Christ Church Swindon

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 8th November 2026 – Remembrance Sunday
Christ Church

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey
Sermon: James Davies-Spratt

10am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey
Children's Talk – 'Remember, Thanks, Hope' - James Davies-Spratt
Sermon: 'Lest we Forget' - James Davies-Spratt
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end; Matthew 25: 1-13
Reader: Alex Davies-Spratt
Prayers: Daniel Pitt
Download an order of service so you can follow and join in

Healing Service – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance – led by the Revd. Moira Slack

Download our Monthly Service Poster



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

Carol is on leave from Monday 9th to Friday 13th November inclusive.
For anything urgent, please speak to Chris, Steve or Jenny – thank you.

Week commencing 9th November	
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 9th November	3pm Treasure Together Spiritual Reflection group in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 10th November	12 noon Funeral of Ian Gregory in Christ Church 7.30pm Combined Staff Team and Children's Planning Group Meeting at the Vicarage
Wednesday 11th November	10.30am Christ in Quiet 1.30pm burial of ashes of Beryl Webb in Jubilee Memorial Garden 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Bible Encounter Group
Thursday 12th November	10am Monthly Prayer Group in the vestry 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
Saturday 14th November	12 noon Wedding of Jason Costello & Louise Ashley-Cox in Christ Church 7.30pm Swindon Recital Series present Avebury Vocal Ensemble

Sunday 15th November – Second Sunday before Advent
Mission Giving Sunday for Church Mission Society (CMS)

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Informal Holy Communion

4pm Choral Evensong – *see below for further information*

St Mary's

9am Morning Prayer



Christ Church is 175 years old! We celebrated this in the Community Centre last Sunday with a wonderful parish lunch in the Community Centre. Thanks to Alex and James for organising the tasty roast and to Helen Hartnell for the delicious vegan option.
Photo: Joy Blacklock

Mission Giving Sunday – 15th November

The giving on this Sunday will be going to the Church Mission Society, which works across the world, encouraging and equipping Christians to reach their God-given potential as well as sharing the hope of Jesus with people unconnected to church. You can read more about CMS here https://churchmissionsociety.org/about/our-work/

The Friends of Christ Church are once again hosting the Charity Christmas Market on Saturday 21st November 11am-2.30pm in the church and community centre.

The Mayor and Father Christmas will open the event at 11am. 35 charities and local organisations have stalls and they keep their proceeds. Hot food, tea, coffee, cake and mulled wine on sale. The Friends are running a raffle. There will be 2 opportunities to visit the bell ringing room with an opportunity to try bell ringing. Free entry to the market.

Monthly Prayer meets this **Thursday 12th November,** and we will meet in the vestry. Further information from Maranda maranda@christchurchswindon.co.uk

The next Choral Evensong in Christ Church is on **Sunday 15th November at 4pm**. The choir will be singing music by Shephard, Sumsion and Stanford and the anthem is Handel's impressive 'Zadok the Priest'. Please do come and support Tim and the choir who put in weeks of preparation for these services, and please invite friends. Simon will lead the service, and the address will be given by Nitin.

Shoeboxes

On behalf of the children of Sunday Club, a big thank you to everyone who supported this year's 'Link to Hope' shoebox appeal (www.linktohope.co.uk). With your generous donations we were able to pack over 50 shoeboxes for

families and the elderly. A special thanks to Mark Blaylock, who provided many of the empty shoeboxes at short notice.
Thank you once again. *Sue*

Welcomers, Teas and Coffees

Anyone who is interested in joining the welcomers and/or teas and coffees teams, and those already on the teams, are warmly invited to join Daniel on Sunday 15th November in the Community Centre at about 11.30 (during teas and coffees). We're planning the rotas over the Christmas period.
Thanks, Daniel Pitt (07834 704350)

🎄 Don't Be Alone This Christmas Day – Christmas Dinner at Christ Church, Swindon 🎄

Feeling alone this Christmas? Or simply want to enjoy some festive company? You're warmly invited to join us at **Christ Church Community Centre** for a Christmas Dinner filled with good food, fun and friendship.

What's happening?

- A delicious three-course Christmas meal 🍽️
- Christmas carols and festive cheer 🎶
- *The King's Speech* on the big screen 📺
- Laughter, games and a chance to meet new friends 🎉

Event details

🗓️ **Date:** 25th December 2026
⏰ **Time:** 12 noon – 3:30pm
📍 **Location:** Community Centre, Christ Church, Swindon

Tickets and donations

Suggested donation: **£10**, but everyone is welcome, regardless of their ability to contribute.
To reserve your place, call **01793 267500** or email chris@christchurchswindon.co.uk.

Could you help make Christmas Day special?

We're looking for volunteers to help with:

- Food preparation, cooking and washing up.
- Serving food and drinks to guests.
- Providing lifts to and from the Community Centre for those who need help getting there.

Whether you can spare a few hours or the whole afternoon, your help would make a real difference!

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

Partnership News

PARTNERSHIP PROJECT 2027

We will be launching the next Partnership Project to raise money for a school in Madagascar (the David Griffiths School) at a united service at Immanuel on **Sunday 22nd November 10.30am**. As for previous partnership projects, it is intended that the three churches will hold fundraising events. We need someone to act as a co-ordinator/liaison contact for these events. This would not involve organising the events but liaising with the equivalent co-ordinators from the other two churches to notify them of any proposed events to try and avoid conflicts and to ensure that the events are publicised in all three churches.

If this is a role that you think you could take on or might be interested in, please speak to Simon or Ally Giles.

Thank you.

PARTNERSHIP MINUTES SECRETARY

The Old Town Partnership of Churches needs a minutes secretary. The role involves:

- Taking the minutes of the Focus Group meetings (usually 6 per year)
- Agreeing the minutes with the Chair
- Circulating the agreed minutes to the Focus Group members (7 people)
- Taking the minutes of the Partnership Council meetings (2 per year)
- Agreeing the minutes with the Chair
- Circulating the agreed minutes to the three churches' representatives for onward distribution within their churches

If this is a role that you think you could take on or might be interested in, please speak to Rach, Barbara or George. Thank you.

For your prayers

† John Webb, Ann Sharpe, Ali Potter, Barbara Sheppard, Gordon Hudd, Ian Handy, Michael Porter, José Humerick, Evie Adams, Annette Holliday, Pauline Cain, Jennifer Miles, Ben Wigley, Artur Kielec, Amanda Kielec, Camilla Reggimenti 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 Nora Messam, Margaret Messam Lee, Stuart Cameron, Ian Gregory, Geoffrey Drury, Beryl Webb and all those mourning a loved one.

† For Harper who was baptised at Christ Church last Sunday

† For Jason and Louise who will be married in Christ Church on Saturday 14th November

† 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.

Want to have your Christ Church and Community Centre donations doubled this Christmas? ⭐ ⭐

We're joining @BigGive's #ChristmasChallenge! That means from 1 - 8 December, you can have all your donations matched at Big Give! Save the date now and get ready to make double the difference and help us build community this Christmas.



OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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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 2nd Sunday before Advent

'lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray...'

Featuring 'Zadok the Priest' (Handel) and 'Crown Imperial' (William Walton)

also music by Shephard, Sumsion & Stanford



Sunday 15th November 4pm in Christ Church

Organist: Tim Eyles

Christ Church
Swindon

THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON
"Promoting Christ Church to the Community"

THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH

Charity Christmas Market

@Christ Church, Cricklade Street, Old Town

Saturday 21st November

11am - 2:30pm

To be opened by the Mayor
Father Christmas
Many charity stalls
Refreshments
Carols sung by the choir
Bell tower tours
Raffle
Participating charities retain all proceeds