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Sunday 28th June 2026 – Trinity 4

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey
Sermon: Ailsa Palmer

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey
Children's Talk & Sermon – Ailsa Palmer
Theme: 'The Power of a Warm Welcome'

Readings: Romans 6.12-end; Matthew 10.40-end

Reader: Paula Daws

Prayers: Simon Giles

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

12.30pm Holy Baptism – the Revd. Moira Slack
We welcome the family and friends of Romey Edith Stow

4:15pm Swindon Rotary Club Centenary Service

6.30pm Evensong – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

[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 29th June

Morning Prayer	9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 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# 7.30am Saturday Morning Prayer & men's Breakfast
Monday 29th June	10am funeral in Christ Church of Andrew Jere 3pm 'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 30th June	11.30am funeral in Christ Church of baby Freya Lee, followed by burial in the Burial Ground
Wednesday 1st July	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Thursday 2nd July	4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
Friday 3rd July	7.30pm Swindon Gilbert & Sullivan Society Summer Concert
Saturday 4th July	3pm <i>Ordination of the Revd. Nitin Shinde as Priest in Bristol Cathedral</i> 7.30pm Karl Loxley in Concert 'Songs from the Stage and Screen'

Sunday 5th July – Trinity 5

Christ Church

8am 1662 Holy Communion

10am All Age Family Communion with Baptism Welcome, followed by refreshments and celebration lunch for the Revd. Nitin Shinde – **see paragraph below for more details**

6.30pm Holy Communion

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Carol will be on leave from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July inclusive. For anything urgent please speak to Chris, Jenny or Steve.

The 2026 Methodist Conference is taking place at the Telford International Centre from Thursday 25th June to Wednesday 1st July. The Conference is the

governing body of the Methodist Church. Meeting once a year, it provides a forum for prayerful reflection and decision-making on issues that shape the life of the Church, as well as matters that impact the wider community, the nation, and the world. All public sessions will be available to watch here <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/structure-and-governance/the-methodist-conference/conference-2026/watch-live/>

Please hold Rach from our Partnership and all those attending in your prayers this week.

Fellowship of Faith Wednesday 1st July 7pm

We are inviting you to our second Agape with a bring and share supper. All are welcome, if you'd like to bring a dish to share - please do! But if not come along anyway- we would love to see you there.

For more details contact: fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com

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.

Please pray for Nitin and those from Swindon, many of whom we know well, who will be beginning their retreat in preparation for their Ordination as Deacon and Priests over the weekend 4/5th July. The retreat takes place at Ammerdown and begins on Wednesday morning. The retreat will be led by the Revd. Canon Dr Simon Taylor, Director of Training who will also preach next weekend. Please pray for Bishop Neil as he ordains Deacons and Priests next weekend. God bless you, Neil, Helen and your family. Thank you for all you do on our behalf

Nitin will be ordained by Bishop Neil at Bristol Cathedral on **Saturday 4th July 3pm**. 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*

Church Wardens at Christ Church

We thank God for the Christian service offered over the years by our excellent Church Wardens. We especially thank God for Sheila Wright, and new in the role, Paul Andrews, our current Church Wardens for this year. They are being officially licensed by our Archdeacon, the Venerable Christopher Bryan at the

Archdeacon's Visitation service at St Peter's Chippenham on **Tuesday 30th June, 7pm**. All welcome

Excellent news

Congratulations to our previous Church Warden Simon Giles on the wonderful news that Simon has been recommended for Lay Ministry training on our Bristol diocese following a Discernment Day. God bless you Simon and Ally. Thank you for all you do on our behalf and for Jesus since you became Christians 5 years ago.

God bless all of us in our Vocations this week as ambassadors for Christ. As we change the liturgical colour to white for this next month and provide opportunities to renew our Baptism promises and commitment as disciples of Jesus.

My prayer for us all is contained in Ephesians 3:14-21

I am excited to learn how it will be answered over these coming weeks. To God be the glory for all he has done and continues to do.

Please can I encourage you to join the bring and share in an Agape meal at Fellowship of Faith this Wednesday in Christ Church at 7pm for 7.30pm start. It is a wonderful opportunity to pray for each other and to build friendships. With love and prayers. *Simon*

Highly recommended

While we thank God that friendship is a central part of our life together at Christ Church and St Mary's, the staff team recognise that it's possible to feel lonely in a large crowd, or to go through lonely times in our Christian pilgrimage.

We would like to recommend the series of daily services a fortnight ago on Radio 4x at 9.45am 'Finding God in the lonely place '. Revd Richard Littledale explores loneliness through the lives of 5 Biblical characters, Hagar, John, Moses, Jeremiah, and Jesus. Please let us know your reactions and how we might in our healing and pastoral ministry support one another.

Swindon Rotary Club are 100 years old today!

We are hosting a Centenary service in Christ church this afternoon at 4.15pm. All welcome

I have learnt so much from my Rotary colleagues and we are delighted to host this celebration at Christ Church.

Every blessing, *Simon*

Praying for our country

Please join me in praying for our government and opposition in this time of change in our country. Remember in our prayers our Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer and his family as he prepares to step down, and our own MP the Rt. Honourable Heidi Alexander. I am looking forward to joining the Parliamentary Breakfast online on Tuesday 7th July 7.30am. The theme is Hope for the Future.

God bless our country. *Simon*

The Revd. Will Stevenette

If you missed Will's Ordination Service last Saturday you can catch up here:

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

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

Ticket to Blenheim seeks a home My son and family visited me at the end of May and we had a great day at Blenheim Palace, but one of the party couldn't make it so I have an unused £41 adult ticket, valid for one year, to visit Palace and Gardens as often as you like.

I am selling it with proceeds going to Christ Church Church Warden's Fund, which is there to help those in need of urgent provisions. £30 minimum, please consider paying the full amount as it's for a charity.

Contact John Pryce 07901 644150 or email john@christchurchswindon.co.uk

You will need to give me your contact details so Blenheim can make the ticket over to your name.

Starlight Walk for Prospect Hospice On Saturday evening 27th June, our parish administrator, Carol, will be walking the 15km Starlight Walk to raise funds for Prospect Hospice. She is doing this in memory of Martin Hiscock, Trevor Day and Colin who died at the Hospice 10 years ago this month. You can support Prospect by sponsoring her here

<https://prospecthospice.enthuse.com/pf/carol-simmons>

WILDLIFE IN WILTSHIRE CHURCHYARDS AND CEMETERIES

Annual Seminar and Bishop's Award Ceremony

Saturday 11th July 2026 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. at St Margaret's Church, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon. (Coffee/tea and lunch provided)

The seminar is to be held in the Community Centre, just down from the church. Please park at Stratton St Margaret Community Centre, Kenwin Close, Stratton St Margaret. Swindon SN3 4NY.

For further information please contact Ivan Randall

Ivanrandall27@googlemail.com or Liz Cullen 07743 681363

liz_limoncello@hotmail.com

A donation towards the day would be appreciated - recommended £8.00 per person.

Booking forms with the full timetable are available at the back of our churches.

Choral Evensong Sunday 19th July 6.30pm Our choir will be singing music by Maurice, John Sanders, Orlando Gibbons and Anton Bruckner – all the music apart from the Psalms and hymns will be unaccompanied which will be refreshing and light for a summer evening. Tim will play Duruflé's magnificent 'Fugue sur le carillon de Soissons' as the organ voluntary. The service will be led by Simon, and we are pleased to welcome the Revd. Canon Michael Johnson who will preach. Please do come along and spend some time reflecting at the end of the weekend.

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

† 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, 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 Andrew Jere, Kurt Schönke, Brigitte Chandler, Mike Shurmer and all those mourning a loved one

† For Robin and Julie who were married in Christ Church on Saturday 27th June

† For Rythian who was baptised last Sunday, and for Romey who is being baptised today

† For Revd. Nitin Shinde, Revd. Will Stevenette and all those being ordained as deacons and priests this Petertide season

† 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.

† For all parents who have lost a child and those who support them

† For the ministry of Fellowship of Faith and particularly for the Agape this coming Wednesday

† We thank God for all that is done through the Rotary Clubs throughout the Swindon District, especially for the Swindon Rotary Club who celebrate their Centenary on Sunday afternoon.

† For the Bristol Ordination Retreat

† For the Methodist Annual Conference this week in Telford

† For the Christian ministry through the FIFA World Cup as we thank God for the gift of sport and for the ministry of Sports Chaplains working this summer and for the Christian witness in Sport in Swindon

God of glory,
As the world gathers to celebrate the beautiful game
We pray for a harmonious and joyous World Cup.
Bring safety and security for players and officials on the pitch
Fans in the stands and spectators at home.
May we see and celebrate the hand of God in the creativity of every curving
free kick,
silky pass or impossible save.
May we have compassion and perspective on the missed kicks, missed
penalties, and muddled VARS.
Every winning team needs a losing team- even if you were the better team.
Let the journey to World Cup glory be not only for the nation who wins.
May we see something more of the world you want us to be: a gathering of
every nation and people who share your glory.
Amen

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to keep in touch, visit us at: <https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindon> or <https://linktr.ee/communitycentrechristchurch>

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For more information and to receive an application form please email:
training@willowscounselling.org.uk

Closing date: 9am Thursday 9th July

Interviews: Mid to end of July

Choral Evensong

for a summer evening

Sunday 19th July 6.30pm

in Christ Church

*All welcome to join us for a beautiful,
reflective service from the
Book of Common Prayer*

**Music by Duruflé, Gibbons
and Bruckner**

Organist & Director of Music - Tim Eyles



Christ Church
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**CHRIST CHURCH SWINDON
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