



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

Sunday 22nd February 2026 – First Sunday in Lent Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey
Sermon: Ailsa Palmer

10am Holy Communion – led by James Davies-Spratt

Celebrant: The Revd. Norma McKemey

Children's Talk: 'Snakes & Ladders - Ailsa Palmer

Sermon: 'Temptation/Testing: and Choices' - Ailsa Palmer

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3: 1-7; Matthew 4: 1-11

Reader: Ade Aremu

Prayers: Daniel Pitt

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

12 noon Holy Baptism – the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

We welcome the family & friends of Donnie Derick DeRiemacker

4pm Choral Evensong – led by The Revd. Daphne Hardwick

In memory of the Revd. Trevor Day

If you are unable to join us in person, you can watch live or on catch up via our YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Jgof6eaWgCU?si=MRGLihGw8AP9pymR>

See paragraph below for more information

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey
including Holy Baptism - *we welcome the family & friends of*

Asher Odinakachukwu Awopetu

[Download our monthly Service Poster](#)

Bible verse for 2026



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 23rd February

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: 08002605903 to join by phone Use this Passcode 694043607#
Monday 23rd February	3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 24th February	10am funeral of Beryl Green in Christ Church 2.30pm funeral of Margaret Ozanne at Kingsdown Crematorium 7pm Lent Talk at Bath Road Methodist Church – <i>see paragraph below for more information</i>
Wednesday 25th February	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Bible Encounter Group
Thursday 26th February	11am funeral of Audrey Levy in Christ Church
Friday 27th February	11.30am Iona Worship Group at St Mary's 7.30pm doors open for 8pm Comedy Night in the Community Centre
Saturday 28th February	7.30pm Swindon Concert Band and Swindon Ukrainian Choir performance in Christ Church – fundraising for Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership

Sunday 1st March 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent

Christ Church

8am 1662 Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship and Baptism Welcome

4pm Holy Communion

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Funeral Details – the Revd. Trevor Day

Trevor's funeral will be in Christ Church on **Thursday 19th March at 11am**, followed by burial in the Burial Ground. Please continue to hold Coby, Thomas, Anneke, Edalia and the family in your prayers.

A book of condolence is available at St Mary's Church, Lydiard Tregoze, 2pm-4pm on Sunday afternoons for anyone wishing to sign it. There is also an online book of condolence on our website where you can add your messages for the family on our website here:

<https://www.christchurchwindon.co.uk/blog/book-of-condolence-for-the-revd-trevor-day/>

Messy Church helpers needed

The team who run Messy Church could do with some more help. It doesn't need to be every month but could you take on one of the following roles either regularly or occasionally to help us out?

Craft preparers – work at home in advance to get all the parts of a craft for about 15 children.

Craft leaders – show the children and families on the day how to do a set craft, and clear away afterwards

Kitchen volunteers – helping out with food preparation serving up the food and then doing the washing up

Kitchen shopper – do all the shopping to feed about 40 people

Cake bakers – bake a traybake or fairy cakes in advance

Worship leaders – led the worship session on a rota.

Welcome duty – take the register, get children to write their names on stickers and keep an eye on the front door for escapees. Or stand outside and welcome people in.

Please speak to one of the clergy or a member of the messy church team if you'd be interested in helping out or to find out more.

Choral Evensong THIS SUNDAY 22nd February 4pm – dedicated to the memory of the Revd. Trevor Day. The choir will be singing music by Orlando Gibbons, Philip Moore and SS Wesley and Tim will play a beautiful organ voluntary by JS Bach. Choral evensong is a beautiful, contemplative way to mark the transition from day to night, using traditional liturgy for Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. Tim and our choir put a lot of work into preparing this service, so please do come along to support them and invite friends. Richard Sutcliffe will be conducting the choir.

Partnership Lent Talks:

Tuesday 24th February at Bath Road – ‘Follow Me’ – the Revd. Rach Collins

Wednesday 11th March at Christ Church – ‘Who are You?’ – the Revd. Nitin Shinde

Thursday 26th March at Immanuel – ‘Wilderness’ – the Revd. Robert Jordan.

The talks are based around the Paula Gooder book ‘Let Me Go There’.

Each evening will begin at 7pm with refreshments and chat.

7.30pm talk & discussion.

The evening will finish by 8.30pm.

All welcome

Fairtrade Cuppas Since last autumn, Christ Church has been proud to be a registered Fairtrade Place of Worship, reflecting our commitment to justice and fairness in global trade. As part of this commitment, we use Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar — particularly when serving refreshments after our Sunday morning service. We order these supplies in bulk on a monthly basis, so there is no need to donate products.



If you would like to help us cover the cost of providing Fairtrade refreshments, we would greatly appreciate cash donations in the bowl at the serving hatch on a Sunday morning. Alternatively, you can donate online via the church — please do let us know that your gift is intended for Fairtrade supplies. Thank you for supporting this important commitment.

World Day of Prayer Service 10.30am in Christ Church on Friday 6th March

This year's service has been prepared by women from Nigeria using Matthew 11:28. All welcome. Refreshments in church after the service. More details here: <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2026-theme-and-country-nigeria/>

Audrey Maslin Some people will already know that Audrey passed away in December at her care home in Herefordshire. It was Audrey's wish for a memorial service to take place in St Mary's Church, where she worshipped and was well-loved for many years. This will be on **Wednesday 25th March at 2pm** and the Revd. Teresa Michaux will officiate. The family are keen that everyone who knew Audrey knows they are very welcome to attend. Simple refreshments will be served after the service to share memories of Audrey.

Willows Counselling Service

Italian Night Fundraiser!

Join us for an evening of food, friends, and laughter whilst raising money to support our counselling work within the local community.



£30pp 3 course set menu

Thurs 26th March 26, 6.30pm - Fabios, Bath Road, Old Town, Swindon



We are really pleased to invite you to our Italian Night Fundraiser on Thursday 26th March at 6:30pm at Fabios (15 Bath Road, Swindon, SN1 4AS)

It's a great opportunity to enjoy a delicious 3 course Italian meal in good company, while helping raise funds for Willows simply by coming. There will also be an optional raffle on the night.

Family and friends are really welcome to come too!

To book, please complete the form here:

<https://willowscounselling.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c3bc9e470b12af462793e498e&id=86d797f381&e=c288c71948>

The cost is £30 per person for food (drinks can be purchased on the night). Parking will be available at Willows on a first-come, first-served basis. Bookings need to be made by **Tuesday 16th March** and payment to Willows is required in advance to secure the booking. *When booking, please let us know if you have any allergies or dietary requirements so that we can inform the restaurant in advance.*

Partnership Confirmation Service Our confirmation service this year is at **10am on Sunday 31st May 2026 in Christ Church**. If you are interested in being confirmed this year, please take a leaflet from church or online at www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/blog/confirmation-2/ and fill in an enquiry form or speak with Norma. Please do put this date in your diary and come along to support the confirmands as they make this important step in their journey of faith.

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, Kaf Smith, Gordon Hudd, John Cross, Emilia Shaw, Beth Wells 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 Audrey Levy, Beryl Green, Jean Peters, Margaret Ozanne, Trevor Day, Audrey Maslin 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>

ADLENT CALENDER



Lent for the year 2028 starts on February 18th and ends on 2nd April, with evening mass on Holy Thursday.

During Lent why not gather items to help those less fortunate than yourselves and create a donation for the Swindon Food Collective, a charity helping to feed almost 9,000 people, of which 31% are children.

You do not have to a practising Christian to take part in the ADLENT CALENDER event – you just need goodwill in your heart.

Here are some donation suggestions:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Tin of Baked Beans	Bottle of Washing Up Liquid	Tin of Spaghetti Hoops	Tin of Comed Beef	Tin of Comed Beef
Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Tin of Custard	Jar of Coffee	Tin of Potatoes	Tin of tomatoes	Bar of soap
Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15
Packet of long grain rice	Packet of cereal	Tin of fruit	Carton of <u>long life</u> juice	Tinned fray bertos pie
Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
Tin of peas	Tube of toothpaste	Packet of pasta	Tin or packet of soup	Packet of jelly cubes
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25
Carton of <u>long life</u> milk	Tin of ravioli	Tin of carrots	Bottle of shower gel	Jar of pasta sauce
Day 26	Day 27	Day 28	Day 29	Day 30
Tin of hot dogs	Tin of rice pudding	Packet of teabags	Tin of sweetcorn	Tin of spam
Day 31	Day 32	Day 33	Day 34	Day 35
2in1 Shampoo/conditioner	Tin of tuna	Laundry pods	Packet of biscuits	Bottle of squash
Day 36	Day 37	Day 38	Day 39	Day 40
Tin of ham	Tin of mixed vegetables	Tin of shaving foam	Tin of sardines	An easter egg

Thankyou.

Registered charity no. 1180603

Choral Evensong

for the First Sunday in Lent

Sunday 22nd February 4pm
in Christ Church

*Music by Orlando Gibbons,
Philip Moore, SS Wesley & JS Bach*

Organist: Tim Eyles
Conductor: Richard Sutcliffe

All welcome



Christ Church
Swindon