



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 7th June 2026 – Trinity 1 Christ Church

8am 1662 Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

10am All Age Worship with Baptism Welcome – led by the Revd. Nitin Shinde

We welcome the family & friends of Harper Magali Gardner Valente who was baptised on 24th May

Theme: 'Choices for Everyone'

Readings:

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 – read by Judith Hawkins

Luke 7: 36-8:3 – read by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

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 Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

St Mary's

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 8th June

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 8th June 3pm 'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room

Tuesday 9th June 12.30pm Finance & Governance Group meeting in the Large Meeting Room

Wednesday 10th June 10.30am Christ in Quiet
6.30pm Evening Worship
7pm Bible Encounter Group

Thursday 11th June 2pm Friends of Christ Church AGM
3pm Friends of Christ Church Annual Lecture – *see paragraph below for more information*
4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room

Friday 12th June 8pm Comedy Night in the Community Centre

Saturday 13th June 7.30pm High Sheriff Concert in Christ Church followed by Reception in the Community Centre - *see paragraph below for more information*

Sunday 14th June – Trinity 2

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

4pm 'Creation Praise' Outdoor Service

Please note – no 6.30pm service on 14th June

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Swindon Churches Green Festival 2026

Our Eco Fair & Summer Fete on Saturday 6th June is not only a fantastic day out for all the family but also helps to launch this year's Swindon Churches Green Festival.

Running from 6th–14th June, the festival is a collaboration between churches and faith communities across Swindon, bringing people together to celebrate and care for God's creation. Under the theme "Rooted in Faith – Growing a Greener Future," the festival includes a wide range of events, activities, workshops, walks, talks and community gatherings designed to inspire practical action for a more sustainable future.

As a Gold Award Eco Church, Christ Church is proud to be part of this growing initiative. We encourage everyone to come along to our Eco Fair & Summer Fete and, if you can, explore some of the many other events taking place across the town throughout the week.

A full festival programme is available later in this news sheet, on flyers in church, and online at:

<https://linktr.ee/SwindonChurchesGreenFestival>

Grateful thanks

Thank you gratefully for the very warm welcome we have received since my phased return began last Sunday at such a memorable Partnership Confirmation Service. It is particularly exciting seeing what God has been doing amongst you over the past 8 months and especially how many of the congregation are open to how God is guiding them in their Christian vocation. Please can we remind you that through our Baptism we are all FTCWs – Fulltime Christian Workers, wherever we are, whatever we are doing.

Please be assured of our continued love friendship and prayers. God bless us all as partners in the Gospel

Simon and Nicola

Attention all members of The Friends of Christ Church

The AGM is on Thursday 11th June at 2pm in church. The paperwork has been circulated by email or post. If you haven't received your copy, please let me know either by email sec.focc@gmail.com or phone 01793 694466, Christine Senior Hon Secretary.

The Friends of Christ Church Annual Lecture is on Thursday 11th June at 3pm in the church. Claudia Suckling, Director of Wiltshire Historic Buildings Trust will speak about the Holy Rood Rescue Project. All are welcome – entry is free for members and £5 for non-members.

'Creation Praise' Outdoor Service Sunday 14th June 4pm outside Christ Church This will be the culmination of the Swindon Churches Eco Festival which began at Christ Church on 6th June with our Eco Fair and Summer Fete. The service will be led by the Revd. Sally Robertson and we are expecting good support from this from our partner churches. Please do come along and invite friends. There will be no 6.30pm service at Christ Church on 14th June.

Arrangements for Nitin's Ordination weekend 4th and 5th July 2026

I am so grateful to those who have, in my absence, faithfully guided our SSM Curate the Revd Nitin Shinde's ministry as Deacon over the last year. I have greatly appreciated the love and support of the whole Shinde family in the professional care of Nikita at the GW Hospital and Meghe Patole at the Royal Brompton. I have also been blessed by Nitin's preaching on the livestream. Congratulations Nitin on your forthcoming Ordination as a Priest. We look forward to receiving your priestly ministry amongst us and across the wider Swindon community as a Social Worker.

Nitin will be Ordained by Bishop Neil at Bristol Cathedral on **Saturday 4th July 2pm**. All welcome.

The Revd Nitin Shinde's first Eucharist will be at a special All Age Communion in Christ Church at 10am on Sunday 5th July. The theme will be 'Hope for Everyone'. We are delighted to welcome Nitin's great friend the Revd Sachin Awale to preach. Sachin is a Rector in the Manchester Diocese and a member of the Asian Christian Fellowship in which Nitin and his family are very involved.

11.15am Hot drinks will be served for the congregation, guests, and social work colleagues in Christ Church.

We are praying for a deep sense of family as we then gather all together for a Bring and Share lunch in church from approximately 12.15pm. All welcome

Please make this wonderful occasion a top priority with your savoury or sweet contributions. We are expecting 30 guests from the Asian Christian Fellowship and a good number of Nitin's work colleagues who have been very supportive over the last year.

It would be very helpful if you could sign the list at Christ Church or St Mary's over the next fortnight indicating whether your donation will be savoury or sweet. On 5th July we will have tables out for you to place your dish on when you arrive for the service at 10am.

If your contributions needs to be chilled, we can make use of the fridge at the back of the church or the fridge in the Community Centre (items would need to be removed from here by 12.15pm due to an outside booking in the Centre).

Please hold Nitin and his family in your prayers along with us all that there will be a renewal of vocation and joy as we join for this historic weekend. As Nitin writes on his Ordination card, 'to the Glory of God and trusting in His grace, be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them - not because you must but because you are willing, as God wants you to be. *1 Peter 5:2*'.

If you would like to give a financial gift towards a gift for Nitin please pass these on to the Parish Office.

Every blessing
Simon

Jo Henry

We were sad to learn from Jo's daughter Kate that Jo passed away peacefully on Friday 22nd May at Dormy House Care Home, Sunningdale. Jo was a much-loved member of the Christ Church family from the early 1960s to 2021. Her funeral will be held at Woking Crematorium and her ashes will be interred at Kingsdown with those of her husband. Please hold Kate and the family in your prayer at this time.

Engineering Work Experience Opportunity Needed

I am looking for help finding a work experience placement for my son, Fabian, aged 17, who is studying for a BTEC Engineering Diploma alongside A-levels in Maths and Physics. As part of his course requirements, he needs to complete a full-time, two-week placement (10 working days) with an engineering-related company or organisation. He has already secured a placement for 5 days, but still needs an additional 5 days. Ideally, this would be between 29th June and 3rd July; however, if that is not possible, he is also available from Thursday 23rd July, through to September. Fabian is bright, hardworking and keen to learn. Despite contacting many companies, we have not yet been able to secure the remaining placement. We are, therefore, hoping that someone within the church community may have a contact or connection that could help open a door. Ideally, the placement would be in the Swindon area, but we are willing to travel if necessary. If you may be able to help, or know someone who could, please contact: Jennifer Miles Email: jenniannemiles@gmail.com Tel: 07952 875994

Possible prayer group

Following the Prayer For Swindon prayer meeting at Christ Church on 16th May we are exploring the possibility of setting up a monthly prayer meeting in Christ Church to pray for those who are sick, for our town, country & across the World including the Persecuted Church. If interested, please contact the Parish Office parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk 01793 522832 or Verity Brooke-Maples 07900 988938. Date & time to be arranged after we identify the level of interest & people's availability.

'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, Brigitte Chandler, José Humerick 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 family and friends of Kurt Schönke, Jo Henry and all those mourning a loved one

† For Harper who will be welcomed at the 10am service today

† 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/christchurchswindonecohuh>



Swindon Churches Green Festival

6TH TO 14TH JUNE
Rooted in Faith – Growing a Greener Future

DATE	TIMES	VENUE	EVENT	ORGANISING CHURCH
6 th to 14 th June	6 th , 7 th + more	Churches across the Deanery	'A Peal for Creation' – quarter peals by bellringing teams across the Deanery	Various Churches
	Whenever the church is open	St Johns Church, Parks SN3 2LG	Book & Jigsaw Swap	St Johns & St Andrews, Parks & Walcot
Saturday 6th	2pm	All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LS	Quarter Peal of Bells	Lydiard Millicent
	11am	St Margarets Church, Lower Stratton SN3 4NB	Litter Pick	St Margarets, Lower Stratton
	11.00 - 3.00PM	Christ Church, Old Town SN1 3HB	Eco Summer Fair & Dog Show	Christ Church, Old Town
	2.30pm to 4.30pm	St Josephs RC Church, Wroughton, SN4 0RZ.	Craft for Creation (as part of Cream Teas for Prospect in church grounds)	St Josephs RC Church, Wroughton
Sunday 7th	10am	St Andrews Church, North Swindon SN25 2DW.	Informal Outdoor Service with Bug Hunt & Nature Count	St Andrews, North Swindon
	10am	St Mary Magdalene Church, South Marston SN3 4NB	Informal Worship Service followed by Churchyard Tidy & Bells Quarter Peal	St Mary Magdalene, South Marston
Tuesday 9th	9.30am	The Well Church, Abbey Meads SN25 4YX	'Little Wellies' Toddler Group Eco Activity	The Well Church, Abbey Meads
Wednesday 10th	1.30pm to 3.30pm	The Bible Society, West Swindon SN5 7DG	'People's Emergency Briefing' film – the Bible through a Climate Lens	Highworth Methodist Church (
Thursday 11th	2pm to 4pm & 6pm to 8pm	Private Home in Highworth Contact John Ranford john.ranford@gmail.com	Green Open Home	Highworth Methodist Church (venue is private home in Highworth)
	7pm	St Michaels Church, Highworth SN6 7NA	'Catwalk for Creation' Fashion Show & more	St Michaels, Highworth
Friday 12th	7pm	Parish Church Hall, Wroughton SN4 0RT	Film Night – 'A Life on our Planet'	Wroughton & Wichelstowe
Saturday 13th	11am to 3pm	Parish Rooms, St Josephs RC Church SN4 0RZ	Ecobrick Workshop	St Josephs Catholic Church, Wroughton
	10am to 4pm	All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LS	'Grow for the Buzz' Native Plant Sale	All Saints, Lydiard Millicent
	10am to 3pm	St Michaels Church, Highworth SN6 7NA	Second Hand Christian Book Sale	St Michaels, Highworth
Sunday 14th	10am to 11am	St Leonards Church, Stanton Fitzwarren SN6 7SD	'Connect with Nature' Walk	St Leonards, Stanton Fitzwarren
	11.30am to 2pm	Wroughton & Wichelstowe Parish Church, Wroughton SN4 9JS	'Count on Nature' Wildlife Hunt	Wroughton & Wichelstowe
	4.00 - 4.45	Christ Church, Old Town SN1 3HB	Creation Praise Outdoor Service at Christ Church - All Welcome	Christ Church, Old Town

Swindon Churches Green Festival
'Rooted in Faithgrowing a greener future'

'Creation Praise'

Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday 14th June at 4pm

Christ Church - Old Town

26 Cricklade St, SN1 3HG, parking on site

*Join us for a time of reflection,
praise and community*





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

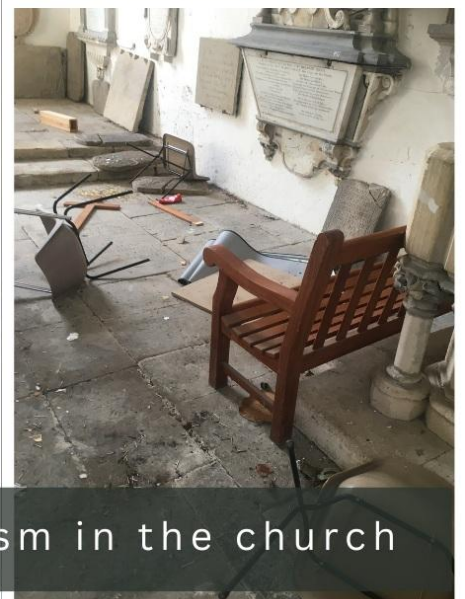
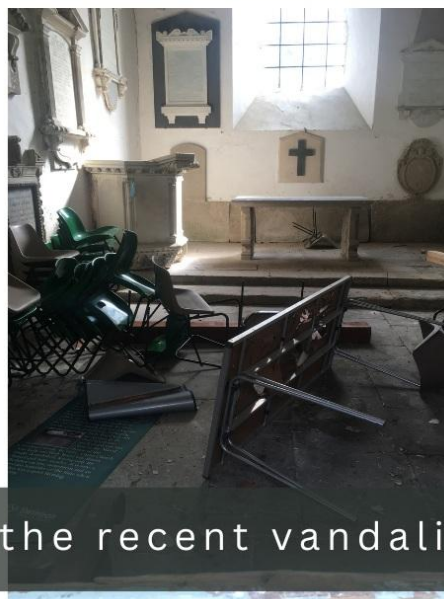
by Claudia Suckling

Director of Wiltshire Historic Buildings Trust

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 3-4PM AT CHRIST CHURCH

Refreshments Available

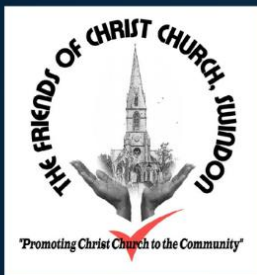
Members FREE | Non-Members £5



Images showing the recent vandalism in the church

Organ Recital

BY CHARLES VINCE



Christ Church
Swindon

IN CHRIST CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE
1PM - 2PM



Refreshments by the Friends of Christ Church
Retiring collection in aid of church funds

