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Sunday 12th July 2026 – Trinity 6 Christ Church

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

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

Sermon: the Revd. Nitin Shinde

Theme: ‘Good Soil, Great Harvest’

Readings: Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Reader: James Davies-Spratt

Prayers: Maranda Ng

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

6.30pm Healing Service – led by Ailsa Palmer

St Mary’s

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

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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 13th July

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| 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 13th July | 3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection Group |
| Tuesday 14th July | 12.30pm Burial Board meeting in the Large Meeting Room 2pm <i>Chapter meeting at St Mary's Rodbourne Cheney</i> 7.30pm Standing Committee meeting in the Church |
| Wednesday 15th July | 10am Christ in Quiet – please note earlier start time this week 11.30am funeral of Brigitte Chandler in Christ Church 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Fellowship of Faith |
| Thursday 16th July | 9.30am King William Street School rehearsal for Leavers' Service 2pm funeral of John Humphreys in Christ Church 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room |
| Friday 17th July | 11.15am funeral of Mike Shurmer in Christ Church 1.30pm Wedding rehearsal in Christ Church |
| Saturday 18th July | 12 noon wedding of Rhys Legg & Claudia Brinkworth in Christ Church |

Sunday 19th July – Trinity 7

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Informal Holy Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

A Heartfelt Thank You

Dear Christ Church with St Mary's Family,
Grace and peace to you all.

As Nikita and I reflect on the wonderful celebrations surrounding my priestly ordination and my first celebration of Holy Communion, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. We simply wanted to write to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, your kind words, your smiles, your hugs, and for walking alongside us throughout this journey. Many of you have supported us for years, while others have joined us more recently,



but every prayer and every act of kindness have helped shape this special milestone in our lives and ministry.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make Sunday's celebration such a joyful occasion. From the planning and organisation, to setting up, serving food, clearing away, baking, washing up, and simply making everyone feel so welcome—your generosity and

servant-heartedness reflected the love of Christ so beautifully. It was a real reminder that church is not just a building but a family.

A special thank you to Sarah for the beautiful and delicious cake. It was absolutely stunning and tasted just as wonderful as it looked!

Thank you also for the incredibly thoughtful gift. We were deeply touched by your kindness and generosity. Nikita and I are already looking forward to planning a special day out together, and every time we do, we will remember that it was made possible by the love and generosity of our church family.

It is such a privilege to serve among you. Over the years you have encouraged me, prayed for me, challenged me, and loved me. I truly could not have reached this point without God's grace working through this wonderful church family.

As I begin this new chapter of ministry as a priest, I ask that you continue to keep me, Nikita, Steven and Shalom in your prayers. We are excited about all that God has in store for Christ Church with St Mary's, and we look forward to serving alongside you as together we seek to share the hope and love of Jesus with our community.

May God richly bless each one of you for your kindness, generosity, faithfulness and love.

With our heartfelt thanks and much love,

(We will be away for retreat in Newton Abbot next week and will be praying for you all.)

Revd Nitin Shinde and Nikita

Our vocation together to be the people of God

Thank you for all those who helped Nitin's ordination weekend to go so well. Please remember Nitin's primary vocation after being a husband to Nikita and Dad to Steven and Shalom is to be a Worker Priest as a Social Worker

in the Fostering Team at Swindon Borough Council. Just after Will and Nitin were ordained at Birmingham and Bristol Cathedrals respectively the ordaining Bishop anointed them with Chrism Oil with these words: 'May God who anointed the Christ with the Holy Spirit at his Baptism, anoint and empower you to reconcile and bless his people'.

I wonder how God is calling you to live out your Baptism promises as full-time Christian workers?

This Sunday after the sermon at the 8am service at Christ Church and 9am at St Mary's we will provide the congregation with the opportunity to be anointed on the hands with Chrism Oil. We will do the same next Sunday 19th July at Christ Church after the sermon at the Informal Communion service at 10am. Please prepare for these prayerfully.

The words we shall use will be:

'God bless you

Helping you to be a blessing to others

In Jesus name. Amen'

Please join me in using the prayer contained in Ephesians 3:14-21. I will be excited to discover how this prayer will be answered over the coming days
To God be the Glory

Simon

Standing Committee at Christ Church

Standing Committee will meet at the Vicarage at 7pm on Tuesday 14th July in preparation for our PCC meeting on Monday 27th July 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Community Centre.

Christ in Quiet Wednesday 15th July will be at the earlier time of 10am as there is a funeral in Church at 11.30am.

Mike Shurmer

We were very sorry to learn recently of Mike Shurmer's death. We assure Trina and the family of our love and prayers. It's been an enormous privilege having Mike and Trina as regular members of our congregation at Christ Church following their Confirmation on 11 May 2025. Mike's funeral will be at Christ Church on Friday 17th July 11.15am. All welcome

John Humphreys

We were sad to learn of the death of our much-loved friend John Humphreys aged 99 following a heart attack at the Great Western Hospital on Saturday 27th June. As many of you know John was the Head Teacher at Park South School when Peter Owen was Deputy Head. Over many years we have been so appreciative of John's friendship and the beautiful way he has read the Bible and led the intercessions at our 10am services with such Welsh passion and Christian presence. We assure Jane and the family of our love and prayers in their loss. John's funeral will be at Christ Church on Thursday 16th July 2pm. All welcome

Taizé style evening worship

A warm invitation to join with us at our Fellowship of Faith gathering this Wednesday 15th July at 7pm for refreshments before a Taizé style evening worship at 7.30pm. Taizé's main vocation is to encourage prayer and worship alongside the challenge to share in the ministry of reconciliation and peacemaking wherever we are across the world as bridge-builders.

Choral Evensong Sunday 19th July 6.30pm

Our choir will be singing music by Maurice Duruflé, 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.

Invitation from Team Stevenette

We look forward to all being together on Sunday 26th July 10am when Simon and Nicola celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Please join us at the service. The Revd Will Stevenette will bless Simon and Nicola's wedding rings after they renew their vows. It will be a joy to have Will, who was 6 months old when we arrived here in October 1998, who will preach and celebrate Communion. He was ordained Priest 3 weeks ago at Birmingham Cathedral and is serving his Curacy at St Philip's and St James Dorridge with Hockley Heath. We are very grateful to his Training Incumbent, the Revd Canon Duncan Hill-Brown for releasing Will from his parish duties to return to his sending church.

You are all welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Community Centre afterwards.

Rennes Cathedral organist to give organ recital at Christ Church on 1st August

An organ recital of French music is being given at Christ Church by Jean-René André, organist of Rennes Cathedral in France. It starts at **7.30pm on Saturday 1st August** and is free entry with a retiring collection. Jean-René will be playing music by, among others, Widor, Gigout, De Grigny and Dupré. He will also play some of his own compositions, which Tim says are very accessible. Do come along for what promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

Starlight Walk – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who generously sponsored me for the Starlight Walk on 27th June. I completed the 15km in 2 hours 58 minutes and so far have raised £298 for Prospect Hospice, excluding Gift Aid. There is still time to add to my total if you wish to: <https://prospecthospice.enthuse.com/pf/carol-simmons> Thank you. *Carol*

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>

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, Anthony Stanton, Tony Stanton 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 Brigitte Chandler, Mike Shurmer, John Humphreys, Alan Hooker, Mary Craggs, Celia Bradley, Stamatina Dyer, Albert & Nellie Wintle and all those mourning a loved one.

† For the family and friends of Catherine Morton, whose first anniversary of death is this Sunday 12th July.

† For Rhys and Claudia who will be married in Christ Church on 18th July

† For the Christian Witness and Sports Chaplaincy throughout the FIFA World Cup in its final week

† For the Wimbledon Tennis Championships which ends today

† For the healing ministry especially through the anointing of oil and prayer ministry

† For God's blessing on our Great Western Hospital and the witness of the Sacred Space on Floor 1

† 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.

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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
Swindon**