributes looked, and we thank him for his ongoing commitment and dedicated work in keeping the memorial gardens in such wonderful condition throughout the year.

## THE BIG ENERGY SAVING WEEK 2026

helping you to save money and the planet

Join us this week in caring for God's creation



**The Big Energy Saving Week 2026** runs from Monday 19 January to Sunday 25 January and is promoted by the Energy Saving Trust (<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/campaign/energysaversweek/>).

We're pleased to be raising awareness of this week as part of our ongoing commitment to creation care, following our achievement of the A Rocha Gold Award. As part of this, we'd love to highlight the Creation Care lifestyle survey from [Creationcare.org](https://creationcare.org), which offers a positive, practical way to reflect on how we're living with the environment in mind and gently points to areas where small changes can make a real difference.

You can find the link to the survey on our Eco Hub mini website here: <https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindonecohub>.

When you sign up, you can choose to link your results to Christ Church – this simply helps us see how many people in our church are engaging with creation care, while all your answers remain private to you. The survey gives you a clear, encouraging snapshot with a Gold, Silver or Bronze rating across seven

everyday areas such as energy usage, home, garden, food and travel, helping you take the next step at your own pace in caring for God's creation.

Please do give it a go at the start of this new year and help us all as a church to reduce our impact on the planet and on your wallet.

### **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](http://www.Bible.org.uk) or from Ian Tweedie-Smith 01793 770077  
[vicarage@tweediesmith.co.uk](mailto:vicarage@tweediesmith.co.uk)

**Pilgrimage Walk to Walsingham** 29th March - 5th April 2026: once again a group from Holy Rood parish will join the Oxford Leg of this well-established pilgrimage - walking 100 miles during Holy Week to meet with others on different legs to celebrate Easter together. We would love others to join us. BOOKING IS OPEN NOW! Click here [Pilgrim Cross 2026 adult booking](#) or speak to Marguerite or Deacon Eric for more details: 07505 368 218.

### **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 baby Oscar Simms, Ken White, Delia Smith, Marina Rudman, Margaret Cole, Valerie Morgan 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>

To find out what we are doing to reduce our impact on the environment and improve biodiversity on site, visit:  
<https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindonecohub>



Are you concerned about how  
LGBTQI+ people are treated in the  
Church of England?

Do you want a more equal, diverse  
and inclusive C of E?

# join together

Together in Bristol Diocese is a local network of  
people working for inclusion and equality in the  
Church of England. Will you join us?

Come to a welcome meeting to find out more:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 7pm**  
St Paul's Church Hall, Covingham, Swindon SN3 5BY

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7pm**  
Cotham Parish Church, Bristol BS6 6DR

For more info email us at [togetherbristol@outlook.com](mailto:togetherbristol@outlook.com)  
or scan the QR code to join our mailing list



Wellness in Grace in partnership with Christ Church  
presents a delightful Scottish Burns Night



# Celebrate with a Traditional Burns Night

*Indulge in a Hearty Scottish Feast, including the  
Selkirk Grace, Ode to a Haggis, with whisky tasting &  
open mic poetry.*

**£18 for 3 course meal\***

**£26 for 3 course meal with Scottish malt whisky tasting\***  
**cash bar available**

**\*complimentary drink on entry**

*at the Community Centre @ Christ Church, Old Town.*

**7pm Saturday 24th January 2026**

Tickets available at: [cccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets](http://cccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets)



# Christ in Quiet



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



**Christ Church**  
Swindon