

Christ Church Programme

Christ Church, in Cricklade Street, replaced the earlier Holy Rood Church on The Lawns in 1851 as the Parish Church of Swindon. Adjoining it is the Community Centre @ Christ Church which is used for a variety of community activities such as Parent & Toddler groups, yoga, Tai Chi, dancing and private parties.

Christ Church will be lit up every day between 5-8pm from 1st – 22nd December. As well as a bright trail of light throughout the church grounds and inside the church itself there will always be crafts and refreshments available during this time as well as plenty of extra entertainment to see during the duration of the festival. See below for details:

Date	Time	Activity	Cost
1st	3.45pm-6.30pm	Launch of Festival – Guided Walk starting at St Mary’s Church. See page 3 of brochure	FREE
2nd	6-7pm	Strictly Recorders playing Christmas carols	FREE
3rd	6.30pm for 7pm start	Swindon Carers Choir Carol concert in Christ Church (pay on door)	£5
4th	6-7pm	Songbirds – singing Christmas Carols	FREE
6th	6-7pm	John Roe – playing Christmas music on the euphonium and baritone (Brass instruments).	FREE
	7.30pm	Charity Christmas concert in aid of Prospect	£5adult & £3child
7th	6.30pm	Swindon Choral Society – Family Christmas concert (fundraising for the Mayor’s charities)	£10
8th	3.45pm-6.30pm	Guided Walk starting at St Mary’s Church as per 1 st Dec – See page 3 of brochure	FREE
9th	6-7pm	Swindon Air cadets – band performing	FREE
10th	6pm	Film in Christ Church – Arthur Christmas	FREE
13th	6pm	Film in Christ Church – Elf	FREE

14th	2pm	Cinderella pantomime (touring cast from Bristol pantomime productions)	£5
	6-8pm	Brunel Brass & Great Western Youth band	TBC
16th	7pm	Commonweal Concert – School orchestras and choirs performing Christmas songs	FREE
17th	6-7pm	John Roe – singing & playing Christmas music on keyboard	FREE
	7-8pm	Swindon Town Football Club Carol Concert	FREE
18th	7.30pm	Avebury Vocal Ensemble Christmas Concert (Kids free)	£10
19th	6-7pm	JTP Trust Singers - Christmas songs	FREE
20th	7.30pm	Male Voice Choir Concert – SOLD OUT	N/A
21st	5-8pm	Meet Father Christmas	FREE
	6pm	Film in Christ Church – Miracle on 34 th Street	FREE



Immanuel Programme



Immanuel United Reformed Church was built in 1939, replacing the earlier Congregational Church in Victoria Road. It has an excellent hall and fine site in Upham Road.

Immanuel hope to provide a quiet reflective space to escape the pre-Christmas bustle and to start the Advent period with a touch of fun and wonder. Look out for the interactive nativity scene outside and join us for some simple refreshments.

Please see below for their timings:

Date	Time	Activity	Cost
Sun 1st	12-6pm	Live or recorded music throughout	FREE
Mon 2 nd - Fri 6th	2-6pm		
Sat 7th	10-6pm		

Sun 8th	12-6pm		
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Bath Road Programme



Bath Road is in the Swindon and Marlborough Methodist Circuit. Built in 1880, the church was extensively renovated in 1983. Attached to the building is Epworth Court, a sheltered Housing Scheme of Methodist Homes for the Aged.

The Bath Rd church will be open for the Christmas Tree Festival as follows;

Date	Time	Activity	Cost
1st	12-5pm	Tea, coffee and biscuits for visitors	FREE
2nd	10-5pm		
3rd			
4th			
5th	10-4pm		
6th	Closed		
7th			
8th	12-5pm	Tea, coffee and biscuits for visitors	FREE



St Mary's Programme



St Mary's on Commonweal Road was built in 1978. It is a warm and welcoming ecumenical home not just as Christ Church's 'daughter' congregation, but also the New Apostolic Church, the Church of Pentecost – Swindon PIWC and the Portuguese speaking Assembly of God. During the week, it is used by a number of community groups.

Trees outside St.Mary's will be illuminated daily between 5-8pm throughout the festival. Most of the trees will be displayed inside, and can be visited at the events below and during

regular church services. Sunday Service times are: 9am St.Mary's COE; 11am New Apostolic Church; 2pm Church of Pentecost, and 6:30pm Assembly of God. There is a midweek service at 8pm on Thursdays (New Apostolic Church).

St Marys will be the starting point of the two guided walks on Sunday's 1st & 8th December from 3.45-4.10pm with refreshments available inside the church

Date	Time	Activity	Cost
Sun 1st	3.45- 6.30pm	Launch of Festival – Guided Walk starting at St Mary's Church. See page 3 of brochure	FREE
Sat 7 th	4-7pm	Neighbourhood Community Festival , with Refreshments, Children's Arts and Crafts, and live music from the congregations worshipping in St.Mary's. Come and see the lights, and enjoy the fellowship!	
Sun 8th	3:45 – 6.30pm	Guided Walk starting at St Mary's Church as per 1 st Dec – See page 3 of brochure	
Sun 15th	4pm	Ecumenical Carol Service at St.Mary's Celebrate a joyful and eclectic Christmas with all 4 congregations that worship in St.Mary's. Not to be missed!	
Thur 19 th	8pm	New Apostolic Church - Festive Communion Service with District Apostle R. Krause	
Wed 25th	11am, 2pm, 6:30pm	Christmas Day Services by the New Apostolic Church, Pentecostal Church and Assembly of God (in Portuguese).	