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## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent** **Christ Church**

**8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day**

**Sermon: James Davies-Spratt**

**10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey**

**Preacher & Celebrant: the Ven. Christopher Bryan, Archdeacon of Malmesbury**

**Theme: 'Do not worry'**

**Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3; Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 6: 25-end**

**Reader: Elizabeth Breakspear-Jones**

**Prayers: Liz Day**

**[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. Daphne Hardwick**

**Sermon: Maranda Ng**

**[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 9 <sup>th</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 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12.30pm Finance & Governance Group in the Large Meeting Room 7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting in Christ Church (refreshments from 7pm) – <i>see paragraph below for more information</i>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Bible Encounter Group
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	6.30pm and 8.30pm Candlelight Concerts in Christ Church 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 –Sunday next before Lent

Christ Church
8am Holy Communion
10am Informal Holy Communion
4pm Informal Evening Worship
St Mary's
9am Holy Communion

**Swindon Deanery Synod** are meeting in Christ Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – refreshments will be served at 7pm with the meeting starting at 7.30pm. The focus will be on 'Eco Church' and we will be joined by Kit Connell, the Environment and Sustainability manager for the Diocese, as well as being led by members of the Swindon Deanery Eco Church. Christ Church Eco Group are involved in this. This is an **open meeting** so anyone interested

will be welcome to come along, support our team and contribute to the discussions.

**Volunteer urgently needed for Christ Church Lunch Club** to help serve food and tea and coffees. Time needed from 11.30 to 2.30 on Mondays would be very helpful. Lunch provided for all volunteers.

Also standby Cook/Kitchen Assistant to help prepare vegetables and other kitchen tasks. Time from 09.30 am to 1.30pm on Mondays when needed. Further information from Pat Tomlinson 07847 565594.

**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=oddttdcreator>

**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.

### **Lent Retreat Evening – Shared Screening**

**Friday 20 February | 6.00–9.00pm (tea & coffee from 5.30pm)**

**Christ Church | Free event**

You're warmly invited to a shared Lent retreat evening, shown on the big screen at Christ Church. The retreat includes short talks, poetry, scripture, and worship from St Martin-in-the-Fields, with contributors including Malcolm Guite and David Ford.

Lent is a season for reflection and renewal, and this evening offers a thoughtful way to enter more deeply into it alongside others from church. Come for a quiet, prayerful space at the start of the season. You are welcome to attend all or part of the evening, we only request that you enter and leave the church quietly.

Free to attend, but please book a ticket so we have an idea of numbers:

Book here: <https://ccccswindon.co.uk/events/84/details>

### **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.

**Partnership Confirmation Service** Our confirmation service this year is at **10am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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/](http://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.

**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, 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 Audrey Levy, Beryl Green, Paula Curtis, Jean Peters, Margaret Ozanne 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.



# Choral Evensong

for the First Sunday in Lent

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 4pm**  
**in Christ Church**

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

**Organist: Tim Eyles**  
**Conductor: Richard Sutcliffe**

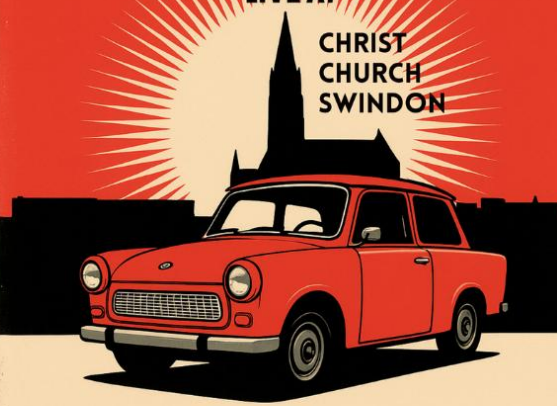
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## TIM BURTON'S UNIVERSE BY MYSTERY ENSEMBLE

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made them unforgettable.

7.30pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March in Christ  
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