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## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – the Sunday next before Lent Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

10am Informal Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

Overall Theme & Sermon: 'When Changes Come' - The Revd. Norma McKemey

Children's Talk: 'The Transfiguration' – The Revd. Norma McKemey

Readings: 2 Peter 1: 16-end, Matthew 17:1-9

Reader: Gbemi Aremu

Prayers: Mike Frost-Foster

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

4pm Informal Evening Worship – led by James Davies-Spratt  
St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

[Download our monthly Service Poster](#)

### Bible verse for 2026

**Please collect a card from church today and feel free to pass one on to anyone you know who would like one**



### 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 16<sup>th</sup> February

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel 9-9.30am Wednesday & Friday virtual morning prayer Telephone: <u>08002605903</u> to join by phone Use this Passcode <u>694043607#</u>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12 noon burial of ashes of Paula Curtis in Christ Church Burial Ground 2pm Holiday Project Performance in Christ Church 3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday</b>	10.30am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes 6.30pm Evening Worship 7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	2pm Holiday Project Performance in Christ Church 6pm Lent Retreat Shared Screening in Christ Church – <i>see paragraph below for more information</i> 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 – First Sunday in Lent

#### Christ Church

**8am Holy Communion**

**10am Holy Communion**

**12 noon – Holy Baptism**

**4pm Choral Evensong – see paragraph below for more information**

#### St Mary's

**9am Holy Communion with Holy Baptism**

**Revd. Trevor Day ('Trev the Rev')** We were sad to hear that Trevor passed away on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We send our love and prayers to Coby, Thomas, Anneke, Edalia and the family at this time. Trevor was dear to so many of us at Christ Church and St Mary's as well as across the wider Swindon Deanery and beyond.

Canon Neil Patterson, Vice Dean at Bristol Cathedral, writes:

*I am very sorry to have to share the news just received from the Bishop's Office that the Revd Trevor Day, who served as a Day Chaplain at the Cathedral for many years and was coordinator of the team until handing over to me, has died after a long illness which he bore with remarkable fortitude and faith. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.'*

Tim Eyles, our Musical Director, writes:

*[Trevor] was such an enthusiast for Anglican choral singing, and so brave facing his illness for so long.'*

Choral Evensong next Sunday will be dedicated in Trevor's memory. Tim writes *'Appropriate that we should be singing the Philip Moore Third Service - one of his favourite settings of the mag and nunc, and which he introduced to our choir's repertoire'.*

For those of us who worked with, shared fellowship with, sang with and loved Trevor, this is such sad news. We thank God for Trevor's wonderful life and his love of God and His Kingdom.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

A book of condolence is available at St Mary's Church, Lydiard Tregoze, 2pm-4pm on Sunday afternoons for anyone wishing to sign it. Trevor's funeral will be in Christ Church – further details to follow.

### **Messy Church helpers needed**

The team who run Messy Church could do with some more help. It doesn't need to be every month but could you take on one of the following roles either regularly or occasionally to help us out?

Craft preparers – work at home in advance to get all the parts of a craft for about 15 children.

Craft leaders – show the children and families on the day how to do a set craft, and clear away afterwards

Kitchen volunteers – helping out with food preparation serving up the food and then doing the washing up

Kitchen shopper – do all the shopping to feed about 40 people

Cake bakers – bake a traybake or fairy cakes in advance

Worship leaders – led the worship session on a rota.

Welcome duty – take the register, get children to write their names on stickers and keep an eye on the front door for escapees. Or stand outside and welcome people in.

Please speak to one of the clergy or a member of the messy church team if you'd be interested in helping out or to find out more.

**Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February in Christ Church** There will be services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at 10.30am and 7.30pm – all are welcome.

### **Lent Retreat Evening – Shared Screening**

**Friday 20 February | 6.00–9.00pm (tea & coffee from 5.30pm)**

**Christ Church | Free event**

You're warmly invited to a shared Lent retreat evening, shown on the big screen at Christ Church. The retreat includes short talks, poetry, scripture, and worship from St Martin-in-the-Fields, with contributors including Malcolm Guite and David Ford.

Lent is a season for reflection and renewal, and this evening offers a thoughtful way to enter more deeply into it alongside others from church.

Come for a quiet, prayerful space at the start of the season. You are welcome to attend all or part of the evening, we only request that you enter and leave the church quietly.

Free to attend, but please book a ticket so we have an idea of numbers:

Book here: <https://ccccswindon.co.uk/events/84/details>

**Choral Evensong Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 4pm** The choir will be singing music by Orlando Gibbons, Philip Moore and SS Wesley and Tim will play a beautiful organ voluntary by JS Bach. Choral evensong is a beautiful, contemplative way to mark the transition from day to night, using traditional liturgy for Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. Tim and our choir put a lot of work into preparing this service, so please do come along to support them and invite friends. Richard Sutcliffe will be conducting the choir.

**Partnership Lent Talks** will be on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Bath Road, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Christ Church and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Immanuel, all starting at 7pm**. The talks will be based around the Paula Gooder book 'Let Me Go There'. Please pop the dates in your diary – further information to follow.



Francis Maples displaying our volunteering opportunities at the Coop Volunteering Roadshow this week.

## Volunteering Opportunities at Christ Church & Community Centre

At Christ Church Swindon and the Community Centre, we run a wide range of weekly activities and clubs that help reduce social isolation and build community in Old Town and beyond — including our Lunch Club, Afternoon Teas, Walking for Health, Christmas Dinner, concerts, events, and many other groups and classes.

We are always looking for volunteers to support our work, whether helping at events and concerts, assisting with Lunch Club or Afternoon Teas, supporting our Christmas Dinner, helping with admin and office tasks, building maintenance, gardening and grounds, or working with children and young people in church.

There are opportunities to suit all interests and availability. If you would like to get involved, please contact Chris Smith on 01793 267500 or email [chris@christchurchswindon.co.uk](mailto:chris@christchurchswindon.co.uk). You can also find out more about our regular activities, groups and classes at the Community Centre at [www.ccccswindon.co.uk/](http://www.ccccswindon.co.uk/)

**Fairtrade Cuppas** Since last autumn, Christ Church has been proud to be a registered Fairtrade Place of Worship, reflecting our commitment to justice and fairness in global trade. As part of this commitment, we use Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar — particularly when serving refreshments after our Sunday morning service. We order these supplies in bulk on a monthly basis, so there is no need to donate products.



If you would like to help us cover the cost of providing Fairtrade refreshments, we would greatly appreciate cash donations in the bowl at the serving hatch on a Sunday morning. Alternatively, you can donate online via the church — please do let us know that your gift is intended for Fairtrade supplies. Thank you for supporting this important commitment.

## Love Your Yew Week 2026

This national Love Your Yew Week (Feb 9th to 15th) with Caring for God's Acre we're celebrating our yew trees!

At Christ Church we have around 10 youngish yews, and there's also an ancient yew at Holy Rood in the Lawn – a true treasure in our local and national and spiritual heritage. 

Find out more:  [www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/love-your-yew-week](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/love-your-yew-week)

## World Day of Prayer Service 10.30am in Christ Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

This years' service has been prepared by women from Nigeria using Matthew 11:28. All welcome. Refreshments in church after the service. More details here: <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2026-theme-and-country-nigeria/>

**Audrey Maslin** Some people will already know that Audrey passed away in December at her care home in Herefordshire. It was Audrey's wish for a memorial service to take place in St Mary's Church, where she worshipped and was well-loved for many years. This will be on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm** and the Revd. Teresa Michaux will officiate. The family are keen that everyone who knew Audrey knows they are very welcome to attend. Simple refreshments will be served after the service to share memories of Audrey.

**Partnership Confirmation Service** Our confirmation service this year is at **10am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 in Christ Church**. If you are interested in being confirmed this year, please take a leaflet from church or online at [www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/blog/confirmation-2/](http://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/blog/confirmation-2/) and fill in an enquiry form or speak with Norma. Please do put this date in your diary and come along to support the confirmands as they make this important step in their journey of faith.

## Upcoming Events at Christ Church and the Community Centre

Our latest Events brochure is available online now. View it here:

<https://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/events/eventsnewsletter>

Never miss any of our great events by signing up to our Events Newsletter email at: <https://mailchi.mp/c741f2489c2f/events-at-christ-church-and-the-community-centre-swindon>

## For your prayers

† Mike Shurmer, John Webb, Ann Sharpe, Ali Potter, Neville Gray, Manda Shinde, Simon Stevenette, Barbara Sheppard, Kaf Smith, Gordon Hudd, John Cross, Emilia Shaw 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 families and friends of Audrey Levy, Beryl Green, Paula Curtis, Jean Peters, Margaret Ozanne, Trevor Day, Audrey Maslin 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/christchurchswindonecohub>

# Choral Evensong

for the First Sunday in Lent

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 4pm**

**in Christ Church**

*Music by Orlando Gibbons,  
Philip Moore, SS Wesley & JS Bach*

**Organist: Tim Eyles**

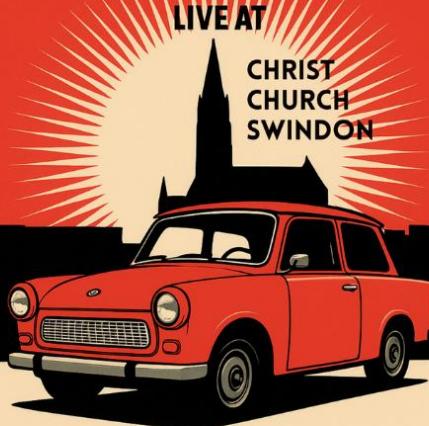
**Conductor: Richard Sutcliffe**

**All welcome**



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