



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 9th August 2026 – Trinity 10 Christ Church

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

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Nitin Shinde

Children's Talk & Sermon: Ailsa Palmer

Theme: 'Stepping out in Faith and trusting God'

Readings: Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

Reader: Elizabeth Breakspear-Jones

Prayers: Maranda Ng

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

6.30pm Healing Service – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

[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 10th 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 10th August	11am burial of ashes of Albert and Nellie Wintle in Christ Church Remembrance Garden 3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room
Wednesday 12th August	10.30am Christ in Quiet 1-4pm Recording of Service for 'Hope for all Creation' – <i>see paragraph below for further information</i> 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Bible Encounter Group
Saturday 15th August	10am burial of ashes of Dorothy Thompson in Jubilee memorial Garden 10.30am burial of ashes of Margaret Jackson in Christ Church Remembrance Garden

Sunday 16th August – Trinity 11

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Informal Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Thank you

Dear Friends,

Daphne and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kindness, cards, and messages following Reg's death. We were truly overwhelmed by the love and support shown to us during this difficult time. We were especially in awe of the number of people who attended Reg's funeral service on Friday 31st July. It was a wonderful tribute to a man who touched so many lives through his friendship, warmth, humour, and service to others. We can only imagine how surprised Reg would have been to see so many people gathered in Christ Church, especially as one of his favourite mantras was: "You have to die young if you want a lot of people at your funeral!" We think he would have been both astonished and delighted. Thank you for the many ways in which

you have supported us and helped us celebrate Reg's life. Your presence, prayers, and friendship have been a great comfort.

With grateful thanks,

Daphne and family

Church of England Online Weekly Service recording in Christ Church – congregation wanted

As part of 'Hope for all Creation', a theological response to the creation crisis, the Church of England has authorised a new feast day, the 'Feast of Christ in Creation', on the first Sunday in Creationtide. A new liturgy is also being introduced.

As part of celebrating and marking this, Christ Church has been invited to hold a special service which will be broadcast on Sunday 20th September.

The service will be recorded in the church on **Wednesday 12th August between 1 and 4pm** – the final service will not be this long, but the videographer will film more than is needed in order to produce a professional edit. The Revd. Moira Slack will officiate for the service recording. Moira writes:

'We are trying to include different voices for readings etc. Filming will be focused but it would be really good if we could get a few folks to be there to join in with the responses, so if anyone is interested or wants to know a bit more about it, I'd love to hear from them'.

We would love to have a good-sized congregation to take part in this. Please do get in touch with Moira if you are available and would like to participate

Moira@christchurchswindon.co.uk

Swindon Vue cinema is showing David (PG) a superb animated film based on 1 Samuel from Fri. 21st August daily at 12.45pm.

Don't miss this outstanding film.

You can watch the first ten minutes of David here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hqFphGIHk&list=PLMHTJB0PTFONr-mMSsGFFUI7FTffBL9r6&index=16>

A helpful review can be found here from when it opened in USA cinemas last Christmas(!):

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=kb8-2gOcaa8>

Tickets booked online* are from just £7.99

*at least £1 extra at the box office

For the trailer and to book see:

<https://www.myvue.com/cinema/swindon/film/david>

Partnership 'Believing Science Wonder Day'

Saturday 22nd August 10am-4pm at Bath Road Methodist Church 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 [HERE](#)

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 here

<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.

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

Ride & Stride Volunteers Needed

On Saturday 12 September, Christ Church and St Mary's will once again be taking part in Ride & Stride for Churches, raising funds for both our churches and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

We are looking for volunteers to welcome visitors at Christ Church and St Mary's throughout the day from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. This year, volunteers will be based inside the churches, and ideally, we would like people to help in two-hour slots.

If you can spare some time, please contact Jennifer Miles:

 jenniannemiles@gmail.com

 07952 875994

Any help, however small, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting this wonderful event!

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 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 Albert & Nellie Wintle, Michael Hamilton, Dorothy Thompson, Jo Henry, Ken Miles, Alec Tucker 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/christchurchswindonecohob>



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

