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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 12th April 2026 – Easter 2 Christ Church

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

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

Celebrant: The Revd. Moira Slack

Sermon: Ailsa Palmer

Theme: 'Knowing and Believing'

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 22-32 and John 20.19-end

Reader: James Davies-Spratt

Prayers: Oluwagbemisola

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

6.30pm Healing Service – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

[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 13th April

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 13th April	2pm Memorial Service for Mary Castle in Christ Church 3pm 'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room 7.30pm Staff Team Meeting in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 14th April	2pm Funeral for Dennis Yeoman in Christ Church (<i>committal 10.30apm at North Wiltshire Crematorium</i>)
Wednesday 15th April	10.30am Christ in Quiet 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Thursday 16th April	1 for 1.30pm – Burial Board Meeting in the Choir Vestry 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
Friday 17th April	7pm 'An Evening of Divine Wine' in Christ Church 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's

Sunday 19th April 2026 – Easter 3

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Informal Holy Communion

11.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Christ Church

6:30pm Evensong

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Election of Churchwardens

Our 2026 APCM will take place in Christ Church on **Sunday 19th April 2026 at 11.30am**. Anyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll may attend and vote.

There will be an election of Churchwardens at this meeting – there is a vacancy for one churchwarden this year. There are also nine vacancies for PCC Trustees and three vacancies for Deanery Synod. If you would be interested in standing for election, please speak with Ailsa or contact the Parish Office. The 2025 Annual Report and Accounts are available on our website here: <https://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/news-services/annualreport25.pdf>

If you need a hard copy, please contact the Parish Office.

Wow! Wow! Wow!

A totally massive thanks to all who supported my fundraiser at the Easter Monday Fete. I am overwhelmed by your generosity. From the bakers and donators of cakes, the helpers at the sweet, cakes, raffle and bric-a-brac tables, the setters-uppers and clearer-uppers, the attenders who purchased food and goods, and made generous donations, to Alex and Chris for offering me the opportunity, to Carol for advertising for me, and last but not least The Amazing Lunch Club Ladies, Pat, Sue, Linda and Mindy, who worked tirelessly to provide scrumptious food for the masses attending. The food just vanished!! And to anyone else I've missed! Over £1,000 was raised for The Children's Society!!!! They are so grateful! As am I! God bless you all. Love and appreciation. *Verity*

Easter Giving Campaign

This Easter, we invite you to take part in our "Draw Near – Life-Giving Habits for Lent" giving campaign, both here at Christ Church and as part of the wider Church of England initiative. As we reflect on the call to "cultivate the habits and practices that draw us nearer to God," we also recognise that our generosity is one of those life-giving habits. Your support enables the ongoing ministry, worship, and community work of Christ Church in Old Town. If you feel able to give this Easter, you can do so easily online at <https://www.justgiving.com/charity/christchurchswindon> or explore other ways to support us at <https://linktr.ee/supportchristchurchswindon>. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us continue to serve our community.

The Revd. Robert Jordan's retirement service

We are delighted that your congregation is going to join us at Immanuel for our minister, Robert Jordan's final service before his retirement (10.30am on Sunday 26th April) and afterwards for a Bring and Share Buffet Lunch in the Hall.

To give us an idea of numbers and to help with the arrangements please could you let us know if you will be coming to the service and, if you are staying for the lunch, what food, if anything, you are hoping to bring.

Carol Simmons has agreed to co-ordinate this information so please can you let her know on parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk. Thank you

All food donations can be brought to Immanuel on the Sunday morning and taken to the kitchen before the service. To keep things simple, we would be grateful if these could be plated and ready to go straight onto the table.

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to enjoying a happy time together to mark Robert's many years of ministry within the Partnership.

Very best wishes, Liz Gleed 07768 120364 *on behalf of Immanuel Elders*

Christian Aid Week 2026 – 10th to 16th May. 7 DAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

It will be Christian Aid Week from 10th to 16th May and we need some volunteers to deliver the envelopes. Delivery only envelopes are a simple, contact free way to collect donations from your local community without the need to knock and collect. You can do this while walking the dog, out with the children or just having a stroll in the spring sunshine (when we get some)

Please let me know if you are able help. Mike Palmer 01793 635112

michael@christchurchswindon.co.uk

Join our Diocesan Pilgrimage 2026

Step into a nine-day pilgrimage from the 15th - 23rd May 2026, for an adventure of prayer, story, and hope. Kingdom Seeds in Local Soils coincides with Thy Kingdom Come and is part of our Bristol diocesan Rhythm of Life. It's a call to pray that the seeds of God's kingdom may be sown in every corner of our diocese. You can join us for as much, or little, of the journey as you are able - even if that's simply saying hello as we pass through! Find out more here:

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/churchlife/resourcesforparishes/mdiyp/sowing-seeds-in-kingdom-soil/kingdom-seeds-in-local-soils--diocesan-pilgrimage-2026.php>

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, 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:
* Simon & Ally Giles – 13th April

† 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 Kenneth & Margaret Hobbs, Carl Jones, John Cross, Dennis Yeoman, Jimmy Hooker, Mary Castle, Ronald Bizley, Jean Baxter, Brenda Babington 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

Staff Team	For pastoral enquiries please contact the Parish Office in the first instance Staff Team: staffteam@christchurchswindon.co.uk	
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Community Centre @ Christ Church	Chris - 07582 305760 Jenny - 07312 083949 email - ccooperations@christchurchswindon.co.uk	Tel. 617237

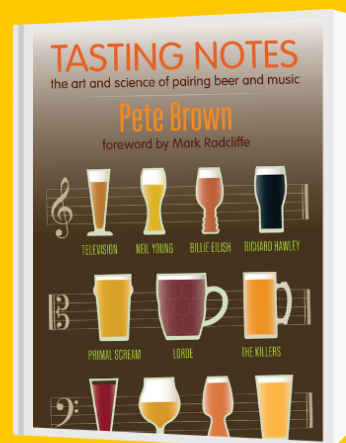
To keep in touch, visit us at: <https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindon> or <https://linktr.ee/communitycentrechristchurch>

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

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FRIDAY 8TH MAY 1:30-4:30PM

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5-6:30PM

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

ATURDAY 9TH
MAY 5-10PM

THE SAGA LOUTS



THE SAGA LOUTS
7-8PM



SPLAT THE RAT
8:30-10PM

TICKETS £12

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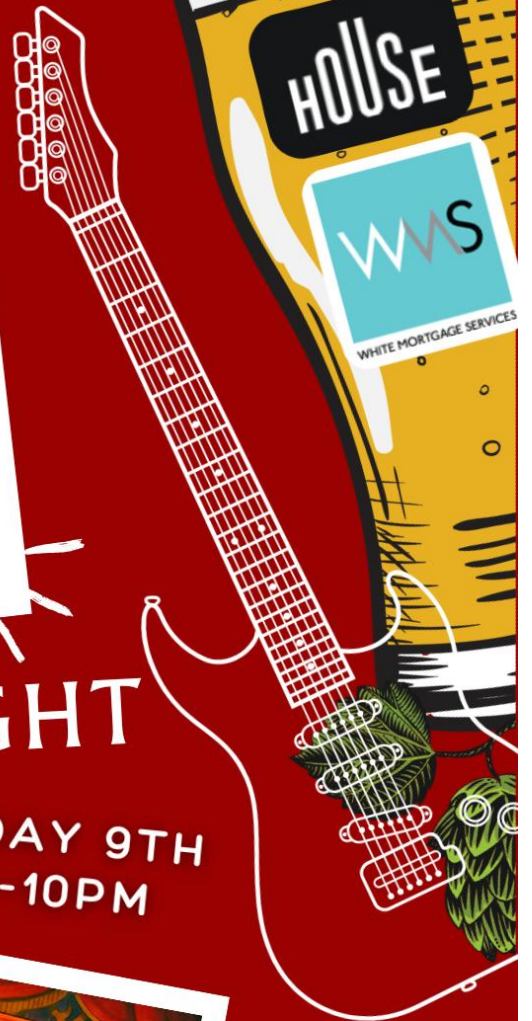
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SUN 10TH MAY | 3-6PM

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KIDS £5



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