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Sunday 20th September 2026 – Trinity 16 Christ Church

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

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

Children's Talk – 'The Generosity of our God' - the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

Sermon: 'Our Response to the Generosity of God' - the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

Readings: Philippians 1: 21-end; Matthew 20: 1-16

Reader: Anthony Slack

Prayers: Ailsa Palmer

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

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

Sermon by guest speaker, Fr Lucas Rodrigues from Holy Rood Roman Catholic Church, Swindon. Please see details below.

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 21st September

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 21st September	3pm Treasure Together in the Large Meeting Room
Wednesday 23rd September	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Bible Encounter Group
Thursday 24th September	4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
Friday 25th September	12pm Burial of ashes of John Humphreys in the Remembrance Garden 6:45pm Dire Straits tribute concert in Christ Church 7:30pm Friday Night Comedy Night in the Community Centre
Saturday 26th September	5pm Brunel Brass with Spotlight! Concert in Christ Church

Sunday 27th September – Trinity 17

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

2pm Holy Baptism

6.30pm Informal Evening Worship

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Congratulations to the Friends of Christ Church

On behalf of the PCC and the congregation we congratulate the Friends of Christ Church on 25 years of wonderful financial support, encouragement, prayers and commitment towards the fabric of Christ Church supporting our mission and ministry passing on our Christian faith to our local community through practical action. A reminder that all last week supported the work of Swindon Commercial Chaplaincy, which was coordinated by Sheila Wright, our Church Warden. Please continue to pray for the growth of chaplaincy within the retail community of Old Town. If you would like to support this work, please fill in a gift aid envelope (which are kept at the back of church) by writing Swindon Commercial Chaplaincy on the front.

Grateful Thanks and Building Hope Together!

Each year in September we have a particular focus on our family housekeeping at Christ Church and St Mary's especially on how we all play our part according to our resources with our time, talents and money to enable Christ Church and St Mary's to flourish and grow in our Christian mission and ministry across our parish of Old Town Swindon. Equally to be generous hearted in supporting our Swindon Deanery and our Bristol Diocese, particularly with sister churches who do not have the resources which we have been given by God.

Thank you to all on behalf of the PCC for all that you generously give sharing your time, talents and money already. We have exciting plans over this coming year to grow, in particular developing our work with children, families, in schools, and with young people. This year's Stewardship Campaign theme is Building Hope Together! and focuses on all that your generosity has enabled the church and community centre to do over the last year and looks forward to the coming year and further ahead. Our annual stewardship campaign is therefore not simply about meeting this year's costs. It is about investing together in the future God is calling us towards. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might respond—not only through your financial giving, but through your time, talents, prayers and encouragement. Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, with faith, generosity and hope, we can continue to make Christ Church a place where God's love is experienced, shared and celebrated.

Please read the Building Hope Together booklet here:

<https://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/giving/BuildingHopeTogetherBooklet.pdf>

Sad News

We were sad to learn that Manda Shinde died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday morning 16th September. We thank God for Manda's encouragement, prayers and radiant love for Jesus which shone through her life and her strong family foundations. We assure the Shinde family of our love and prayers as they prepare for Manda's funeral at CC on Wednesday 7th October at 1pm. All are welcome.

Join us for choral evensong in Christ Church this Sunday evening at 6.30pm.

This will bring our Friends of Christ Church 25th anniversary celebrations to a joyful close. The choir will be singing music by Philip Ledger, Robert Jones and Philip Moore. **Our guest preacher will be Fr Lucas Rodrigues, Priest in Charge of Holy Rood Roman Catholic Church.** Please come along to the Friends of Christ Church afternoon tea (see poster below) and stay on for evensong!

New Musical Setting for Communion Services

A message from Tim Eyles, Director of Music:

We have been using our current musical setting of the communion service for at least 15 years, and I think it is time for a change. In discussion with the vicar, we have decided to introduce the new music from the morning service on 27th September. It is called the Mass of St Thomas and was composed by David Thorne about 30 years ago. You can listen to it on YouTube here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVMJxiIXQMs&list=RDvVMJxiIXQMs&start_radio=1

I will run through the Gloria, Gospel responses, Sanctus, Benedictus and Eucharistic prayer acclamations before the services on 27th September, 3rd October (6.30pm) and 10th October to help you get the hang of the music. I hope you enjoy it!

Sunday Club Shoebox Appeal

We have begun to collect items for the children to pack into shoeboxes later in October, on behalf of the charity Link to Hope. This is a small charity, who will be delivering the shoeboxes to families and the elderly in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria. We would be grateful for any donation, from an empty shoebox, a single item or completed box. Items needed include, toiletries, playing cards, adult socks, safety razors, shampoo etc.

Last date for donations is Sunday 25th October. **Please leave donations at the Parish Office Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays 8.30am to 4.30pm, or pass to Sue.** For further details, please visit <https://www.linktohope.co.uk> or see Sue at coffee on Sundays. You can also email Sue@christchurchswindon.co.uk.

New creche for 10am services

Christ Church will be starting a creche during the 10 o'clock service in October, so that those with small children can have a quiet moment or two in the service if they would like it!

Where: in the Community Centre

When: every Sunday during term time apart from the first Sunday of the month (All Age). Children will leave/be brought by their parents at the same time that Sunday Club leaves the service and should be collected during communion.

What: play/sing/read stories

Who: all babies and pre-school children

If you would like to help with this new venture, please speak to Ali Tremlett. We would love more helpers.

Ride & Stride 2026 Update

Thank you to everyone who supported Ride & Stride on Saturday 12th September.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for going rather quiet in the run-up to the event. Unfortunately, I was involved in a car accident and have been recovering. I am very grateful for all the support, prayers and kindness I have received from our church community. Despite this setback, our Ride & Stride team did brilliantly.

This year, Carol walked to an amazing 25 churches, while Chris and Jacob ran approximately 15 miles, visiting around 22 churches across Swindon!

We were also delighted to have John Pryce, Fabian Miles and Maranda taking part in the Partnership Walk. Together, our participants represented Christ Church and St Mary's wonderfully, and Maranda has already raised £110 through her efforts!

I would also like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time throughout the day to keep Christ Church and St. Mary's open. Whether providing refreshments, signing record sheets, or simply offering a friendly welcome, your support played a vital part in making the day a success. We are very grateful to Ali, Christine, Antony, Mike, Seth and Rio.

There is still time to sponsor our participants. Half of all money raised comes back to support our local churches, with the remainder helping to preserve historic churches across Wiltshire.

I will be available after the 10am service this Sunday to receive donations on behalf of our participants. Cash and card payments will both be accepted.

Make a Donation

You can make a donation online at: www.justgiving.com/team/cc-rands-2026

Thank you to everyone who walked, ran, sponsored, volunteered and encouraged others. Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to church heritage, ministry and mission.

Jennifer Miles

For your prayers

† John Webb, Ann Sharpe, Ali Potter, Neville Gray, Barbara Sheppard, Kaf Smith, Gordon Hudd, Emilia Shaw, Ian Handy, Michael Porter, José Humerick, Evie Adams, Annette Holliday, Pauline Cain, Simon Stevenette, Jennifer Miles 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 Manda Shinde, Diana Bailey (Simon's Aunt who died suddenly last Tuesday evening while on Pilgrimage at Walsingham), John Humphreys, Ian Hedges, Bill Dickie, Agnes Morse and all those mourning a loved one.

† For John Humphreys Burial of Ashes on Friday 25th September 12 noon

† For Those to be baptised this coming weekend: Laurence Eyles Butcher and Ishaan Leonard.

† 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 God's blessing on our Stewardship Campaign and for our generosity and response for all that God gives to us. For our PCC preparing to meet on 28th September and for Paul Andrews as our Lay Chair, Helen Hartnell as our secretary, Paul Ng as our Treasurer.

† For the preparations for our Bristol Diocesan Clergy Conference at Swainwick Tuesday 29th to Thursday 1st October. Theme Wealth of Generosity.

† For our young people in Swindon going to university this weekend and university chaplains across our country.

† For the growth of the Friends of Christ Church.

† For God's blessing on the ministry of Fr Lucas from Holy Rood church as he preaches at our Choral Evensong. For our partnership in the Gospel.

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To keep in touch, visit us at: <https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindon> or <https://linktr.ee/communitycentrechristchurch>

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