



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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Lent Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

Sermon: James Davies-Spratt

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14; John 11:1-45

Children's Talk: 'Jesus is With Us' – James Davies-Spratt

Sermon: 'Walking with Pain...and Still Walking with Jesus' – James Davies-Spratt

Reader: John Pryce

Prayers: Verity Brooke-Maples

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

4pm Informal Evening Worship – led by The Revd. Robert Jordan

### St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

Sermon: The Revd. Nitin Shinde

[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 23<sup>rd</sup> March

<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>0800 2605903</u> to join by phone Use this Passcode <u>694043607#</u>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	3pm 'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection group 7.30pm PCC meeting in the Large Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10am King William Street School Easter Service
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10.30am Christ in Quiet 2pm Memorial Service for Audrey Maslin at St Mary's 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Bible Encounter Group
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	2pm Iona Worship Group at St Mary's – <i>please note new time</i>

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Palm Sunday

### Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

4pm Songs of Praise

### St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

## Electoral Roll Members

Every year as part of the annual church meeting, we review and update all the names on our church Electoral Roll. This year the review starts at the beginning of March and will be completed by mid-April. A list of all currently registered Electoral Roll members (names only) will be available at the back of the churches during the review period.

## What do you need to do?

### 1. Already on the Electoral Roll

If you are already on the Church Electoral Roll and are happy to remain on it, you need take no further action.

### 2. You want to join the Electoral Roll

There are several benefits from joining the Electoral Roll:

- You can stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)
- You can attend the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (APCM)
- You can participate in the voting at the APCM

### **To be entered on the Electoral Roll you must:**

- Be over 16 years of age
- Be baptised
- Have attended a church in the parish for at least the last six months.

If you wish to be entered on the Electoral Roll, please complete one of the applications for enrolment available at the back of the churches and return it to the Parish office **by 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**The Revd. Trevor Day** If you were unable to attend Trevor's funeral you can watch back via our YouTube channel here

<https://www.youtube.com/live/lelsVUoOqq4?si=t9UQ3d0cKlkkh9wc>

The online book of condolence will remain open for messages to be added until **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. You can add your message for Trevor's family here

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

### **Final Partnership Lent Talk:**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Immanuel – 'Follow Me' – the Revd. Rach Collins.**

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

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

7.30pm talk & discussion.

The evening will finish by 8.30pm. All welcome

**From Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March our evening Services will move to 6.30pm for the summer months.** We hope you will still be able to join us

**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 **next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Full peal attempt** On Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April there will be a full peal attempt on the Christ Church bells, beginning at 10am. If successful, the ringing will last for more than three hours. We wish the ringers well as they attempt this. For more information on learning to ring, please contact the Tower Secretary, Ann Eyles, on [bells@christchurchswindon.co.uk](mailto:bells@christchurchswindon.co.uk)

### **The Revd. Robert Jordan's retirement service**

Our Minister, The Reverend Robert Jordan is retiring at the end of April. All at Immanuel would like to invite your congregation to join us to celebrate his 42 years of Christian Ministry. A special service will be held on **Sunday 26th April at 10.30am at Immanuel URC**, with a buffet lunch in the church hall afterwards. The 10am services at Christ Church and Bath Road have been cancelled on this date, so as many people as possible can join us. Please keep the date in your diary. We hope to see you there. *Regards, Immanuel URC Elders.*

**Iona Worship Group – change of time** From Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Iona Worship Group will move to **2-3.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month**, still at St Mary's

**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.

### **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, Emilia

Shaw, Ian Handy, Nessa Denman and all those in need of God's healing, including those undergoing long term treatment of any kind.

† Our 2025 wedding couples as they approach their first anniversary:

\* Shaun & Kayleigh Webster – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

† 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 Maslin, Patricia Lewis, Gary Allman, Mary Brettell, Kenneth & Margaret Hobbs, Carl Jones, John Cross, Dennis Yeoman, Harry & Gwendoline Sumner 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/christchurchswindonecohob>



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# FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

## DAYENU: IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH

**An evening of reflection and gratitude  
during Holy Week.**

**Together we will remember the  
faithfulness of God, write our own  
Dayenu prayers, and declare that even  
one act of His mercy would have been  
enough.**

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 7PM  
CHRIST CHURCH SWINDON**

# Holy Week & Easter

## Compline for Holy Week

Join us for a simple, prayerful time together as we contemplate our Lord's Passion

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026  
6.30pm in Christ Church

 Christ Church  
Swindon

## Organ Recital for Passiontide

Music by JS Bach, David Bednall,  
Paul Hindemith,  
Sarah Macdonald and Jeanne Demessieux

Wednesday  
1<sup>st</sup> April 1pm  
in Christ Church



Tim Eyles,  
Christ Church  
Musical Director

Free entry with  
retiring collection

 Christ Church  
Swindon



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## Agape Supper

Immanuel Church  
Upham Road  
Swindon

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
7.30pm

A simple  
supper  
followed by  
Holy  
Communion



*'...do this in remembrance of me...'*

Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
12 noon - 3pm  
in Christ Church

## Meditations at the Cross

Rev'd Dr Marcus Torchon  
District Chair,  
Bristol Methodist District

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP  
IN THE COMMUNITY  
CENTRE  
1:30-3PM



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*Come and go as  
you need on the  
hour or half hour*



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## Sunrise Service

for Easter Morning

with Informal Holy  
Communion

*The Son has risen - Alleluia!*

6am Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Holy Rood Church on Lawn

led by the Revd. Rach Collins

## Easter Day at Christ Church

8am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Easter Praise

## St Mary's

9am Holy Communion



*He is Risen! Alleluia!*



**Friday 3rd April 2026**  
**Christ Church @ 7.30pm**

**Andrea Tweedale - soprano**  
**Matthew Palmer - baritone**  
**Clare Toomer and**  
**Paul Turner - piano duet**



**Avebury Vocal Ensemble**  
**Conductor - Peter Tims**

## **Brahms** **'German Requiem'**

*A rare chance to hear this masterpiece  
in Brahms' own chamber music version.  
A glorious way to crown our season!*

### **Christ Church**

26 Cricklade St, Swindon SN1 3HG  
Tickets only available on the door.

All adult tickets **£18.00** Concession (Senior  
Citizen/Unwaged) **£15.00**

Student (age 15-18) **£5.00**

Accompanied children (14 and under) **Free**



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