



Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches
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19th February 2012 – Sunday before Lent

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

Readings for 8am, 9am, 10am & 6.30pm:

2 Kings 2.1-12 (page 342 of the pew bible)

2 Corinthians 4.3-6 (page 177 at the back of the pew bible)

Mark 9.2-9 (page 42 at the back of the pew bible)

Today at Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

led by Revd Simon Stevenette and Genny Williams.

10.00am Family Holy Communion and Holy Baptism led by Revd Simon Stevenette and Genny Williams. We warmly welcome the family and friends of Mathilda Kaarina Dabbs and Sally Rose Tanner Rudd who are being baptised this morning.

Hymns: 428, 541, 70, 310, 695. Reading: Nicola Grosvenor.

Prayers: Kevin Penfold. **Anthem:** The Lamb (Tavener).

Voluntary: Wachet auf BWV 645 (JS Bach).

11.30am Searchlight led by Teresa Michaux.

6.30pm Choral Evensong led by Daphne Hardwick.

All details in separate service booklet.

Today at St Mary's

9am Morning Prayer led by Anne Macmillan.

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

Development and renewal update: please go to our website www.christchurchswindon.co.uk and look under "latest news" where you will find our latest update or look at our board at the back of Christ Church.

Fair trade fortnight – we are a Fairtrade Church and as such it would be good to support local FT fortnight events – running this year from 27 Feb.

On Saturday 3rd March: 11am-3pm our local Co-op is holding a Fairtrade market stall event.

On Wednesday 7th March 7pm; at St Joseph's College there will be a **Fairtrade Fashion show and Street market.** Tickets are £7 (£5) and can be bought from Old Town Co-op or St Jo's reception.

Lastly: as we prepare for the joy of Easter what better way to pass on the Easter story than with a fairly traded **Easter egg which explains the Christian understanding of Easter.** We have a stock of these Real Easter eggs in at a cost of £3.99 each. If you'd like one please see Ailsa or Lucy Hayward. {poster with picture in the Church Centre}.

Christian Aid Week (CAW):13th – 19th May 2012 These are the dates for your diary if you are already a supporter of Christian Aid as either a volunteer or a donor. The CAW team has lost more than 20 people through relocation or retirement. New volunteers are needed. Join the CAW team and help fight poverty in various parts of the world! To join call Steve on (01793) 495026.

Launch event for Christian Aid week: Brazilian Evening at Queens Drive Church on Sat, 12th May, 2012 at 6.30 pm. Helen Thomas is looking for some volunteers to help with cooking some of the dishes, or giving any help possible. Please ring 01793 534404 if you'd like to help.

Thank you to Hannah Edmonds: we send our best wishes to Hannah as she leaves us and takes up her appointment as Director of Music and organist at St Mary's Marlborough starting on 1st March. We have benefitted a great deal from her gifts that she has shared so generously with us. Hannah, you and Eddy go with our love and prayers.

Have you a spare Bible? there is a box at the back of CC, the bibles will then be passed on to English speaking Africans via Operation Sunshine.

Margaret's marvellous marmalade! For sale today after the 10am service in the hall – hurry while stocks last! In aid of D&R

Freda Troughton we learnt this week that Freda had recently died down in Poole. Freda was Churchwarden here from 1992-1997. Her funeral is on 21st February in Poole. We send her son Russell our love and prayers and thank God for all Freda gave to us.

A job fair – on Tue 28th Feb 10-4pm at St Augustine's Church Summers Street, Even Swindon. For all who are unemployed or seeking further training.

Lent – we will have 2 services of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday (22nd Feb) - at 10.30am and at 7.30pm both with marking with ashes.

Lent course: Flyer with all details in your ns. If you'd like to join a group (any in the partnership) just for Lent please contact Ailsa at the office.

Count your blessings during Lent 2012: a leaflet prepared by Christian Aid to remind us how fortunate we are in the West. Each day in Lent shows something we can take for granted but which is scarce for the poorer parts of the world. Leaflets at the back of Churches.

Prepare for Spring and help spring clean our Church! We will give the Church a Spring Clean on Sat March 3rd 9.30am – 12.30 pm. Nothing too strenuous!! Can you spare an hour or more, please? List for helpers at the back of the Church. Please bring a feather duster and / or a polishing cloth if available.
Many Thanks, Pam.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 2nd March "Let Justice Prevail" special service 10am at Bath Rod Methodist Church. All welcome.

Welcome to newcomers: We are planning a short course (4 sessions) as an introduction to Christianity – giving people the opportunity to ask questions. Do contact Simon or the parish office for more information.

Swindon Food Bank: we are collecting non-perishable food (tea, sugar, canned fruit/veg, rice pudding, tinned meat, pasta, long grain rice, longlife milk/fruit juice) starting TODAY – please put your donations in the lidded boxes. Many thanks.

Confirmation service 2012: will be held on 13th May at Immanuel Church and preparation meetings will begin in March. Please pick up a yellow flyer from the back of the church or talk to a staff team member.

Partnership walks and 160k programme:

Sunday 4 March 2012 - Start 2.00 pm, Christ Church Car park. Finishes there as well. "Ten Bridges" - A fascinating & varied walk around Wichelstowe to inspect a surprising variety of bridges - several new, including the footbridge over the M4 to Wroughton, new bridges over the canal, and the new footbridge over the main line railway. We hope to see a variety of birds as well. 7 miles, but shorter options easily available. **Next walk** planned walk will be Saturday 7 April 2012 (Easter Eve). Bath/Bristol along the railway cycle path. Details to follow.

Do you know of a car for sale that might suit Rachel Brooke and her fiancé? Their car was recently written off. Please ring 07900 988 938.

This week: Tue 21 1.30pm Burial Board Trustee meet in parish office.

Wed 22 2.30-3.30pm MU wave of prayer in the Lady Chapel.

Sat 25 1pm burial of ashes using Lady Chapel initially.

Weekday services: Morning Prayer 9am: Monday-Saturday at CC except for Tuesday when at St Mary's. **Ash Wednesday:** 10.30am Holy Communion. and imposition of ashes. **7.30pm** Holy Communion and imposition of ashes.
Evening Prayer: Monday & Thursday 5pm.

Next Sunday 26th February 1st Sunday of Lent –
we are welcoming the Archdeacon of Bristol, the Ven Tim McClure who will preach at 10am and 11.30am.

At Christ Church: 8am: Holy Communion. **10am:** Family Holy Communion
11.30am: Searchlight. **At St Mary's: 9am: Holy Communion**
6.30pm Partnership joint service at Bath Road Methodist Church.

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Prayers:

- for the family and friends of all those killed in the prison fire in Honduras
- for the work of Swindon Food Bank and the Filling Station
- for our Ash Wednesday worship; as we mark the start of Lent

Those In Need Of God's Healing: Linda Abrams, Pam Booker, Jacqui Bradley, Christopher Browne, Trevor Day, Joan Elliott, Ken and Mary Hampson, Paul Heath, Jenny Forbes Smith, Steven Foster, Marilyn Gregson, Jennylee Hall, John Jarvis, David Kane, Marion Pearce, Liz Rees, Iris Robertson, Cilla Slipper, Barbara Stillman, Sheila Wright. **For those who are lonely, anxious and depressed that they would receive comfort, strength and support.**

The friends & family of Barbara Webb who has recently died.

For all who continue to mourn and remember Geoffrey Cox whose anniversary falls at this time.



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