



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 23rd August 2026 – Trinity 12 Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

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

**Preacher & Celebrant: the Ven. Christopher Bryan, Archdeacon of
Malmesbury**

Children's Talk: 'A Place for Everyone'

Sermon: 'Who do you say I am?'

Readings: Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

Reader: Gbemi Aremu

Prayers: Liz Day

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

6.30pm Informal Evening Worship – led by the Revd. Rach Collins

St Mary's

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

[Download our Monthly Service Poster](#)



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 24th August

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 24th August	1pm funeral of Alec Tucker in Christ Church, followed by burial in Christ Church Burial Ground 3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 25th August	11am funeral of Abigail Lainton in Christ Church, followed by burial in Christ Church Burial Ground – <i>see paragraph below for further information</i>
Wednesday 26th August	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Bible Encounter Group
Thursday 27th August	7pm memorial service for victims of Warrenpoint in Christ Church Burial Ground – <i>see paragraph below for further information</i>

Sunday 30th August – Trinity 13

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

12 noon Holy Baptism

6.30pm Songs of Praise

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Simon - update

Dear Friends

Just to let you know that Simon was admitted to the Great Western Hospital last Saturday 15th August with Sepsis which developed quite out of the blue on Friday night. Since then, he has been treated with IV antibiotics and undergoing thorough tests to investigate the source of the infection. He remains in good spirits and is feeling much better but there is a possibility he will need to be treated for 6 weeks and we are preparing ourselves for that. We should know more sometime next week. As before we sense God's presence each day and trust in Him each step of the way.

Please do keep him in your prayers.

Every blessing, *Nicola*

No Iona Group this month as Daphne is taking some much-needed time out. We hope to see you in September.

Mission Giving Sunday Our first Mission Giving Sunday for 2026 will be **Sunday 13th September** and will be for **Swindon Commercial Chaplaincy**. Our Churchwarden, Sheila, will be speaking at the morning service to give you more information about this vital service. Please put the date in your diary and come prepared to give generously – thank you.



In Memoriam: 27th August sees the anniversary of death of Private Raymond Dunn, 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment. Murdered by an IRA ambush in 1979, Raymond from Swindon, died at Warrenpoint, N. Ireland. An earlier bomb had killed 6 soldiers, and Raymond was in a group of men sent to assist with the wounded and dead. On approaching the scene, a second bomb was remotely detonated and exploded, killing 12 more soldiers, including Raymond who was just 20 years old. The day is also remembered because only hours earlier Lord Louis Mountbatten, cousin to Queen Elizabeth II, was assassinated by an IRA bomb in Donegal Bay.

This Thursday evening Raymond will be remembered and honoured with a special Military service at his graveside in Christ Church Burial Ground.

Janet French

Support Ride & Stride 2026

On Saturday 12 September, cyclists, walkers and riders will be taking part in Ride & Stride to raise money for the preservation of our historic churches. Half of all the money raised by our parish comes directly back to support our local churches.

We would love to have more people join the Christ Church team this year, so we are planning two group walks:

11.00 am Parish Churches Walk Starting at Immanuel URC on Upham Road, we will walk through Lawns Park to Christ Church, then continue to Bath Road Methodist Church and finally to St Mary's, our sister church. I will then walk back to Immanuel URC with anyone who would like to return there.

3.00 pm Shorter Walk Starting at Immanuel URC on Upham Road, we will walk through Lawns Park to Christ Church and then on to Bath Road Methodist

Church. I will then walk back to Immanuel URC with anyone who would like to return there.

If you would prefer to plan your own route, the most up-to-date list of participating churches can be found here:

<https://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/rider-strider-information/>

Join the Christ Church Team

Sign up online here: https://www.justgiving.com/team/cc-rands-2026?utm_medium=team&utm_content=cc-rands-2026&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share&invite=true

Or scan the QR code below to join the team.



Make a Donation

If you're unable to take part, you can still support Ride & Stride by making a donation.

Donate online: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/cc-rands-2026>

Or scan the QR code below to donate.



Thank you for your support and prayers as we raise funds for church heritage and mission through Ride & Stride. *Jennifer Miles*

Sanctum – Spiritual Direction Formation & Training

An online evening course with three in-person days

January 2027 to December 2027

Applications are now open for Sanctum, the Diocese of Bristol's new formation and training course in spiritual direction, launching in January 2027. Designed to be accessible to a greater diversity of students, the course will meet fortnightly online during term time, with three in-person Saturdays each year. Each session will include teaching, drawing upon biblical, theological, and psychological perspectives, alongside a breadth of Christian spiritual wisdom and prayer including poetry, music and art. Students will develop practical skills through work in pairs and triads and will be supported throughout their formation by a personal tutor, learning community, and regular appraisals to aid growth and vocational discernment.

Closing date for applications & references: Friday 2nd October 2026

Further details, including the brochure, course programme and application forms are available from: mmsupport@bristoldiocese.org

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, Manda Shinde, Barbara Sheppard, Kaf Smith, Gordon Hudd, Emilia Shaw, Ian Handy, Michael Porter, José Humerick, Anthony Stanton, Tony Stanton, Evie Adams, Annette Holliday, Pauline Cain, Simon Stevenette 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 Alec Tucker, Abbie Lainton, Ken Miles 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.

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To find out what we are doing to reduce our impact on the environment and improve biodiversity on site, visit:

<https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindonecohob>

LIVE AT CHRIST CHURCH FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

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THE TRIBUTE TO DIRE STRAITS



scan me **TICKETS £20** **DOORS OPEN 6.45PM**

Working Lives in Bloom:

**A Flower Festival & Heritage Open Day
at Christ Church**

19th September 2026 | 1 - 4 pm

A special combined Flower Festival and Heritage Open Day.
Inspired by the 2026 National Heritage Open Days theme.



Presented by
Find my past

Enter Our Flower Festival Competition

The Flower Arranging Competition is open to all
and will be judged in four categories:

- Window Display - Theme: Jobs that shaped our town
- Pedestal Class - Theme: Working Together
- Table Exhibit - Theme: Market Town Place
- Children's Class - Theme: Baker's Basket



Download the entry form
here



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The event will celebrate the people, crafts, routines, and occupations that have shaped our community through the ages. Discover beautiful floral displays inspired by working life, explore the heritage of Christ Church and Old Town, and enjoy exhibitions, stories, demonstrations, and activities for all ages.

Vote for your favourite!

To find out more about the Flower Festival & Heritage Open Day, the flower arranging competition, and how to get involved, visit the event page here:

<https://ccccswindon.co.uk/page/posts/400>



THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH 25TH ANNIVERSARY

QUIZ NIGHT

**Sat 19th
September**

in the Community Centre
Doors open at: 7pm
Game starts at: 7:30pm

Bar drinks available

£10

per person
(teams of
2 to 6
people)

Includes a chip shop
supper of choice

**For further information
and tickets visit**

www.ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets



**Christ Church
Swindon**





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

