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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**Trinity 15**

## **Fairtrade Fortnight & Week 2 of Stewardship Campaign**

### **Christ Church**

**8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette**

**10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick**  
**Children's Talk: 'God loves a cheerful giver' – The Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette**

**Sermon: 'Growing in Generosity' - The Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette**

**Readings: 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-end**

**Reader: Helen Hartnell**

**Prayers: Maranda Ng**

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

**12 noon Holy Baptism – the Revd. Daphne Hardwick**

***We welcome the families and friends of Lydia Aubrey Manoli and Malakai-John David Andrew Dale Brown***

**1pm Burial of ashes of Peter Owen in Christ Church Remembrance Garden**

**6.30pm Informal Evening Worship – led by the Revd. Rach Collins**

### **St Mary's**

**9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette**

[Download our monthly Service Poster for October](#)

## **Bible verse for 2025**



## **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

Next week in and around Christ Church	
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel 9-9.30am Wednesday & Friday virtual morning prayer Telephone: <a href="tel:08002605903">08002605903</a> to join by phone Use this Passcode <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/health-69404360">694043607#</a> 7.30am Saturday Morning Prayer & Men's Breakfast
<b>Monday 29th September</b>	10am Burial of ashes of Joseph McShane in Christ Church Jubilee Memorial Garden 7.30pm PCC meeting in the Large Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10am burial of ashes of Anne Espley in Christ Church Remembrance Garden
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	10.30am Christ in Quiet 11am Burial of ashes of Naomi Webb in Christ Church Burial Ground 6.30pm Evening Prayer 7pm Fellowship of Faith
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<i>7pm 'Sisters in Scripture' – Mackenzie's Bar, Wood Street</i>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	11am Burial of ashes of Ronald Knight in Christ Church Burial Ground
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	11am Autumn Fayre 7pm Three Choirs' concert in Christ Church featuring Swindon Male Voice, Malvern Male Voice and A Splash of Red Community Choirs
Regular Groups – everyone welcome	
<b>'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group</b>	Monday 3pm in the Large Meeting Room ( <b>please note change of time</b> )
<b>Fellowship of Faith</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7pm in Christ Church
<b>Bible Encounter Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7pm in Christ Church
<b>'Where Art Thou' Children's Art Group</b>	Thursday 4pm <b>Term Time only</b> in the Garden Room
<b>'Sisters in Scripture' Young Women's Bible Study</b>	Fortnightly on Thursdays 7pm at Mackenzies Bar, Wood Street. <b>Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>

<b>Iona Worship Group</b>	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 11.30am at St Mary's
<b>Pilgrims of the Way</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 7pm at St Mary's
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday - Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 7.30am followed by breakfast in the Community Centre. <b>To book breakfast please contact Mike Palmer</b> <a href="mailto:Michael@christchurchswindon.co.uk">Michael@christchurchswindon.co.uk</a>
<b>'Paws for Thought' Dog Walking Group</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10am starting from Christ Church

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 15**

**Christ Church**

**8am 1662 Holy Communion**

**10am All Age Worship & Baptism Welcome**

**3pm Hilliers Annual Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance**

**6.30pm Holy Communion**

**St Mary's**

**9am Holy Communion**

**Treasures Together – new time!** We are moving our start time to **3pm on Mondays**. Together we explore the messages of the Bible, following the amazing Lectio 365 devotionals and take part in faith-filled discussions. All are welcome. For more information please contact Ally Giles [fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:fellowshipoffaithoutreach@gmail.com)

### **Volunteers for a Creche during the 10am service needed**

We would like to start up a creche for pre-school children to take place on a Sunday morning, to give parents the opportunity to worship without distraction and allow their little ones to get to know members of our church family. We are hoping to start this in October. It is an initiative of faith, hoping that the provision will encourage more families to join our church family.

The creche will take place each Sunday during morning worship, with the exception of the All-Age service. It will happen in the main hall, where Sunday Club will also be meeting and the children will come/be brought by their parents at the same time as Sunday Club leave the church (after the children's talk). They will then return to the church/be collected with children from Sunday Club towards the end of the service. There will be a minimum of 2 adults running the creche and there will also be the adults running Sunday Club in the hall, so there will be a minimum of 4 available adults.

Please pray about whether you think this is something that you can help with and if you feel it is right for you to volunteer, please let Ali Tremlett know.

[Alison@christchurchswindon.co.uk](mailto:Alison@christchurchswindon.co.uk)

 ✨ **Ride + Stride 2025 - you still have time to sponsor us!** ✨ 

What an incredible day Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September was for the Christ Church team! 🙌

🔥 **Jacob (age 12)** and **Chris** smashed their own record – visiting **50 churches** (up from 46 last year) and cycling an amazing **67 miles!**

👟 **Carol** walked an incredible **23 miles** (that's nearly a marathon!) while visiting **26 churches**. She shared that she did it this year as a **tribute to Arline Stovell**, who faithfully championed Ride + Stride for many years before her recent passing – even though it left her with injured feet.

🚲 **Steve** took on his longest ever solo ride – covering **65 miles** and visiting **23 churches** across the Marlborough Deanery, starting at Wroughton and looping through Avebury, Marlborough, Chilton Foliat, Aldbourne, Chiseldon and back to Christ Church.

💛 A **huge thank you** also goes to all the volunteers who welcomed riders and striders at Christ Church and St Mary's throughout the day, and to **Jennifer Miles**, who has so wonderfully taken on the mantle of **Event Organiser** from Arline. We are so grateful for the care, commitment and community spirit shown.

📄 There's still time to support the team and donate here:

👉 <https://www.justgiving.com/team/christ-church-community-centre-ride-and-stride-team-2025>

Together we've cycled, walked, welcomed, remembered and celebrated – and helped preserve Wiltshire's churches for generations to come. 🙏

### **Growing in Generosity**

Dear Friends, Nicola and I are so thankful for all you give towards the life and ministry of Christ Church with St Mary's. Over the years we have seen God's love transform lives, and our vision remains to be Christ's presence in our community.

As we continue through our annual stewardship campaign, we encourage you to read our Growing in Generosity booklet. Please take a moment to review your financial giving—perhaps increasing a pledge or starting for the first time through the Parish Giving Scheme. Your support enables us to continue our mission locally and contribute to the wider work of our Deanery and Diocese. The booklet is available here:

<https://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/blog/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Growing-in-Generosity-2025.pdf>

With our love and prayers,

*Simon and Nicola*



## 🌱 Growing in Generosity – Join the Parish Giving Scheme 🌱

We've launched our annual stewardship campaign at Christ Church, and we're encouraging everyone to support our church through regular giving via the Parish Giving

Scheme.

Why use the scheme?

- ✓ It saves time, money, and reduces our admin
- ✓ Gift Aid is automatically calculated
- ✓ Easy to manage your giving online

Whether you're starting regular giving or reviewing your current contributions, the Parish Giving Scheme is our preferred way to give.

💻 Sign up here: Join the Parish Giving Scheme:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/swindon-christchurch-st-mary-swindon/>

💻 Manage your giving here: Manage your donation:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/managing-your-donation/>

Let's grow together in generosity! 🌸 Thank you for your support.

**Advance Notice – Christ Church choir** are singing evensong at Worcester Cathedral on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October and would love to have friends there to support them.

## 🎉 We're proud to announce: Christ Church Swindon is now a Fairtrade Place of Worship!

This means that, as a congregation, we've committed to doing justice in our buying, caring for creation, and standing in solidarity with farmers and workers around the world.

From this moment forward:

- We'll be using Fairtrade products (tea, coffee, sugar and more wherever possible) in our gatherings and events.
- We'll be sharing information so everyone knows what Fairtrade is and how our purchases make a difference.
- We'll integrate Fairtrade into more of church life — worship, events, teaching — especially during Fairtrade Fortnight (22 September – 05 October 2025)

**Why does this matter?** Because Fairtrade helps ensure farmers are paid fairly, working conditions are better, and communities gain access to essential

services like education and healthcare. It's one practical way we can live out our faith, caring for our neighbours near and far.

Thank you to everyone who has championed this — especially those who worked behind the scenes. We look forward to seeing how this grows in our life together. 🙏

**LLM Licensing Service** James Davies-Spratt will be licensed as our new Lay Minister in Bristol Cathedral on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am**. Please hold James and Alex in your prayers in this important new phase as they serve God together. We hope a good number of people from Christ Church, St Mary's and the wider Partnership will attend the service to support James. Please note that hiring a coach has proved not to be viable, so **please contact Simon if you need a lift. For those going by car, please be aware that the M4 will be closed in both directions between Junction 18 (Bath) and 19 (Bristol M32) that weekend** so more time will be needed for the journey.

Please hold James in your prayers this weekend as he attends the pre-licensing retreat at Ammerdown.

**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 of 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 26th October**. Please leave donations at the Parish Office (8.30am to 4.30pm Monday – Friday) or pass to Sue. For further details, please visit [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk) or see Sue at coffee on Sundays. You can also email [Sue@christchurchswindon.co.uk](mailto:Sue@christchurchswindon.co.uk).

**Congratulations to Tony and Jenny Selwood**, who celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this coming Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Christ Church will be floodlit for them, and we thank God for them and for all they do for the Christ Church community.

**Our Latest Events Brochure** is available online now. View it here: <https://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/events/eventsnewsletter>  
Stay up to date with upcoming events at Christ Church and the Community Centre by signing up to our new Events News email newsletter at: <https://mailchi.mp/c741f2489c2f/events-at-christ-church-and-the-community-centre-swindon>



## New Scout section launching – volunteer opportunity

I am currently working on launching a brand-new Explorer Scouts Unit at the Eldene Centre in Swindon, and we're looking for enthusiastic, community-minded people to help make it a success!

The new ESU will run on Wednesday evenings 7-9pm, and we're reaching out to local businesses, schools, churches, and community groups to help us spread the word and find volunteers who want to make a difference.

Whether it's helping out occasionally or taking on a regular role, there's something for everyone – no prior experience needed, just a willingness to get involved and support young people.

Explorer Scouts are young people aged 14–18 who take part in an incredible range of activities – from outdoor adventures and international trips to leadership opportunities and community projects. It's all about building confidence, resilience, and skills for life.

Whether someone can help weekly, monthly, or just now and then, we'd love to hear from them. No experience is needed – full training and support will be provided.

Let's work together to inspire the next generation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Mel Woolley, Local Growth Officer – Wiltshire*

*If you are interested in this role, please contact Mel directly on [mel.woolley@scouts.org.uk](mailto:mel.woolley@scouts.org.uk)*

## Partnership News



### Concert at Bath Road: Early Notice

October 10th at 7.30pm "Cabaret" A concert by the Swindon Community Concert Band and local talent. Proceeds to the Swindon Hardship Fund.

## Dates for your diary

**Autumn Fayre** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 11am to 3pm at Christ Church. Food & drink, craft market, glitter tattoos, bouncy castle. Free entry. For more information contact [wellnessingrace@outlook.com](mailto:wellnessingrace@outlook.com)

**'The Counterfeit Beatles Concert'** in Christ Church **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm** in aid of the Kelly Foundation. Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/swindon/christchurch/the-kelly-foundation-presents-the-beatles/e-joaigl>

**Christ Church spire will be floodlit in blue on 10<sup>th</sup> October in honour of World Mental Health Day**

**Rock Choir North Wilts 10 year anniversary concert in Christ Church Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 7pm** in aid of Prospect Hospice and Wroughton Making Memories Café. Tickets £15 (under 12s £7.50) from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rockchoir4>

**Swindon Choral Society Concert in Christ Church Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm** – ‘Brahms Requiem’ and Rheinberger’s ‘Stabat Mater’. Tickets £18 (under 18s free) from <https://www.swindonchoral.org.uk/dbpage.php?pg=contact>

**‘Wrong Jovi’ the best Bon Jovi Tribute in the World! Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 7pm in Christ Church.** Tickets from <https://ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets>

All Saints’ Day Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm in Christ Church – **‘The Grief Opera’ by Nigel Lineacre** Tickets are just £10 + 50p BF, and are on sale now at: <https://ccccswindon.co.uk/events/74/details>

### For your prayers

† Mike Shurmer, John Webb, Martin Hiscock, Ann Sharpe, Pauline Cain, Ali Potter, Pippa Starr, Gordon Hudd, Neville Gray, Adrian Marsh, Roger Gibson, Kathy Vincent, Manda Shinde, Junior and Sybil as they care for their baby Asher 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 Riley who was baptised in Christ Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, and for Lydia and Malakai-John who will be baptised today (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>)

† For the families and friends of Sheila Davies, Joseph McShane, Naomi Webb, Padmini Dethe, Jacqueline Blake, Anne Espley, Elise Rivers, Ronald Knight, Alan and Valda Jones 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.

† For James Davies Spratt as he attends his pre-licensing as a Lay Minister retreat at Ammerdown this week



The Kelly Foundation Presents  
"The *COUNTERFEIT* Beatles"



**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 7.30 PM**  
**IN CHRIST CHURCH**

Tickets:  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/rbypvmjvbybm>



**ROCK CHOIR**  
**NORTH WILTS**

**10 Year Anniversary Concert**

Tickets Adults £15 Under 12's £7.50  
All funds from this event will support Prospect Hospice and the Making Memories Cafe

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Saturday 11th October | 7:00PM  
Christ Church Swindon  
SN1 3HG  
Scan the QR code for tickets



Tickets available at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rockchoir4>

Swindon Choral Society  
presents



**Brahms' Requiem**  
and Rheinberger's Stabat Mater

Conductor: Craig Plafant  
Music: Nicky Saxon & Rich Olden  
Singers: Christ Church Swindon & Craig Plafant

Christ Church, Swindon, SN1 3HG  
Saturday 18 October 6.30pm  
£18.00 (under 18s free)

Facebook: @swindonchoralsociety  
Twitter: @swindonchoralsociety  
Website: swindonchoralsociety.org.uk  
Swindon Choral Society Registered Charity 1059501

**Candlelight Concerts**  
**in Christ Church**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

6.30pm Vivaldi  
'Four Seasons'

8.30pm' Coldplay  
on Strings'

tickets: <https://feverup.com>  
Pay Bar available

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