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Sunday 19th July 2026 – Trinity 7



**Christ Church
World Cup Final Day**



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

Sermon: James Davies-Spratt

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

Sermon: the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

Theme: 'God's help in times of need'

Readings: Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Reader: Francis Maples

Prayers: Jennifer Miles

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

12.30pm Holy Baptism – the Revd. David Day

We welcome the family and friends of Stanley Ted Woodward

6.30pm Choral Evensong – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

Sermon: the Revd. Canon Michael Johnson

See paragraph below for further information

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

Sermon: James Davies-Spratt

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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 20th July

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 20th July	10am King William Street School Year 6 Leavers' Service in Christ Church 3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection Group
Wednesday 22nd July	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Bible Encounter
Thursday 23rd July	2pm burial of ashes of Jimmy Hooker in Christ Church Burial Ground 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room – see <i>paragraph below</i>
Friday 24th July	10am Funeral of Mary Craggs in Christ Church

Sunday 26th July – Trinity 8

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary to Simon and Nicola

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

12 noon Holy Baptism

Informal Evening Worship

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Carol will be on leave from Wednesday 22nd to Monday 27th July inclusive.

Please direct anything urgent to Chris Smith or Steve Cox – thank you for your understanding.

Our vocation together to be the people of God

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 10am Informal Communion Service, we will provide the congregation with the opportunity to be anointed on the hands with Chrism Oil. Please prepare for this 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

Reg Hardwick

We were sad to learn that Reg passed away peacefully on Saturday 11th July. Reg’s funeral will be in Christ Church on Friday 31st July at 2pm, followed by a committal for immediate family only. Everyone who knew Reg is welcome to attend the service in church. Please hold Daphne, Susannah, Izzy and the family in your prayers at this time.

Choral Evensong this 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.

‘Where Art Thou’ Thursday 23rd July This will be our last meeting before the summer break, so we will be having afternoon tea. All welcome - £5 per person. Further information from James james@christchurchswindon.co.uk

No Iona Worship in July Daphne apologises for this but under the circumstances is not able to be available for Iona worship this month. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

The Swindon Cooperative Ladies Choir is coming to Mops again this summer, and you are invited to join the audience.



WHERE	Bath Road Methodist Church
WHEN	Thursday 30th July
TIMES	2.30-3.30pm

Drinks and biscuits will be served. There is no charge, but donations gratefully received.

We look forward to welcoming you to the concert.

Enquiries: Janet Hunt 07986 990865

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.

The Friends of Christ Church are celebrating their 25th anniversary in September! Please watch this space for details of some exciting events.

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, José Humerick, Anthony Stanton, Tony Stanton, Evie Adams, Annette Holliday 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 Alan Hooker, Mary Craggs, Celia Bradley, Stamatina Dyer, Albert & Nellie Wintle, Reg Hardwick, Michael Hamilton and all those mourning a loved one.

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

† For Stanley who will be baptised this Sunday

† 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.

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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 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



Open Evening
The Deanery Church of England Academy
Tuesday 15th September 2026, 5.00 - 7.00pm

We would like to invite parents of prospective pupils in year 5 and 6, to our Open Evening. Classrooms will be open, with displays of work, resources and equipment. There will be various activities that children can take part in to get a feel for life at The Deanery. Some of our pupil ambassadors will be in school to show you around, talk to you about life at The Deanery and demonstrate examples of their work. Teaching staff and the Senior Leadership Team will be readily available to answer all of your questions. The evening will also include a **presentation from Executive Principal Mr Young**, on the excellent opportunities The Deanery has to offer your child. This will take place at **5.45-6.00pm in The Theatre**.

Open Mornings
Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October 2026, 9.15 - 11.15am

Parents of prospective pupils in year 5 and 6, are also invited to attend one of our Open Mornings. You will be able to see the school in action, visit classrooms and view the modern building and excellent facilities The Deanery has to offer. Tours will be led by Senior Leadership Team members and our Student Leadership Team, who will be available to answer any questions you might have. To book, please follow the QR code.



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ORGANIST OF RENNES CATHEDRAL
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Join Jean-René for an evening of magnificent French organ music, featuring masterpieces by De Grigny, Saint-Saëns, Gigout, Widor and Dupré.
Saturday 1st August | 7.30pm
Free admission
retiring collection in aid of church music

The Friends of Christ Church
25th Anniversary Afternoon Tea Celebration
Sunday 20th Sep - 4 to 6:30pm
in the Community Centre
Enjoy a delicious selection of tea, coffee, freshly made sandwiches, homemade cakes, and traditional scones with jam and cream.
Free to Members
Family and Friends welcome with donation (please pre-book for catering numbers)
All Invited

THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH 25TH ANNIVERSARY
QUIZ NIGHT
Sat 19th September £10 per person (teams of 2 to 6 people)
in the Community Centre
Doors open at: 7pm
Game starts at: 7:30pm
Bar drinks available
Includes a chip shop supper of choice
For further information and tickets visit
www.cccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets

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