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Sunday 21st June 2026 – Trinity 3 Christ Church

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

Sermon: James Davies-Spratt

10am Informal Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

Children's Talk: 'Who teaches who?' – the Revd. Moira Slack

Sermon: 'Not Peace but a Sword' - the Revd. Moira Slack

Readings: Genesis 21: 8-21; Matthew 10: 24-39

Reader: Anthony Slack

Prayers: Mike Frost Foster

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

12 noon Holy Baptism – the Revd. Nitin Shinde

We welcome the family and friends of Rythian Joseph Jack Rowlands

Followed by a party in the Church

6.30pm Healing Service – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. David Day

Sermon: Maranda Ng

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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 22nd June

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 22nd June 3pm 'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group in the Large Meeting Room

Wednesday 24th June 10.30am Christ in Quiet
5pm Wedding rehearsal
6.30pm Evening Worship
7pm Bible Encounter Group

Thursday 25th June 2pm Friends of Christ Church meeting
4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room

Friday 26th June 2pm Iona Worship at St Mary's

Saturday 27th June 1pm Wedding of Robin Grace & Julie Rose
7pm 'The Wessex' 25th anniversary concert

Sunday 28th June – Trinity 4

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

12 noon Holy Baptism

3pm Swindon Rotary Club Centenary Service

6.30pm Evensong

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Tuesday 23rd June Swindon Rotary Club are hosting a free cricket fundraising 20/20 Cricket match with Gloucestershire XI v Hampshire XI at the Swindon Cricket Club's County Ground.

Please do come and support, it starts at 5pm and is free to attend. Funds will be raised for the Prospect Hospice and Swindon Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

Carol will be on leave from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July inclusive. For anything urgent please speak to Chris, Jenny or Steve.

Arrangements for Nitin's Ordination Weekend 4th and 5th July 2026

I am so grateful to those who have, in my absence, faithfully guided our SSM Curate the Revd Nitin Shinde's ministry as Deacon over the last year. I have greatly appreciated the love and support of the whole Shinde family in the professional care of Nikita at the GW Hospital and Meghe Patole at the Royal Brompton. I have also been blessed by Nitin's preaching on the livestream. Congratulations Nitin on your forthcoming ordination as a Priest. We look forward to receiving your priestly ministry among us and across the wider Swindon community as a social worker.

Nitin will be ordained by Bishop Neil at Bristol Cathedral on **Saturday 4th July 2pm**. All are welcome.

The Revd Nitin Shinde's first Eucharist will be at a special All Age Communion in Christ Church at 10am on Sunday 5th July. The theme will be 'Hope for Everyone'. We are delighted to welcome Nitin's great friend the Revd Sachin Awale to preach. Sachin is a Rector in the Manchester Diocese and a member of the Asian Christian Fellowship in which Nitin and his family are very involved.

11.15am Hot drinks will be served for the congregation, guests, and social work colleagues in Christ Church.

We are praying for a deep sense of family as we then gather all together for a Bring and Share lunch in church from approximately 12.15pm. All welcome

Please make this wonderful occasion a top priority with your savoury or sweet contributions. We are expecting 30 guests from the Asian Christian Fellowship and a good number of Nitin's work colleagues who have been very supportive over the last year.

It would be very helpful if you could sign the list at Christ Church or St Mary's over the next fortnight indicating whether your donation will be savoury or sweet. On 5th July we will have tables out for you to place your dish on when you arrive for the service at 10am.

If your contribution needs to be chilled, we can make use of the fridge at the back of the church or the fridge in the Community Centre (items would need to be removed from here by 12.15pm due to an outside booking in the Centre).

Please hold Nitin and his family in your prayers along with us all that there will be a renewal of vocation and joy as we join for this historic weekend. As Nitin writes on his Ordination card, 'to the Glory of God and trusting in His grace, be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them - not because you must but because you are willing, as God wants you to be. *1 Peter 5:2*'.

If you would like to give a financial gift towards a gift for Nitin, please pass these on to the Parish Office.

Every blessing, *Simon*

The Revd. Will Stevenette

Will is very grateful for all the love, support, encouragement and prayers from all the congregation at Christ Church. Please remember him in your prayers this week as he goes on retreat in preparation for his ordination as a Priest at Birmingham Cathedral next Saturday 20th June 10:30 am. The Precentor at the Cathedral is the Revd Nathan Mulcock who previously has sung in the choir at Christ Church.

The ordination service is being livestreamed from 10.30 am and is available on the Birmingham Diocesan website.

Here is the link to the livestream for the Ordination service at Birmingham Cathedral on Saturday 20th June 10:30 am

<https://youtube.com/live/u9GkMGAxrbM?feature=share>

Will's first celebration of Holy Communion will be on Sunday 21st June 10.30am at St Philip and St James, Dorridge where Will and Elise have been wonderfully supported by the congregation through Will's Curacy. Please remember them and Will's Training Incumbent, the Revd Canon Duncan Hill-Brown, in your prayers.

Will's first Holy Communion will be livestreamed on the St Philip and St James website and will be available afterwards on You Tube. God bless Will and Elise and all serving in the Birmingham Diocese.

We look forward to Will's return to Christ Church to preach on Sunday 26th July 10am when he will share in the Holy Communion with me.

Thank you gratefully

Simon and Nicola

Ticket to Blenheim seeks a home My son and family visited me at the end of May and we had a great day at Blenheim Palace, but one of the party couldn't make it so I have an unused £41 adult ticket, valid for one year, to visit Palace and Gardens as often as you like.

I am selling it with proceeds going to Christ Church Churchwarden's Fund, which is there to help those in need of urgent provisions. £30 minimum, please consider paying the full amount as it's for a charity.

Contact John Pryce 07901 644150 or email john@christchurchswindon.co.uk

You will need to give me your contact details so Blenheim can make the ticket over to your name.

Starlight Walk for Prospect Hospice On Saturday evening 27th June, our parish administrator, Carol, will be walking the 15km Starlight Walk to raise funds for Prospect Hospice. She is doing this in memory of Martin Hiscock, Trevor Day and Colin who died at the Hospice 10 years ago this month. You can support Prospect by sponsoring her here

<https://prospecthospice.enthuse.com/pf/carol-simmons>

WILDLIFE IN WILTSHIRE CHURCHYARDS AND CEMETERIES

Annual Seminar and Bishop's Award Ceremony

Saturday 11th July 2026 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. at St Margaret's Church, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon. (Coffee/tea and lunch provided)

The seminar is to be held in the Community Centre, just down from the church. Please park at Stratton St Margaret Community Centre, Kenwin Close, Stratton St Margaret. Swindon SN3 4NY.

For further information please contact Ivan Randall

Ivanrandall27@googlemail.com or Liz Cullen 07743 681363

liz_limoncello@hotmail.com

A donation towards the day would be appreciated - recommended £8.00 per person.

Booking forms with the full timetable are available at the back of our churches.

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

† 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, José Humerick 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 family and friends of Kurt Schönke, Jo Henry, Brigitte Chandler, Mike Shurmer and all those mourning a loved one

† For Robin and Julie who will be married in Christ Church on Saturday 27th June

† For Rythian as he is baptised this Sunday

† For Revd. Nitin Shinde, Revd. Will Stevenette and all those being ordained as deacons and priests this Petertide season

† 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 the ministry of Rob Pean our Sexton and all those who support his work in the Christ Church Burial Ground and churchyard, including Lyn Eggers, the Burial Board Clerk.

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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For more information and to receive an application form please email:
training@willowscounselling.org.uk

Closing date: 9am Thursday 9th July

Interviews: Mid to end of July