



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 17th May 2026 – Sunday after Ascension Day Christ Church

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

10am Informal Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

Sermon: The Revd. David Day

Theme: 'The Disciples on Ascension Day'

Acts 1: 6-14; John 17: 1-11

Reader: Verity Brooke-Maples

Prayers: Judith Hawkins

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

6.30pm Choral Evensong – led by the Revd. David Day

Sermon: David Cain

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by 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 18th May

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 694043607#
Monday 18th May	11am funeral of Margaret Bohane in Christ Church followed by burial in the burial ground 3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room 7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Large Meeting Room
Wednesday 20th May	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Thursday 21st May	<i>10.30am funeral of Michael Hooker at Kingsdown Crematorium</i> 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
Friday 22nd May	11am Funeral of Terry Wollen in Christ Church <i>1.30pm funeral of Maureen Puffett at Kingsdown Crematorium</i> 5pm wedding rehearsal in Christ Church 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's
Saturday 23rd May	12 noon wedding of Adam Williams & Linzi Sutton in Christ Church

Sunday 24th May 2026 – Pentecost

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

12 noon – Holy Baptism

6.30pm Informal Evening Worship

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Choral Evensong in Christ Church – THIS Sunday 17th May 6.30pm Please come along and support Tim, Richard and our choir and invite your friends as well! There will be music by Vaughan Williams, Sumsion. Finzi and Leddington-Wright. A lot of work goes into preparing this service and it's a beautiful way to spend an hour or so in quietness with God before the new working week begins. The service will be led by the Revd. David Day, and the sermon will be given by David Cain.

Ordination of Priests 4th July 3pm at Bristol Cathedral

Andy, Martina, Nitin and Sophie are all expecting to be priested at this service. The Deanery is investigating the possibility of a coach from Swindon as members of many churches may wish to attend. This is likely to start and end at St John's Parks where there is plenty of parking and will cost roughly £18 return. Please email Martina martina.lewis@ntlworld.com by 31st May if you would like to go by coach.

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>

Message from West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze treasurers: Independent Examiner

Shaw and St Mary's used to be part of an ecumenical group of churches which also included Toothill and Westlea. This partnership ended last year.

This is going to be the first year that both our churches will need to have our accounts checked, or so we believe, and we need them doing before the end of June.

Are there any accountants who would be able to independently examine the accounts of the 2 churches please?

Please contact Stephen Kershaw stephen.kershaw2@gmail.com and copy Sally Robertson sally.robertson27@btinternet.com if you are able to help or have a recommendation of someone who might be by 24th May.

Once again, our thanks for any assistance.

God Bless

Stephen Kershaw, Treasurer Holy Trinity Church, Shaw

Mary Martin Treasurer St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze

Partnership Confirmation Service Our confirmation service this year is at **10am on Sunday 31st May 2026 in Christ Church**. 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.

'Ny Ako – All My Springs are in You' Echoes from Madagascar Saturday 13th June 7.30pm at Immanuel. Cultural music and dance by young people from Madagascar. **Free entry**, donations on the night welcome. Plus, a chance to buy crafts from Madagascar. For more information, please contact Barbara on 07769 973015

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).

We'd love for you to join us at the Bristol Diocese Roadshow!

Come and discover inspiring stories from churches that have been supported by our buildings, environment, fundraising, volunteering, and racial justice teams. You'll have the chance to meet team members, ask questions, and share your own experiences.

Wednesday 17th June 4-6.30pm in Christ Church

(also, 3rd June at St Peter's Filton and 10th June at St Andrew's Filton)

Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-support-service-roadshows-tickets-1987532415959?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Believing Science Wonder Day

Saturday 22nd August 10am-4pm at Bath Road Methodist on behalf of the Old Town Partnership.

This is a family fun day exploring God's creation with a scientific twist. We will be hiring in a planetarium, and exploring the world through the Astronomy, Green, Life, Light & Colour and Observatory Zones. Previous examples can be found at <https://www.believingscience.org/wonder-days>

Volunteers needed to:

- lead on the zones (craft skills and science knowledge welcome but not necessary – full briefing provided)
- welcome the families
- chat with visitors
- provide refreshments
- set up on Friday and or clear away on Saturday.

Full day or half day shifts available.

More details from Revd Rach – rach.collins@methodist.org.uk

Save the date and sign up now to volunteer -

<https://forms.gle/iQzNGrBkJErLsas68>

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, Simon Stevenette, Manda Shinde, Barbara Sheppard, Kaf Smith, Gordon Hudd, Emilia Shaw, Ian Handy, Michael Porter, Reg Hardwick 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 Maureen Puffett, Margaret Bohane, Terry Wollen, Patricia Ferris, Michael Hooker, David Hobbs, Eileen Churcher and all those mourning a loved one

† For Adam & Linzi who will be married in Christ Church on Saturday 23rd May, and for Liam and Amanda Wood who were married here on 31st May 2025

† For Harper who will be baptised on 24th May

† 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>

Choral Evensong
 for the Sunday after
 Ascension Day
Sunday 17th May 6.30pm
 in Christ Church

music by
 Vaughan
 Williams,
 Sumsion, Finzi
 & Ledington-
 Wright

All welcome

Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches
 Confirmation service
 Sunday 31st May 2026 at Christ Church, Swindon

The Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches incorporates:
 Bath Road Methodist Church, Christ Church with St Mary's, and
 Immanuel United Reformed Church, since 1969.

Please put this date in your diary and come along to support the confirmands as they make this important step in their journey of faith

Watoto
Children's Choir
 LIVE

YOU'RE INVITED

Join the **Watoto Children's Choir** as they sing, dance, and share their stories of restoration and hope.

VENUE : St John's Haydon Wick, Swindon.
DATE & TIME : Friday 5th June 2026 at 7pm.

Enjoy this **FREE CONCERT** featuring music from the new album, **"Better Days—There is Hope"**.

WATOTO.com

THAMESDOWN LADIES CHOIR

"This is why we sing"

With special guests
Devizes Clarinet Ensemble
Saturday 6th June 2026 at 7.30pm
Immanuel URC | Upham Road | Swindon
Tickets £12.50 (concessions under 16)
 Refreshments provided

Tickets available from choir members.
 e.mail: sing.tlchoir@gmail.com Tel: 07597 737234

RAISING MONEY FOR SWINDON STROKE SUPPORT GROUP



TICKETS



Christ Church
Swindon

**HOLY ROOD ON THE LAWN
THE HEART AND SOUL OF SWINDON**

**THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH
ANNUAL LECTURE:**

THE HOLY ROOD RESCUE PROJECT

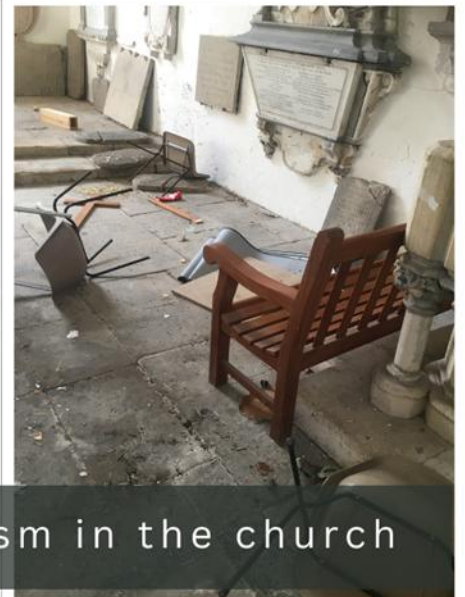
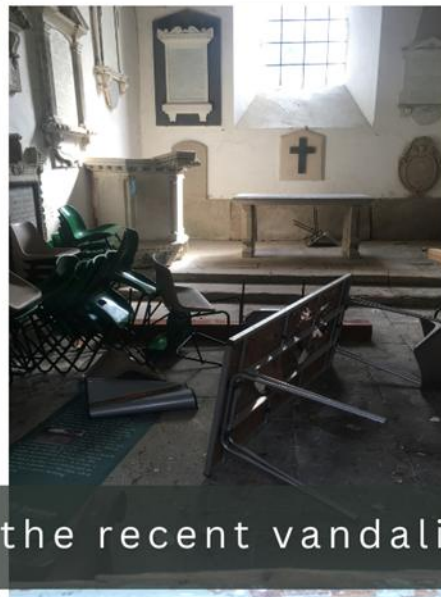
by Claudia Suckling

Director of Wiltshire Historic Buildings Trust

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 3-4PM AT CHRIST CHURCH

Refreshments Available

Members FREE | Non-Members £5



Images showing the recent vandalism in the church