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Sunday 14th June 2026 – Trinity 2 Christ Church

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

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

Sermon: The Revd. Nitin Shinde

Theme: 'Out of Your Comfort Zone'

Readings: Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9: 35-10:8

Reader: Anthea Thackstone

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

4pm* 'Creation Praise' Open Air Service for the finale of Swindon Churches Green Festival – led by the Revd. Sally Robertson, Area Dean for Swindon

*** please note earlier start time**

There will be no 6.30pm service in Christ Church today

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. 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 15th 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 15th June 3pm 'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room

Wednesday 17th June 10.30am Christ in Quiet
1pm Organ Recital given by Charles Vince – *please see poster further down this news sheet for more information*
4pm Bristol Diocese Roadshow in Christ Church – *please see paragraph below for further information*
6.30pm Evening Worship
7pm Fellowship of Faith

Thursday 18th June 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room

Sunday 21st June – Trinity 3

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Informal Holy Communion

12 noon Holy Baptism followed by party in Christ Church

6.30pm Healing Service

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

'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 for 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.

A full festival programme is available on flyers in church, and online at:

<https://linktr.ee/SwindonChurchesGreenFestival>

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 among 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 are 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 contribution 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*

The Revd. Will Stevenette

Will is very grateful for all the love, support, encouragement and prayers from all the congregation at Christ Church. Please remember him in your prayers this week as he goes on retreat in preparation for his ordination as a Priest at Birmingham Cathedral next Saturday 20th June 10:30 am. The Precentor at the Cathedral is the Revd Nathan Mulcock who previously has sung in the choir at Christ Church.

The ordination service is being livestreamed from 10.30 am and is available on the Birmingham Diocesan website.

Here is the link to the livestream for the Ordination service at Birmingham Cathedral on Saturday 20th June 10:30 am

<https://youtube.com/live/u9GkMGAxrbM?feature=share>

Will's first celebration of Holy Communion will be on Sunday 21st June 10.30am at St Philip and St James, Dorridge where Will and Elise have been wonderfully supported by the congregation through Will's Curacy. Please remember them and Will's Training Incumbent, the Revd Canon Duncan Hill-Brown, in your prayers.

Will's first Holy Communion will be livestreamed on the St Philip and St James website and will be available afterwards on You Tube. God bless Will and Elise and all serving in the Birmingham Diocese.

We look forward to Will's return to Christ Church to preach on Sunday 26th July 10am when he will share in the Holy Communion with me.

Thank you gratefully

Simon and Nicola

Swindon Deanery

Please remember the clergy of the Swindon Deanery this coming Tuesday 16th June as they meet for a day on retreat at the Harnhill Christian Centre.

We are being led by the Revd Canon Simon Taylor, Director of Training in the Bristol Diocese. The theme is 'Building ourselves up in Love' based on the book of Ephesians.

We thank God for the work of our Area Dean, the Revd. Sally Robertson.

The following day, Wednesday, all are welcome from 4.30pm-6pm when Christ Church is hosting the Bristol Diocesan Support Service Roadshow. This will cover the five areas of Racial Justice, Volunteering, Environmental, Buildings and Fundraising.

Fellowship of Faith - All are welcome on Wednesday 17th June 7pm in Christ Church when the theme is How to Pray.

Thank you for all your prayers for the Mission and Ministry of Christ Church. Please pass onto the Staff Team what has encouraged you recently, what has challenged you, what has God been teaching you, and how do you feel we can grow as a congregation in prayer, worship and service?
Lord, teach us how to pray.

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.

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 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.

† For the ministry of Rob Pean our Sexton and all those who support his work in the Christ Church Burial Ground and churchyard, including Lyn Eggers, the Burial Board Clerk.

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>



FREE EVENT **20TH JUNE 2026** **FAMILY FUN DAY**
★ ARMED FORCES DAY ★
11 am – 4.30pm - Lydiard Park

ARMED FORCES DAY
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Army vehicles & displays • Army, Navy & Air Force • Funfair & food stalls
• Activities for children • Army cadets • Brass Band

SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

The poster features a central Union Jack, two circular images (one of soldiers, one of a building), balloons, a carousel, and a Ferris wheel. The Swindon Borough Council logo is in the bottom right corner.

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*





Swindon Churches Green Festival

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

| DATE | TIMES | VENUE | EVENT | ORGANISING CHURCH |
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| 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 |

Organ Recital

BY CHARLES VINCE

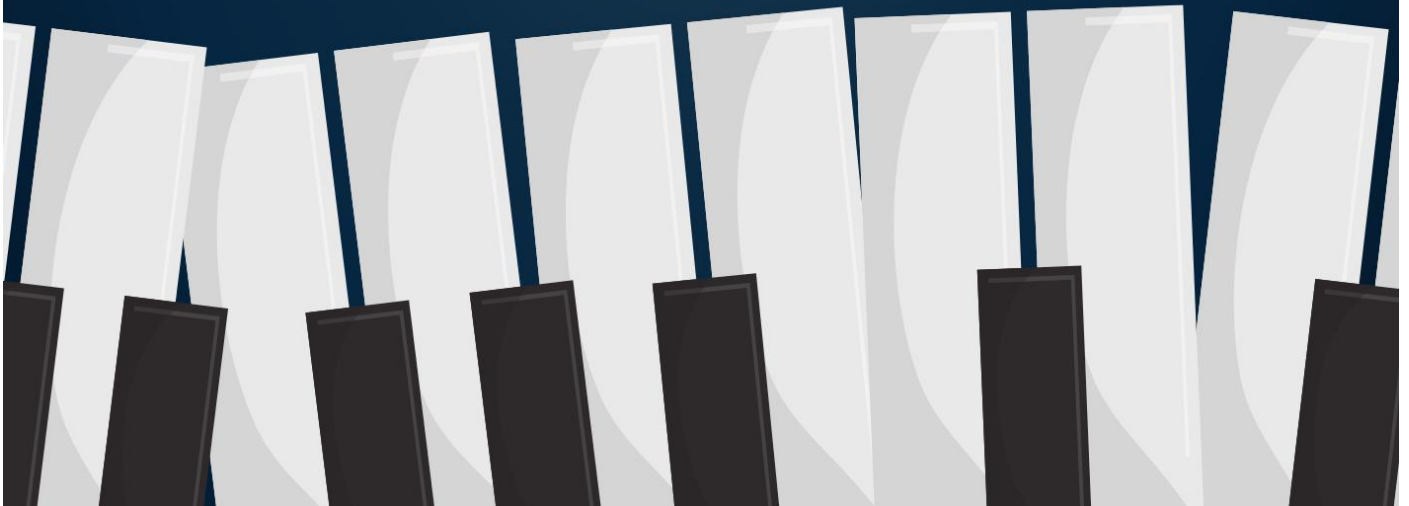


Christ Church
Swindon

IN CHRIST CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE
1PM - 2PM



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





**Refugee
Week**

PANEL DISCUSSION

We're hosting a panel discussion as part of Refugee Week with speakers from local organisations including:

- The Harbour Project
- Schools of Sanctuary
- Wiltshire Refugee Network
- Stand up to Racism

plus individuals who can share their own lived experience

It promises to be a fascinating afternoon of talks and discussion so please come along. It's free to attend. And there will be CAKE! (the cake, sadly, is not free, but it is delicious!)

JUNE 20TH 2-4 PM

BARISTOCATS COFFE HOUSE, 115 COMMERCIAL ROAD, SWINDON



Maranda Ng from Christ Church is one of the speakers at this event