



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 30th August 2026 – Trinity 13 Christ Church

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

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

Children's Talk: 'Follow Me (not *me*...Jesus!) - the Revd. Norma McKemey

Sermon: 'And on the Third Day be Raised' – the Revd. Norma McKemey

Readings: Romans 12:19-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

Reader: David Cain

Prayers: Maranda Ng

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

12 noon Holy Baptism – the Revd. Moira Slack

We welcome the family and friends of James Jones Hughes and Lyla Marie Ollis

6.30pm Songs of Praise – led by James Davies-Spratt

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Nitin Shinde

[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 31st August

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 31st August BANK HOLIDAY	3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 1st September	10.30am new monthly prayer group – <i>see paragraph below for further information</i>
Wednesday 2nd September	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Thursday 3rd September	4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
Friday 4th September	2.30pm service of thanksgiving for the life of Ken Miles in Christ Church
Saturday 5th September	7.30am Morning Prayer & Men's Breakfast – speaker: Jeff Tucker from Best Mates Charity – further information about the charity here: https://bestmates.org/how-does-it-work/ All welcome

Sunday 6th September – Trinity 14

Christ Church

8am 1662 Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship & Baptism Welcome

6.30pm Holy Communion

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Monthly prayer group:

Tues 1st September 10.30am in Christ Church

The first meeting of our monthly prayer group in Church. Focus on local - national - international issues including the persecuted church.

Contact Verity (07900 988938) or Maranda (07785 333656) for details.

We may also have an evening prayer group if people are interested and available for this.

Article in the Bristol Diocese 'Three Crowns' Special Edition August 2026

Christ Church Swindon to host CofE National Online Service

Christ Church Swindon was chosen to host the Church of England's national online service for the first Feast of Creation Sunday; it will go live on the Church of England National website on the 6th of September. It was pre-recorded on the 12th of August and led by the Rev Moira Slack, the service celebrated God's creation, encouraged reflection on caring for the natural world, and marked the launch of this new annual festival.

The church was selected because of its strong commitment to environmental action. As an Eco Church Gold Award holder, Christ Church Swindon has demonstrated leadership in creation care through its active Eco Church group, involvement in local environmental initiatives and the stewardship of its wildlife-rich churchyard.

The service will include the Church of England's new liturgy, offering an opportunity to reflect, pray and give thanks for God's wonderful creation. The service will go live on the Church of England's YouTube channel here <https://www.youtube.com/@TheChurchofEngland/featured> on the 6th of September.



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 – approximately 40 minutes with optional return to Immanuel.

3.00 pm Shorter Walk Starting at Immanuel URC on Upham Road – approximately 30 minutes, also with optional return to Immanuel.

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

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>

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

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 along with Mrs Chris German, Secretary of SCS and Working Chaplain, to give you more information about this vital service. Please put the date in your diary and come prepared to give generously – thank you.

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, 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 Ken Miles, Nancy Lee 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 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>

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.



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>



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Photos from the service at the grave
of Private Raymond Dunn on Thursday
27th August.

The service was led by Padre Vicky
Day from RAF Lyneham.

Janet French attended to represent
Christ Church. Janet writes:

*'The service was very moving, with the
drum altar, flag bearers etc. It was an
absolute honour and privilege to
attend!'*

A new commemorative plaque for
Raymond was placed by the War
Memorial in Christ Church

Spaces are filling fast for the Friends of Christ Church Quiz on Saturday 19th September. I know that many of you have mentioned to me that you are planning to take part. Please book your tickets now before it is too late - <https://ccccswindon.co.uk/events/100/details> Tickets are on a first come first served basis. Many thanks, Chris Smith.

THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH SWINDON
"Promoting Christ Church to the Community"

**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

