



Providing a spiritual home and resources for the local community

If you need to contact us in the first instance, please contact the Parish Office on 01793 522832 (Monday-Friday 8.30am-4.30pm) or email parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk

Sunday 10th May 2026 – Easter 6 – Sunday before Ascension Day Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

Sermon: Maranda Ng

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Nitin Shinde
during which our PCC for 2026/7 will be commissioned – please see paragraph below

Celebrant – the Revd. Norma McKemey

Children's Talk: 'Hold my Hand' – James Davies-Spratt

Sermon: 'Not orphaned' – James Davies-Spratt

Readings: Acts 17: 22-31; John 14: 15-21

Reader: John Humphreys

Prayers: Verity Brooke-Maples

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

3pm 13th Old Town Beer Festival Finale – Family Music Bingo

NB – no evening service today

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

Sermon: Maranda Ng

[Download our monthly Service Poster](#)

Bible verse for 2026



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 11th May

Morning Prayer 9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
9-9.30am Wednesday & Friday Virtual Morning Prayer
Telephone: 0800 2605903 to join by phone
Use this Passcode 694043607#

Monday 11th May 9.15am committal service at Kingsdown Crematorium for Monica Butcher
3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room

Wednesday 13th May 10.30am Christ in Quiet
6.30pm Evening Worship
7pm Bible Encounter Group

Thursday 14th May – Ascension Day 11.30am funeral of Marion Brickell at Kingsdown Crematorium
7.30pm Holy Communion

Friday 15th May 7pm Pilgrims of the Way at St Mary's

Saturday 16th May 4.30pm Choir practice in Christ Church
7pm 'Pray for Swindon' 2026 in Christ Church – *see paragraph below for further information*

Sunday 17th May 2026 – Sunday after Ascension Day

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Informal Holy Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Commissioning of 2026/7 Officers and PCC This will happen during the 10am service this Sunday 10th May. Please pray for our Church Wardens Paul Andrews and Sheila Wright, Deanery Synod Representatives Daniel Pitt, John Pryce and Anthony Slack and PCC members Yvonne Andrews, Elizabeth Breakspear-Jones, Sarah Garrett, Simon Giles, Stan Hagarty, Helen Hartnell (who remains PCC Secretary), Judith Hawkins, Paul Ng (who remains PCC

Treasurer), Janice Titcombe, Ali Tremlett and Genny Williams (LLM representative) as they take on this responsibility for us.

There is a part of the commissioning where we ask the congregation to affirm their support for our new PCC. When the minister says:

‘Will you as members of Christ Church with

St Mary’s support the PCC by your practical support, encouragement and prayers during this coming year?’

Please respond: **‘With the help of God, we will’.**

Ascension Day Thursday 14th May there will be a service of Holy Communion in Christ Church at 7.30pm – all welcome

Christian Aid Week 2026 – THIS WEEK 10th to 16th May. 7 DAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

It will be Christian Aid Week from 10th to 16th May, and we need some volunteers to deliver the envelopes. Delivery-only envelopes are a simple, contact-free way to collect donations from your local community without the need to knock and collect. You can do this while walking the dog, out with the children or just having a stroll in the spring sunshine (when we get some)

Please let me know if you are able to help. Mike Palmer 01793 635112

michael@christchurchswindon.co.uk

Pray for Swindon 2026 – Saturday 16th May 7-9pm in Christ Church

Good News for Swindon would like to invite you to join us in worship together and pray for Swindon! We want to respond to Scripture’s encouragement to ‘Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...and pray to the Lord on its behalf’ (Jeremiah 29:7), by inviting God to bless Swindon and to pray for his Kingdom to come and his will to be done here – that his salvation, light and healing would be seen and known in Swindon this year!

God’s people united in prayer are powerful, and Swindon needs a church who prioritise prayer! So, please make this a priority by putting the date in your diary and coming along.

Choral Evensong in Christ Church – Sunday 17th May 6.30pm Please come along and support Tim, Richard and our choir and invite your friends as well! There will be music by Vaughan Williams, Sumsion. Finzi and Leddington-Wright. A lot of work goes into preparing this service and it’s a beautiful way to spend an hour or so in quietness with God before the new working week

begins. The service will be led by the Revd. David Day and the sermon will be given by David Cain.

A very BIG Thank You to all who one way or another shared the service on 26 April. A full church, the choir, the music of some of my favourite hymns. The lunch after the service (that must have taken such a lot of organising!). The cards I received. So many nice words. The gifts. I am grateful to God for such a lovely day. And grateful to you for being part of it all. God bless you. *Robert (Jordan)*

One Nurse. Three wars. Always the Children. Join us for an inspiring evening with Anne Watts, former Save the Children Nurse, as she shares powerful stories from the front line in celebration of A Million Acts of Hope Week.

A 3 course Italian dinner, followed by a talk.

Date: Wednesday 20th May

Time: 6.30pm arrival | Dinner served at 7pm

Venue: Fabio's Restaurant, Bath Road, Swindon

Cost: £25 per person

Booking

Email Fidelma Meehan: F.Meehan@savethechildren.org

Phone: 07970 868364

Learn more about Anne and her work:

www.annewatts.co.uk

All proceeds will be donated to Save the Children

Join our Diocesan Pilgrimage 2026

Step into a nine-day pilgrimage from the 15th - 23rd May 2026, for an adventure of prayer, story, and hope. Kingdom Seeds in Local Soils coincides with Thy Kingdom Come and is part of our Bristol diocesan Rhythm of Life. It's a call to pray that the seeds of God's kingdom may be sown in every corner of our diocese. You can join us for as much, or little, of the journey as you are able - even if that's simply saying hello as we pass through! Find out more here:

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/churchlife/resourcesforparishes/mdiyp/sowing-seeds-in-kingdom-soil/kingdom-seeds-in-local-soils--diocesan-pilgrimage-2026.php>

Partnership Confirmation Service Our confirmation service this year is at **10am on Sunday 31st May 2026 in Christ Church.** 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.

'Ny Ako – All My Springs are in You' Echoes from Madagascar Saturday 13th June 7.30pm at Immanuel. Cultural music and dance by young people from Madagascar. **Free entry**, donations on the night welcome. Plus, a chance to buy crafts from Madagascar. For more information, please contact Barbara on 07769 973015

The High Sheriff of Wiltshire's Annual Charity Concert in Christ Church – Saturday 13th June 2026 7.30pm featuring Ten in a Bar and the JTP Trust Youth Choir. Tickets £10 (concert only) or £20 (concert and reception afterwards) are available from the Parish Office (cash or cheque only) or online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/high-sheriffs-charity-concert-organised-by-rotary-swindon-cares-for-swa-tickets-1984474854711> (please note that Eventbrite takes a small admin fee).

We'd love for you to join us at the Bristol Diocese Roadshow!

Come and discover inspiring stories from churches that have been supported by our buildings, environment, fundraising, volunteering, and racial justice teams. You'll have the chance to meet team members, ask questions, and share your own experiences.

Wednesday 17th June 4-6.30pm in Christ Church

(also 3rd June at St Peter's Filton and 10th June at St Andrew's Filton)

Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-support-service-roadshows-tickets-1987532415959?aff=oddtcreator>

Believing Science Wonder Day

Saturday 22nd August 10am-4pm at Bath Road Methodist on behalf of the Old Town Partnership.

This is a family fun day exploring God's creation with a scientific twist. We will be hiring in a planetarium, and exploring the world through the Astronomy, Green, Life, Light & Colour and Observatory Zones. Previous examples can be found at <https://www.believingscience.org/wonder-days>

Volunteers needed to:

- lead on the zones (craft skills and science knowledge welcome but not necessary – full briefing provided)
- welcome the families
- chat with visitors

- provide refreshments
- set up on Friday and or clear away on Saturday.

Full day or half day shifts available.

More details from Revd Rach – rach.collins@methodist.org.uk

Save the date and sign up now to volunteer -

<https://forms.gle/iQzNGrBkJErLsas68>

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, Simon Stevenette, Manda Shinde, Barbara Sheppard, Kaf Smith, Gordon Hudd, Emilia Shaw, Ian Handy, Michael Porter, Reg Hardwick 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 Monica Butcher, Maureen Puffett, Margaret Bohane, Marion Brickell, Terry Wollen, Patricia Ferris, Michael Hooker, David Hobbs 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.

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

Staff Team	For pastoral enquiries please contact the Parish Office in the first instance Staff Team: staffteam@christchurchswindon.co.uk	
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Community Centre @ Christ Church	Chris – 01793 267500 Jenny - 07312 083949 email - ccooperations@christchurchswindon.co.uk	Tel. 617237

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/christchurchswindonecohob>



Ascension Day

Service of Holy Communion



Thursday 14th May 7.30pm
in Christ Church
ALL WELCOME




TICKETS



HOLY ROOD ON THE LAWN THE HEART AND SOUL OF SWINDON

**THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH
 ANNUAL LECTURE:
 THE HOLY ROOD RESCUE PROJECT**
 by Claudia Suckling
 Director of Wiltshire Historic Buildings Trust

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 3-4PM AT CHRIST CHURCH
 Refreshments Available
 Members FREE | Non-Members £5



Images showing the recent vandalism in the church



ALL MY *Springs* ARE IN YOU



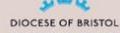
ECHOES FROM MADAGASCAR

Saturday 13th June, 7.30pm
Immanuel Church, Upham Road

Cultural music & dance by young people from Madagascar

FREE! Donations on the night welcome
 Plus a chance to buy crafts from Madagascar

More info:
 Swindon Old Town Partnership Of Churches
 Barbara 0776 997 3015

DIOCESE SUPPORT SERVICE ROADSHOW

On the road with support for
 the life and work of your church

Meet with diocesan support teams
 working in church buildings,
 environment, fundraising, volunteering,
 inclusion and racial justice.

*venue dependant - check Eventbrite for team attendee specifics

Why come along?

- Talk informally with diocesan support staff
- Get advice tailored to your church's context
- Share challenges and learn from others

Dates and locations

- St Peter's, Filton - 3rd June, 4-6.30pm
- St Andrews, Chippenham - 10th June, 4-6.30pm
- Christ Church Swindon - 17th June, 4-6.30pm

**BOOKING RECOMMENDED
 REGISTER TODAY!**



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/buildings-environment-and-fundraising-roadshow-44099023>