



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 15th March 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday
Christ Church**

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

10am Informal Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Nitin Shinde

Celebrant: The Revd. Moira Slack

Readings: Colossians 3:12-17; John 19:25b-27

Children's Talk: 'Why? Because She Loves You' - The Revd. Daphne Hardwick

Sermon: 'The Mother Heart of God' -The Revd. Daphne Hardwick

Reader: Anthony Slack

Prayers: Maranda Ng

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

4pm Evensong – led by The Revd. Norma McKemey

St Mary's

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

[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 16th March

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: <u>0800 2605903</u> to join by phone Use this Passcode <u>694043607#</u>
Monday 16th March	3pm 'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection group
Wednesday 18th March	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Thursday 19th March	11am funeral of the Revd. Trevor Day in Christ Church, followed by burial in the Burial Ground and Refreshments in the church 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
Friday 20th March	6pm Swindon Music Festival in Christ Church 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's
Saturday 21st March	7pm 'Ultimate Coldplay' tribute concert in Christ Church

Sunday 22nd March 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

4pm Informal Evening Worship

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 22nd March**

This Mothering Sunday, Fellowship of Faith is providing refreshment, prayer & community for those who are visiting their loved ones. We are also hoping to give daffodils. Last year we spoke to quite a few people, and we are looking forward to it again this year. 11:30am - 2:30pm at Christ Church. Email fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com

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. The service will be livestreamed via the Christ Church YouTube channel here

<https://www.youtube.com/live/lelsVUoOqq4?si=dAB6CXlwG48cfpNT>

Additional parking for the funeral is available at Immanuel Church, Upham Road. Swindon SN3 1DH – this is approximately a 10-minute walk from Christ Church.

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

Swindon Music Festival The Festival starts on **Friday evening 20th March at 6pm** in Christ Church, with brass, singers (including oratorio) and adult choirs. Sadly, no organists or church choirs this year. Audience welcome, cost £3.

Then it continues morning, afternoon and evening on Saturday 21st and most of the following week in the Arts Centre (not Monday or Thursday). More details from <http://www.swindonmusicfestival.co.uk> or from carolinempitt@googlemail.com

Final Partnership Lent Talk:

Thursday 26th 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 29th 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 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.

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. Services at your usual place of worship have been cancelled for this time, 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 27th March, Iona Worship Group will move to **2-3.30pm on the 4th Friday of each month**, still at St Mary’s

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, 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:

* Joseph & Miki Hudd – 15th March

* Shaun & Kayleigh Webster – 22nd 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 Trevor Day, Audrey Maslin, Patricia Lewis, Gary Allman, Mary Brattell, Kenneth & Margaret Hobbs 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.



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

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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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 1ST 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 30th, Tuesday 31st March and
Wednesday 1st 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
1st April 1pm
in Christ Church



Tim Eyles,
Christ Church
Musical Director

Free entry with
retiring collection

 Christ Church
Swindon



Old Town
Partnership of
Churches

Agape Supper

Immanuel Church
Upham Road
Swindon

Thursday 2nd April
7.30pm

A simple
supper
followed by
Holy
Communion



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

Good Friday 3rd 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



Old Town Partnership of Churches

Sunrise Service

for Easter Morning

with Informal Holy
Communion

The Son has risen - Alleluia!

6am Sunday 5th 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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