



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 5th April 2026 – Easter Day Christ Church

6am Partnership Sunrise Service at Holy Road on Lawn – led by the Revd. Rach Collins

Followed by breakfast in the Community Centre

8am 1662 Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

10am All Age Family Communion with Baptism Welcome – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

We welcome the family & friends of Reuben Anthony Johnson who was baptised last Sunday

Theme: 'New Life for Everyone'

Talk: 'Good News that Changes Everything' - The Revd. Nitin Shinde

Readings: 1 John 4: 7-15; Luke 24:36-44

Reader: Janet French

Prayers: David Cain

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

3pm Messy Church at Bath Road Methodist Church

6.30pm Easter Praise – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

[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

Our mission: By proclaiming Christ through teaching and example:

- By welcoming and serving all through hospitality.
- By encouraging people to find God through worship, faith, and prayer.
- By providing a spiritual home and resources for the local community.
- By transforming Swindon and beyond with God's hope and compassion.

Our values: We will do this with humility, grace, and respect, listening prayerfully to God and our neighbours.

Week commencing 6th 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: 0800 2605903 to join by phone
Use this Passcode 694043607#

Monday 6th April – 10am full peal attempt on the Christ Church bells

Easter Monday 11am Easter Family Fete

Wednesday 8th 10.30am Christ in Quiet

April 2.30pm Burial of ashes of Margaret Draper in Jubilee Memorial Garden
7pm Bible Encounter Group

Friday 10th April 10.15am Burial of ashes of Vivien Jones in Christ Church Burial Ground
7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's

Sunday 12th April 2026 – Easter 2

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

6:30pm Healing Service

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Our gratitude, prayers and health update - from Simon and Nicola Stevenette 20th March 2026

Dear Friends

We are especially holding you in our thoughts and prayers at the beginning of Holy Week. May each of you be open to God's presence, grace and healing love shown in the life, death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all the love, prayers and acts of kindness you have shown us since Simon returned from hospital on 12th December. It has been very humbling hearing people's delight in Simon's ongoing recovery during our walks around the Lawns and Coate Water. We continue to be enormously thankful for the ongoing healing following the complications caused by Sepsis. However, what has recently become clear is that the emotional healing is taking somewhat longer. As a result, with the full support of Bishop Neil and Archdeacon Christopher, Simon has postponed his phased return to work by two months, from Easter Sunday to our Partnership Confirmation service on Sunday 31st May. This will give more time for retreat, spiritual reflection, reading and prayer counselling.

We are so appreciative for all the hard work, commitment and trust in God shown by the Staff team, PCC and all the congregation. We are praying that you will experience this Easter the power of the Holy Spirit breaking into all your challenges and opportunities and guiding you forwards.

Our testimony is that the more open we are the more we receive and that the fingerprints of God are all around us.

God bless you all

We look forward to seeing you again soon

with our love and prayers

Nicola and Simon

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.

Easter Monday Fete and London Marathon Fundraiser for the Children's Society

On Easter Monday, the fete starts at 11am and runs until 2pm. There will be craft and charity stalls, bouncy castle, a face painter, a second-hand Christian bookstall and a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny. A pop-up cafe will be serving light lunches, homemade cakes and savouries. Also, **new this year**, a bake-off competition open to people of all ages. You are invited to bring along your best bakes from home. *Alex & James*

During the Fete, Verity will be running a pop-up cafe in the Community Centre, to raise funds for The Children's Society. The lovely Lunch Club ladies are very kindly preparing fresh homemade soups, quiches and other snacks, plus cakes and drinks.

We hope to run a cake stall too, and if anyone would like to donate a cake, Verity would be truly grateful. All proceeds will go to her marathon fundraising for the charity.

There will be a lot going on at the Fete, so do come along if you can. Thanks so much and God bless you all. *Verity and team.*

Full peal attempt On Easter Monday 6th 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

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*

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:

* Colin & Lisa Stanton – 5th April

* Simon & Ally Giles – 13th April

† Reuben who was baptised last Sunday and will be welcome during the 10am service this Sunday, and for his family and friends

† 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, Vivien Jones, Margaret Draper, Jimmy Hooker, Mary Castle, Ronald Bizley 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.





Christ Church
Swindon

Wellness in Grace



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IN GRACE

Hop on over for our

EASTER

Glitter
tattoos

family fete

Bouncy castle

Join us on

Art & Craft
stalls

April 6th at 11am till 2pm

For some egg-citing fun
& craft stalls

Refreshments
available

At Christ Church &

Christ Church Community Centre

Baking
competition
scan QR code below

Kids activities
from
50p

Easter Monday bake off
registration.



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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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Includes great comedy acts, festival glass & first drink included

FRI 8TH (6PM-11PM) - £15 BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL
Festival glass & two drinks included

SAT 9TH (5PM-10PM) - £12 LIVE MUSIC NIGHT
Includes live music from three great local bands, festival glass & first drink included

FRI 8TH (1:30PM-4:30PM) - £10 BREWS & BEATS
Includes Beer & Music pairing talk with Sunday Times beer author Pete Brown, 4 x 1/3 pint tastings, festival glass, plus book signing opportunity

SAT 9TH (12NOON-10PM) - £15 BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL
Festival glass & two drinks included

SUN 10TH (3PM) - £10 ADULT £5 CHILD FAMILY 100 HITS BINGO
Beer, cider, and snacks throughout the evening included

100 Beers & Ciders

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