



Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches
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13th May 2012 – Easter 6

Our Vision: *Connecting The Community With Christ.*

We are committed to: 1. Jesus & His Teaching;

2. Caring For God's World; 3. Respecting & Helping Each Other

Today at Christ Church

8am Holy Communion led by Revd Simon Stevenette.

Readings: Acts 10.44-48 (page 126 at the back of the pew Bible); John 15.9-17 (page 106 at the back of the pew Bible).

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10.30am Partnership Confirmation at Immanuel Church Upham Road

Today at St Mary's

6.30pm Healing Service led by Carol Simmons.

Bible verse for 2012: *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3.20-21*

This week: Mon 14th 7.30pm Uganda Fire concert in CC. **Wed 16th 7.30pm** Archdeacon's visitation at St John's Haydon Wick.

Thur Ascension Day 7.30pm Holy Communion in CC.

Sat 19th 1pm wedding of George Platt and Rachael Brooke in CC.

Weekday services: Morning Prayer 9am: Monday-Saturday at CC except for Tuesday when at St Mary's. **Wednesday:** 10.30am Holy Communion. **Thursday 7.30pm Holy Communion.**

Next Sunday 20th May Easter 7

At Christ Church: 8am: Holy Communion. **10am** Family Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. **11.30am** Searchlight. **6.30pm** Choral Evensong.

At St Mary's: 9am: Morning Prayer

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Partnership Web Site: www.swindon-otpc.org.uk

Prayers:

- for our Confirmation candidates:
- for our Churchwardens as they are authorised for their ministries by our Archdeacon

Those In Need Of God's Healing: Linda Abrams, Jacqui Bradley, Christopher Browne, David Cummings, Joan Elliott, Margaret Gess, Ken & Mary Hampson, Paul Heath, Steven Foster, Jennylee Hall, John Jarvis, David Kane, Marion Pearce, Diana Pope, Sue Rush, Cilla Slipper, Margaret Williams, Alex Wood, Sheila Wright.

For those who are lonely, anxious and depressed that they would receive comfort, strength and support.

The friends & family of all who have recently died.

For all who continue to mourn and remember Stanley Penney whose anniversary falls at this time.

Christ Church with St Mary's news and events for 6th May to 19th May 2012

Partnership confirmation service: will be SUNDAY 13th May 10.30am at Immanuel URC in Upham Road. There will be no 9,10 or 11.30am services at Christ Church and St Mary's.

Please hold the candidates in your prayers:

Thomas Allen, Robert Gilbert, Alana McKee, Kayleigh McKee, Lacey McKee, Leona McKee, Mahima Patole, Sandie Rule, Steven Shinde, Ryan Walters and Patrick Williams

Christian Aid – an envelope will be dropped through your letter box very soon. Please, fill it with your donation. A volunteer with an ID will call between 13th and 19th May 2012 to pick up the donation. Thank you for supporting the campaign to help those in need. The CA team needs more volunteers because many streets have no collectors. If you can help, please, call Steve on 495026.

Uganda Fire choir concert: we are really privileged to have this choir coming to Christ Church on Monday May 14th at 7.30pm for a special concert bringing us the rhythms and music of Africa. They play and sing with lots of humour, express their faith clearly and are a joy to listen to. Please do come and support these young people and invite family and friends – there is no charge for admission. We will be providing supper for 14 before the concert – if you'd like to help please see Simon.

Thanks to you all for the support and encouragement you have given me during my 6 years as Churchwarden here. It was a great honour and privilege to be able to serve God, the Church as a building and the Church as the People in Christ Church with St, Mary's. Best Wishes to Lynda and Gareth as Churchwardens for the next year and Every Blessing to you all. Thanks again **Pam**

flame fm : our local radio station with a Christian flavour you can find it on 87.7fm. Do listen out for it and check the schedule at www.flamefm.co.uk or pick up a guide from the back of the churches.

On Fri 11th May 7.30pm "Flame grilled – a 'Question Time' styled debate at Queens Drive Methodist Church and broadcast on flame fm with Rob

Buckland MP, Cllr Mark Dempsey among the panel. Apply for tickets to admin@flamefm.co.uk or ring 536815.

Old Town Partnership Cricket Team(s)! for the Swindon Churches Cricket Cup to be held on Monday May 7th at Swindon United Churches Club at Sevenhampton. Please contact Ed Dabbs if you'd like to join in 07747 124336 or eddabbs@hotmail.com. Do support them if you can!

MU Afternoon group Wednesday 9 May at 2.15pm in Church Centre. Change to advertised programme - speaker will now be Henry Fitzsimons

We grieve with Angela and her family in the loss of Bill (Ruck). The funeral will be on Friday 25th May 1pm in Christ Church.

Ivy and her family would like to thank everyone for the kindness, support and prayers shared with them and the messages, cards, calls and visits sent to them all after the sudden sad loss of Adrian recently. These have been a great comfort to us all. *Ivy and the Wilkins family*

Sarah Warr would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards after the loss of her mum Barbara Stillman. The support is very much appreciated. *Sarah*

Pentecost is on Sunday 27th May and we are asked by Swindon Churches Together to wear something red to Church and see if we can get the town talking!

An evening with Paul Field Sunday 27th May 7.30pm celebrating Pentecost with flame fm at Queens Drive Methodist Church. contact Barbara 536815 or barbaraaftelak@ntlworld.com

Little Fishes are looking for anyone who'd like to help out with snack preparation and/or washing up during their regular Wednesday and Thursday sessions. Please contact Ailsa.

Christ Church Jubilee Hog roast! Sunday 3rd June 12 noon-3pm. This will be a great community event with children's games, beer tent, tea, coffee and cakes. Tickets £5 to include roast and beer/wine/soft drink or £3 for the under 16. Buy tickets early to avoid disappointment! Available from Mike Titcombe, Gareth and the parish office [or online here.](#)

For this community event we need help from our community!

can you offer to help run a game for an hour, serve tea/coffee, supply cakes?

If you can help please see Gareth, Mike Titcombe or Ailsa/Mike Palmer.

Also Jubilee Thanksgiving service in CC at 3pm with Bp Lee.

Third Annual Swindon Ladies' Lunch: Friday 15th June 12.15-2.30pm at Bushwackers, Fleet Square, SN1 1RN. Guest speaker: Revd Trudie Wigley on "Faith and the City". Tickets: £15 available from the Parish Office. The money from the tickets we sell goes to the Development and Renewal Fund at Christ Church.

Old Town Festival needs stewards to help set up and run the events on 16, 17 and 23 June in the Town Gardens and Lawn. Training and hi viz jackets provided. Please contact Caroline Pitt 521732 or email carolinempitt@googlemail.com."

Lee Abbey Christ Church family weekend away in North

Devon: Fri 28th Sep-Sun 30th Sep. Spaces still available.

Financial help available. Please contact the Parish Office 01793 522832

Ordinations! we will be celebrating with 4 of our friends this summer! Daphne, Teresa and Trevor will be ordained deacon on Saturday 30th June 3.30pm at the cathedral and Trudie will be ordained priest on Sunday 1st July 3.30pm at the cathedral. We have booked a 100 seater double decker coach to take us to Bristol on 30th leaving CC at about 1.45pm – if we fill the coach the cost will be about £5! Please let the parish office have your names asap. We are also making plans for transport for the Sunday – if you'd like to come along please let the parish office know asap.

Ordination parties! still in the planning stage at present but please put lunchtime Sunday 24th June and similarly Sunday 8th

July in your diaries and watch this space! If you can help with the planning please see Ailsa.

Pam Booker Margaret's niece, has been on our prayer list for many months. She has just heard that she is clear of cancer and we rejoice with Margaret and her family at this good news.

Partnership prayer:

Loving God we are one in Jesus Christ.

Help us to live out this unity in our partnership through mission; so that those around us may turn to Jesus who is the way the truth and the life. In his name we pray. Amen.

A prayer from Iona

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our lives, our world, our universe.

Peace, peace, peace.



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