



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 4th October 2026 – Harvest Festival Christ Church

This year we are again supporting the Swindon Food Collective with our Harvest Festival Donations. Please give generously – thank you

8am 1662 Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

10am All Age Worship & Baptism Welcome – led by the Team

We welcome the families and friends of Sebastian Wood, Laurence Eyles-Butcher and Ace Schöнке who have all been baptised at Christ Church recently

Theme: 'Time for Everyone'

Readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-19; Luke 18: 1-8

Prayers: The Revd. Daphne Hardwick

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

3pm Hillier Funeral Service Annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette

You can watch the service online here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/TLg3kMev2Ew?si=0z2QKhzoS2qXpzt9>

3pm Messy Church at Bath Road Methodist Church

6.30pm Holy Communion

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

Our mission: By proclaiming Christ through teaching and example:

- By welcoming and serving all through hospitality.
- By encouraging people to find God through worship, faith, and prayer.
- By providing a spiritual home and resources for the local community.
- By transforming Swindon and beyond with God's hope and compassion.

Our values: We will do this with humility, grace, and respect, listening
prayerfully to God and our neighbours.

Week commencing 5th October

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 5th October	NO TREASURE TOGETHER TODAY- WE WILL BE BACK MONDAY 12 TH OCTOBER 7.30pm Staff Meeting in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 6th October	Simon's 28th anniversary as vicar of Christ Church with St Mary's 10.30am Monthly Prayer group in Christ Church – <i>see paragraph below for more information</i> 7.30pm All Age Planning Meeting at the Vicarage
Wednesday 7th October	10.30am Christ in Quiet 1pm Funeral of Manda Shinde in Christ Church <i>1.30pm Funeral of Shane Stevens at Kingsdown Crematorium</i> 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Fellowship of Faith Harvest Supper – further information below
Thursday 8th October	4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
Saturday 10th October	Swindon Food Collective Autumn Fayre in Christ Church <i>5.15pm Christ Church Choir singing Evensong at Bristol Cathedral – all welcome to come along and support them</i> Candlelight Concerts in Christ Church: 6.30pm 'The Best of Hans Zimmer'; 8.30pm 'A Tribute to Coldplay'

Sunday 11th October – Trinity 19

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

6.30pm Healing Service

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Evening services will move to 4pm from 25th October for the winter months

Prayer from Diocesan Clergy Conference

We had an excellent Clergy Conference, and this is the Conference Prayer which is especially relevant for our Harvest Thanksgiving weekend with our theme being 'The Generosity of God'. *Simon*

God of our calling,
we thank you for the wealth of generosity
that you show us
in creating a world full of life and wonder,
in sending Jesus so that we might receive healing
and forgiveness,
and in the gift of the Holy Spirit to prompt and
guide us as we seek to follow the Way.
Make us generous people,
grateful for what we have received,
and openhanded in sharing with others,
so that we might serve your people as
ministers of your Gospel,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Christ Church PCC and Ministerial Staff day of spiritual refreshment

at St Peter's Leckhampton on Saturday 10th October 10am-4pm
Please keep us in your prayers.

Big Thanks and Building Hope Together!

As we reach the final weekend of our Building Hope Together! Stewardship campaign, and celebrate our Harvest Festival this Sunday, we want to say a big thank you for all you already give through your time, talents, prayers and

financial support. Your generosity helps Christ Church and St Mary's flourish, supporting our worship, community life and our plans for children, families, schools and young people.

Please prayerfully consider how you might continue to support our churches in the year ahead.

Thank you for being part of our journey and helping 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>

Monthly Prayer Group this Tuesday 6th October 10.30am in Christ Church

Last month, on the first Tuesday at 10:30 am, Sister Verity and I started a new prayer group.

*Aim: Mainly praying for international and national issues, as well as individual personal needs.

*Venue: Christ Church - in church

*Day: First Tuesday each month

*Time: 10:30 am.

Next prayer meeting:

Tuesday, 6th October 2026.

If you know any brothers and sisters who like to join our prayer meeting, please let me or Sister Verity know. Thank you.

I hope to see you all in the meeting. *Maranda*

Full peal attempt There will be a full peal attempt on the Christ Church bells on Saturday 17th October, beginning at 10am. We wish the ringers every success

St Mary's Centenary Service – Saturday 24th 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 24th 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.

New Musical Setting for Communion Services - A message from Tim Eyles, Director of Music:

We have introduced a new musical setting for communion service, effective 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 4th October (6.30pm) and 11th 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@christchurchwindon.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.

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, fertiliser, 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, Shane Stevens, Diana Bailey (Simon's Aunt who died suddenly while on Pilgrimage at Walsingham), Christine & Ivor Johns, Mike Shurmer, Marjorie Higham and all those mourning a loved one.

† For Sebastian Wood, Laurence Eyles-Butcher and Ace Schönke who will be welcomed into the church family this Sunday morning following their baptisms at Christ Church recently

† For Lucy & Fraser Cowell and Sarah & Giles Clarke who were married in Christ Church on Saturday 3rd October

† 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.

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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/christchurchswindonecohuh>

The poster is divided into three main sections. The left section features a photo of a smiling woman, Luliane Eliete da Silva, with a small text box identifying her as a coffee farmer in Mozambique. Above her is the 'DO IT FAIR' logo. Below the photo, it says 'We're supporting Fairtrade Fortnight 21st Sept - 4th Oct' and 'Buy Fairtrade LOOK FOR THE LABEL'. The middle section has a green background with the text 'Behind every product is a person. Fairness shouldn't be optional. Choose Fairtrade.' followed by the tagline 'Whatever you do, however you do it: Do it fair' and the website 'fairtrade.org.uk'. It also includes a pink heart icon and a Fairtrade logo. The right section has a dark blue background with a large white circle containing the text 'We are a FAIRTRADE CHURCH' and a Fairtrade logo.

FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

Harvest Supper

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

7PM CHRIST CHURCH

A BRING & SHARE HARVEST SUPPER WITH
AGAPE

ALL ARE WELCOME!



LIVE AT
CHRIST CHURCH SWINDON
SAT 20TH FEB 2027 | 6:45 PM



LIMITED
EARLYBIRD
TICKETS £20

