



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 11th October 2026 – Trinity 19 Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

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

Children's Talk: 'It's Party Time!' – the Revd. Norma McKemey

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 **Sermon: 'Come to the Party!' – the Revd. Norma McKemey** 

Readings: Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

Reader: James Davies-Spratt

Prayers: Jennifer Miles

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

6.30pm Healing Service – led by Ailsa Palmer

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 12th 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: 0800 2605903 to join by phone
Use this passcode 694043607#

Monday 12th October 3pm 'Treasure Together' Spiritual reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room

Wednesday 14th October 10.30am Christ in Quiet
6.30pm Deanery Eco group meeting in the Large Meeting Room
6.30pm Evening Worship
7pm Bible Encounter Group

Thursday 15th October 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room

Saturday 17th October FROM 10AM – FULL PEAL ATTEMPT ON THE CHRIST CHURCH BELLS
11.30am short memorial service in Christ Church for Christine and Ivor Johns, followed by burial of ashes in the Remembrance Garden
1pm burial of ashes of Mike Shurmer in Christ Church Burial Ground

Sunday 18th October – Trinity 20

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Informal Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

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

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

Christ Church website restored following cyber incident

Christ Church Swindon's website was the subject of a cyber incident last week, resulting in unauthorised messages being displayed on the site.

The website was temporarily taken offline while the incident was investigated, and the site was thoroughly checked and cleansed. This work was carried out by our church staff and hosting provider, with appropriate measures taken to address the vulnerabilities identified. The website has now been restored and is back online.

There is no evidence that personal or other sensitive data has been accessed. The website contains several databases with information pertaining to burials and memorials.

There was no demand for money or other form of ransom, and there is currently no indication that the incident was financially motivated.

We are taking the incident seriously and have completed a review to ensure that all appropriate security measures have been put in place.

The incident has been reported to the relevant authorities.

We are sharing this information openly with our congregation and church partners because we believe it is important to be transparent about the incident and the steps being taken in response.

The incident is also a reminder that cyber threats can affect organisations of all sizes and come from a wide range of sources. Christ Church will continue to review and strengthen its digital security as part of our responsibility to protect the church, its congregation and the wider community we serve.

The website is now operating normally.

From the Stevenette family

Thank you to all those who sent kind messages, cards and prayers over recent weeks leading up to my 28th anniversary of being Vicar of Christ Church on 6th October.

This has renewed our call to ministry here and we look forward to all that God is going to do in us and through us over the next few months.

I have received encouraging health results over the last week and am now able to return to increasing my hours. I am especially grateful to the Staff Team and PCC for all their help and understanding.

Please continue to use the Gift of Generosity Prayer from our Bristol Diocesan Clergy conference

Please hold us in your prayers this coming Wednesday as we attend Diana Bailey, my aunt's funeral at St Luke's Church, Milber, Newton Abbot. Di was a great support to my ministry here.

Every blessing

Simon and Nicola

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

St Mary's Centenary Service Saturday 24th October 2026 3pm

A special service of celebration followed by tea.

Please see poster below for further details

Manda Shinde's funeral

We are grateful to all those who worked so hard in preparing for Manda Shinde's funeral last Wednesday. We have had many appreciative comments from guests who travelled from around the country and many who were on the live stream. The service is available on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/TQY3wQNjIOA?si=mD3YePFb-esg--dc>

Shalom and Steven both gave beautiful tributes about their grandmother Ajii. Do watch the service if you can. We especially pray for the Shinde family as they travel to India on the 16th October for the wedding of Steven and Shaish on 28th October. God bless you all through your grief and joy. Our love and prayers are with you.

All Souls Service

Our Annual Service of Remembering Loved Ones will be on **Sunday 1st November at 4pm in Christ Church**. All are welcome. The names of those whose funerals or burials of ashes have been taken by the Christ Church ministry team in the past year will be read out during the service. **If you would like the names of other loved ones read out, please pass their names to the parish office by Thursday 29th October** so they can be added to the list—thank you.

The service will be livestreamed via our YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Q8PpqzJ7Zcl?si=AQQpl8vVHstvnRUJ>

Monthly Prayer Group will move to the first Thursday of the month from November

Further information from Maranda maranda@christchurchswindon.co.uk

Piano lessons

Is anyone available to give one of our church members piano lessons free of charge? Ayat is from Iran and seeking asylum in this country. He taught himself the piano when he visited a friend's house in Iran but hasn't had the opportunity to play/practice since he arrived in this country 2 years ago. Playing the piano will help his stress management and I was surprised how good he is. His English is limited but music communicates across cultures. Lessons could be in church or your home if you are comfortable with that. For more info:

Contact David Austin 07740 922468 or email Rev.dsj.austin@gmail.com

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 soon, 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.

For your prayers

† John Webb, Ann Sharpe, Ali Potter, Barbara Sheppard, Gordon Hudd, Emilia Shaw, Ian Handy, Michael Porter, José Humerick, Evie Adams, Annette Holliday, Pauline Cain, Jennifer Miles, Ben Wigley 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 Christine & Ivor Johns, Mike Shurmer, Marjorie Higham, Anthony & Jacqueline Pike, Stuart Cameron 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 Commonweal School

Centenary Event



Open day at The Commonwealth School with displays and archive material from the last 100 years. The event will be in collaboration with the Swindon Society's annual open day. All old and present Commonwealians welcome.

Come and join us for a celebration of the school's history, a chat, a cup of tea and slice of cake...any birthday essential.

**17 October
2026
Open
11:00-16:00**

FREE ENTRY
17TH OCTOBER 2026
11AM-3PM

IN
CONJUNCTION
WITH THE
COMMONWEAL
SCHOOL'S
CENTENARY
EVENT.

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION



GCSE FINE ART, GRAPHICS, PHOTOGRAPHY AND A LEVEL FINE ART



THE COLD CANTEN, THE COMMONWEAL SCHOOL



ST MARY'S CHURCH

100 YEARS

1926 — 2026



A CENTENARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS SINCE THE LAYING OF THE
FOUNDATION STONE AT ST MARY'S, COMMONWEAL ROAD

SATURDAY
24TH OCT 2026

3PM

THE SERVICE WILL BE
FOLLOWED BY
REFRESHMENTS AND AN
OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE
MEMORIES AND STORIES
OF ST MARY'S

**ALL
WELCOME**



Christ Church
Swindon

COMMONWEAL ROAD

A CENTENARY OF

100

WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP
AND COMMUNITY