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Sunday 26th April 2026 – Easter 4 Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey
Sermon: the Revd. Nitin Shinde

NO 10AM SERVICE IN CHRIST CHURCH TODAY

Please join us at 10.30am at Immanuel URC, Upham Road, to celebrate with the Revd. Robert Jordan as he leads his final service before retirement. If you are unable to be there you can join us on livestream via Bath Road's YouTube channel here <https://www.youtube.com/live/hsN6BPgfOZk>
[Download an order of service so you can follow and join in](#)

6.30pm Informal Evening Worship – led by the Revd. Rach Collins

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 27th April

Morning Prayer 9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 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 27th April 3pm 'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group
4.30pm meeting in Christ Church
7pm National Emergency Briefing film in Christ Church – Free to attend but please book your place here
cccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets – further information below
7pm for 7.30pm – *Partnership Council Meeting at Immanuel*

Wednesday 29th April 10.30am Christ in Quiet
7pm Fellowship of Faith

Thursday 30th April 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room

Friday 1st May 11.30am Burial of ashes of Ronald Bizley in Christ Church Burial Ground

Saturday 2nd May 7.30am Morning Prayer & Men's Breakfast

Sunday 3rd May 2026 – Easter 5

Christ Church

8am 1662 Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship

6:30pm Holy Communion

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

**NO 10AM SERVICE IN CHRIST CHURCH
SUNDAY 26TH APRIL**

Please join us at
Immanuel URC, Upham Road SN3 1DH
at 10.30am
for
the Revd. Robert Jordan's final service
as their minister



Annual Parochial Church Meeting Results

On Sunday 19th April, we met to decide who should represent us on our Parochial Church Council for 2026-2027. The meeting was led by Norma McKemey, and attended by 34 parishioners, with 8 apologies. Our Church Wardens were elected: Sheila Wright and Paul Andrews, with thanks to Simon Giles for the great service he has given over the past two years. Our new PCC lay members are Sarah Garrett (Safeguarding lead), Elizabeth Breakspear - Jones, Simon Giles, Stan Hagarty, David Ratnam, Judith Hawkins, Alison Tremlett, Yvonne Andrews, Janice Titcombe, and Helen Hartnell (Secretary). Genny Williams is our PCC Licensed Lay-Minister on the PCC. At the meeting, Paul Ng presented the Financial Report for 2025 and continues as our Finance Officer for 2026. The new representatives for the Swindon Deanery Synod are Anthony Slack, Daniel Pitt and John Pryce. Several questions were asked from the floor. If you would like to see the full minutes of the APCM, please request a copy from either Helen Hartnell (helen@Christchurchswindon.co.uk) or from Carol Simmons at the Parish Office. *Helen Hartnell*

Verity's London Marathon 2026

Firstly, thanks so much again to everyone who has supported and donated at my recent fundraising events. SO very grateful!

Some of you have kindly been asking for the link to my marathon fundraising page for The Children's Society. Apologies for the delay in posting details!

Here they are! I accept cash too!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/verity-brooke-1757751292872?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA

As is my norm, I will be dedicating each mile to precious people, present and past, including many from Christ Church, and would above all value your prayers for the health and safety of all of us taking part. You are all very much part of my marathon team!

Thank you so much and God bless you all. *Verity*

Next Partnership Council Meeting Monday 27th April at Immanuel - 7pm for 7.30pm start.

National Emergency Briefing Film – Monday 27th April 7-9.30pm in Christ Church

In November 2025, the National Emergency Briefing

<https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film> brought together leading experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to politicians and

other influential people in Westminster. That evidence is now on the public record.

The film aims to bring together people in local communities across the UK to hear the evidence and discuss how to respond - together with their MP.

If possible, please read the linked document here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1emy01XWitZ0uwFi3jWMUCK0eV3V8b0gO/view>, which explains more about the objectives and includes a link to complete a pre-screening survey conducted by the University of Bath.

There is limited parking on-site at the church, but there is plenty of parking in the near vicinity. Tea & Coffee will be available before the event and in the interval between the film and a general discussion. The event is free, please register here: <https://ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets>

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

Pray for Swindon 2026 – Saturday 16th May 7-9pm in Christ Church

Good News for Swindon would like to invite you to join us in worship together and pray for Swindon! We want to respond to Scripture's encouragement to 'Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...and pray to the Lord on its behalf' (Jeremiah 29:7), by inviting God to bless Swindon and to pray for his Kingdom to come and his will to be done here – that his salvation, light and healing would be seen and known in Swindon this year!

God's people united in prayer are powerful, and Swindon needs a church who prioritise prayer! So, please make this a priority by putting the date in your diary and coming along.

One Nurse. Three wars. Always the Children. Join us for an inspiring evening with Anne Watts, former Save the Children Nurse, as she shares powerful stories from the front line in celebration of A Million Acts of Hope Week.

A 3 course Italian dinner, followed by a talk.

Date: Wednesday 20th May

Time: 6.30pm arrival | Dinner served at 7pm

Venue: Fabio's Restaurant, Bath Road, Swindon

Cost: £25 per person

Booking

Email Fidelma Meehan: F.Meehan@savethechildren.org

Phone: 07970 868364

Learn more about Anne and her work:

www.annewatts.co.uk

All proceeds will be donated to Save the Children

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.

The High Sheriff of Wiltshire's Annual Charity Concert in Christ Church – Saturday 13th June 2026 7.30pm featuring Ten in a Bar and the JTP Trust Youth Choir. Tickets £10 (concert only) or £20 (concert and reception afterwards) are available from the Parish Office (cash or cheque only) or online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/high-sheriffs-charity-concert-organised-by-rotary-swindon-cares-for-swa-tickets-1984474854711> (please note that Eventbrite takes a small admin fee).

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, Michael Porter 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 Ronald Bizley, Jean Baxter, Brenda Babington, Maureen Puffett, Margaret Bohane, Marion Brickell 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/christchurchswindonecohub>

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WHAT THE PLUCK
5-6:30PM

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

SATURDAY 9TH MAY 5-10PM



THE SAGA LOUTS
7-8PM



SPLAT THE RAT
8:30-10PM

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LET'S

TALK

In-store event

How to use a Community Defibrillator Seminar

Join us on Wednesday 29th April at 6pm to 8pm

VENUE: In-store at Old Town Coop Food Market, High Street, Old Town, Swindon, SN1 3EG



Do you know how to use a defibrillator in an emergency?

Join us for community training on how to use a defibrillator and the steps to take in case of a medical emergency.

This session is FREE to our members and customers but booking is a must as there are only limited space.

The Community Heartbeat Trust 'CARS' programme (Community Awareness Raising Seminar) is unique. It has been recognised as being ideal for a community to create awareness of the issues surrounding treating a patient in the community. It is not a formal classroom course but designed to answer questions, give basic instruction, be interactive and create confidence.

The 2 hour session will include:

- What is Sudden Cardiac Arrest?
- What is a defibrillator and why are they being placed into communities?
- How do I undertake Chest Compressions correctly?
- How do I use a defibrillator? – why does it say sometimes 'no shock advised'?



To find out more and book your place please visit: mid.coop/Defib or scan the QR code or email defibrillator@midcounties.coop



Meet. Learn.
Engage. Discuss.