Christ Church Swindon

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 27th September 2026 – Trinity 17
Christ Church

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

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

Children's Talk – Yes or No? That is the question! by Revd. Norma McKemey

Sermon: Who Do You think You Are? by Revd. Norma McKemey

Readings: Philippians 2: 1-13, Matthew 21: 23-32

Reader: Helen Hartnell

Prayers: Ali Giles

Download an order of service so you can follow and join in

6.30pm Informal Evening Worship – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette and James Davies-Spratt

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 22nd 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: 0800 2605903 to join by phone Use this passcode 694043607#
Monday 28th September	3pm Treasure Together in the Large Meeting Room 7pm PCC Meeting in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 29th September	Diocesan Clergy Conference at Swainwick (Tuesday 29th to Thursday 1st October) Theme Wealth of Generosity.
Wednesday 30th September	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Fellowship of Faith
Thursday 1st October	2pm Friends of Christ Church meeting 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
Friday 2nd October	5pm Wedding rehearsal in Christ Church
Saturday 3rd October	7.30am Morning Prayer & Men's Breakfast 1pm Wedding in Christ Church of Fraser Cowell & Lucy Metaj 3pm wedding in Christ Church of Sarah Garett and Giles Clarke

Sunday 4th October – Trinity 18

Christ Church
8am 1662 Holy Communion
10am All Age Worship with Harvest Festival
3pm Annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance – by Hillier Funeral Services
3pm Messy Church at Bath Road Methodist Church
6.30pm Holy Communion
St Mary's
9am Holy Communion

Big Thanks and Building Hope Together!

Each September we focus on our family housekeeping at Christ Church and St Mary's, reflecting on how we can each play our part through our time, talents, prayers and financial giving, enabling our churches to flourish in Christian mission and ministry. We also seek to support our wider Deanery and Diocese, particularly sister churches with fewer resources.

On behalf of the PCC, thank you for all that you already give so generously. We have exciting plans for the coming year, particularly developing our work with children, families, schools and young people.

This year's Building Hope Together! campaign celebrates what your generosity has made possible and looks ahead to the future. It is not simply about meeting our costs, but about investing together in the future God is calling us towards. Please prayerfully consider how you might respond through your giving, 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

St Mary's Centenary Service – Saturday 24 October

This autumn we celebrate the centenary of our sister church, St Mary's on Commonweal Road. A special service will be held at 3pm on Saturday 24 October to mark the laying of the foundation stone in autumn 1926 and to celebrate 100 years of worship and community at St Mary's. Everyone is warmly welcome, with refreshments served afterwards. Further details and updates will follow shortly.

Working Lives in Bloom – A Wonderful Day!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Working Lives in Bloom Flower Festival & Heritage Open Day on Saturday 19 September. We welcomed over 100 visitors who enjoyed 18 beautiful floral displays, church and bell tower tours, craft stalls and fascinating local heritage exhibits.

Congratulations to our flower festival winners: Swindon Growers (1st), Little Fishes (2nd), and a special display celebrating Rob Pean's 30 years of service as Christ Church's sexton (3rd). Refreshment donations also raised money for Save the Children.

Thank you to all our flower arrangers, volunteers, stallholders and visitors who helped make it such a lovely celebration of flowers, heritage and community!

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Friends of Christ Church Celebrate 25 Years

The Friends of Christ Church celebrated their 25th anniversary with a fantastic weekend of events, bringing together more than 180 people for a special quiz night and afternoon tea.

The celebrations recognised the Friends' incredible contribution to Christ Church over the past quarter of a century, having raised more than £100,000 to support repairs, restoration and improvements to our historic church and grounds.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends over the years, and to the many volunteers who helped make the anniversary weekend such a success!

Would you like to become a Friend of Christ Church? Membership is open to everyone and helps support the future of our historic church. To find out more or join, email sec.focc@gmail.com

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. This year, Carol walked to an amazing 25 churches, while Chris and Jacob ran approximately 15 miles, visiting around 22 churches across Swindon. John Pryce, Fabian Miles and Maranda undertook the Partnership Walk, visiting all the four churches.

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.

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

Fairtrade Fortnight (21st September to 4th October)

It's Fairtrade Fortnight and this year's theme is "Do It Fair" – encouraging people to take action for people and the planet. The Focus: Highlighting the struggles of smallholder farmers and workers facing the climate crisis and rising costs of fuel, fertilizer, and food. The Goal: Demanding fairer pay and business practices so producers can earn a decent living and fund climate adaptation work.

Christ Church Swindon is a registered Fairtrade Place of Worship. We use fairtrade tea, coffee, and sugar for our Sunday service refreshments and elsewhere in the community centre where we can. Why not join us and switch to Fairtrade products to help people around the world receive Fair Pay for their work and produce.

You can find out more about Fairtrade Fortnight on their website here: https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/support-fairtrade/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight.html

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.
† Ben Wigley had a very serious cycling accident last week in Southampton and is in hospital following emergency surgery. There has been encouraging progress this week, but he still has a long way to go. Please remember Revd. Trudie and Andrew Wigley and his sister Grace in your prayers.
† 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 Ishaan Leonard who is being baptised this weekend
† 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.

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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/christchurchswindonecohub