



# 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 9am-5pm) or email parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk

# Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King

#### **Christ Church**

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick
10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey
Today is Mission Giving Sunday, when all donations received will be for the
Willows Counselling Service. The children's talk and address will be given by
Liz Day

Children's Talk: 'The Boy and his Friends' Sermon: 'Nothing beats Kindness?'

Readings: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13; Matthew 25 14-40

Reader: Francis Maples
Prayers: Verity Brooke-Maples

Download an order of service so you can follow and join in

4pm Informal Evening Worship - led by the Revd. Robert Jordan and Simon Giles

#### St Mary's

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

Download our monthly Service Poster for November

#### 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

N	lext week in and around Christ Church
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: 08002605903 to join by phone Use this Passcode 694043607#
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm burial of ashes of John Hall in Christ Church Remembrance Garden 7.30pm PCC meeting in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	10am funeral of Martha Edwards in Christ Church
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul><li>10.30am Christ in Quiet</li><li>1.30pm Croft School Y4 pupils visit to Christ Church</li><li>6.30pm Evening Prayer</li><li>7pm Bible Encounter Group</li></ul>
Friday 28th November	<ul><li>11.30am Iona Worship Group at St Mary's</li><li>Candlelight Concerts in Christ Church:</li><li>6.30pm The Best of Hans Zimmer</li><li>8.30pm Tribute to Queen</li></ul>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Choir Practice
November	5pm Brunel Brass Christmas Concert in Christ Church
	Regular Groups – everyone welcome
Partnership Messy Church	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 3-4.30pm at Bath Road Methodist Church
'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group	Monday 3pm in the Large Meeting Room – NB NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER
Fellowship of Faith	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7pm in Christ Church
Bible Encounter Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7pm in Christ Church
'Where Art Thou' Children's Art Group	Thursday 4pm <b>Term Time only</b> in the Garden Room
'Sisters in Scripture' Young Women's Bible Study	Fortnightly on Thursdays 7pm at Mackenzies Bar, Wood Street
Iona Worship Group	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 11.30am at St Mary's

Pilgrims of the Way

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 7pm at St Mary's

Men's Breakfast

Every 1st Saturday - Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 7.30am

followed by breakfast in the Community Centre. To book

breakfast please contact Mike Palmer michael@christchurchswindon.co.uk

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Advent Sunday Christ Church

**8am Holy Communion** 

10am Partnership Advent Service at Bath Road Methodist Church NB no 10am service in Christ Church

12 noon Holy Baptism

6.30pm \* Partnership Advent Carol Service in Christ Church

\* Please note later time

St Mary's

**9am Holy Communion** 

Update on Simon – Week 8: Following an 8-hour operation yesterday (Thursday) the Surgeon called us at 9 pm to say Simon is stable. He has moved back into Intensive Care where he is receiving excellent care. He will remain under sedation for the next 48 hours. We have just had a very good update from the Surgeon this morning who said the signs are positive following a really high-risk operation. We are able to sit with Simon and are encouraging him round his bedside. Thank you for all your prayers. Please continue to pray for continued healing and restoration. Praise God for some good news. *Nicola* 

Pastoral Care - We are aware that Simon was visiting a number of people, either pastorally or for home communion. If Simon was visiting you, or someone you know, please would you let the parish office know ASAP so we can ensure another minister can cover this during Simon's absence. Thank you for your help.

# **Charity Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 29th November**

Swindon Guide Dogs are holding a Charity Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th November 2025 at The Crown, Stratton, SN3 4NL from 10am to 12 Noon.

Cup of Coffee/Tea and a slice of cake for just £5.

There will also be a raffle too with some great prizes.

NO NEED TO BOOK just turn up.

We're preparing for our Christmas Eve Crib Service and need your help to bring the nativity to life! If you have good-quality nativity costumes, stripy or white pillowcases or sheets, lace, gold cord, or furry material for sheep and cattle costumes, please consider donating them. Anything you can contribute can be brought to the Parish Office. Your generosity will help us create beautiful costumes for our children and make this special service truly memorable. Many thanks, Daphne

#### **Your Morning To Sing – Choir Taster Morning**

Come and join us at Christ Church, Old Town, Swindon, on **Saturday 13th December, 9.30–11.30 am** for a free Choir Taster Morning. Step into the choir stalls beneath the magnificent East Window and experience the joy of singing carols and simple songs in parts, accompanied by our beautiful pipe organ. No experience is needed — just enthusiasm and curiosity! All ages are welcome, and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, email Tim at musicdirector@christchurchswindon.co.uk or call him on **07387 290323**.

### Recycle Your Old Glasses and Printer Cartridges at the Community Centre

As well as a collection box for old glasses we now have a collection box for you to recycle your ink cartridges. Collection boxes can be found in the community centre lobby outside the main hall.

# **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: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/c741f2489c2f/events-at-christ-church-and-the-community-centre-swindon">https://mailchi.mp/c741f2489c2f/events-at-christ-church-and-the-community-centre-swindon</a>

## **Partnership News**

www.sotpc.org.uk

# Partnership Advent Services Sunday 30th November:

10am at Bath Road Methodist Church 6.30pm at Christ Church

All welcome.

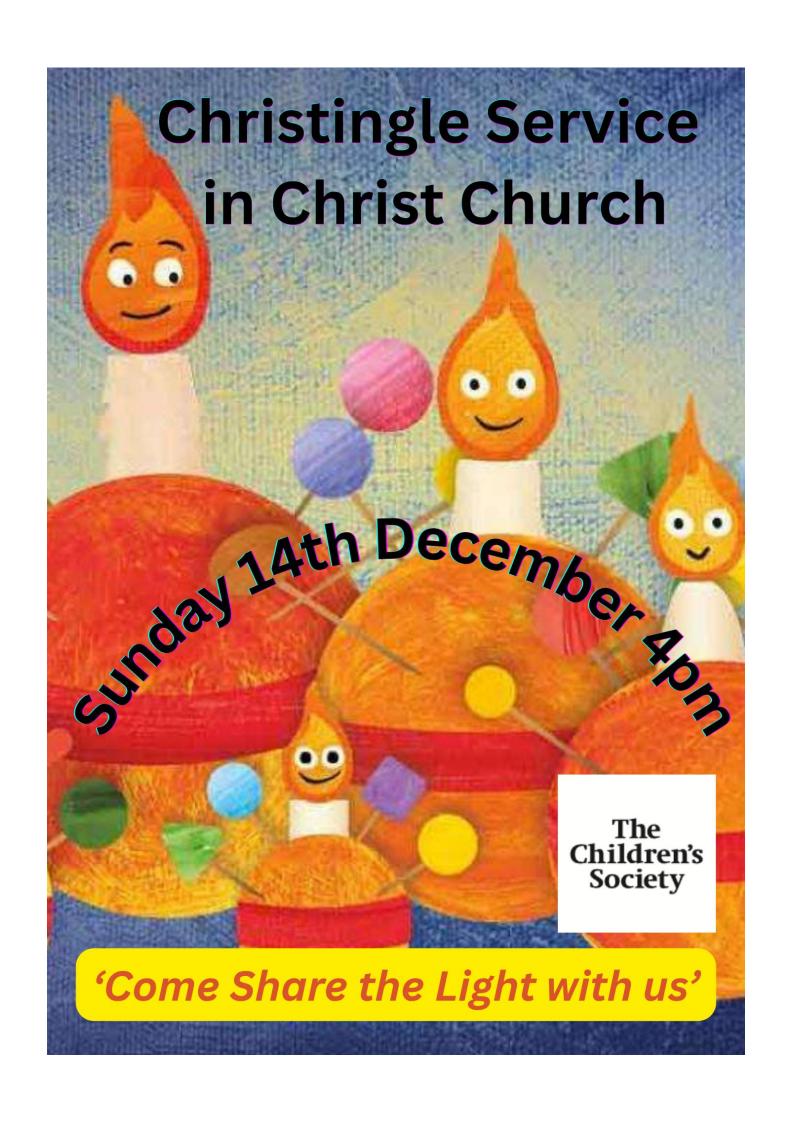
#### **Dates for your diary**

Celebrating 40 years of the Open Door Centre there will be a concert in Christ Church on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm featuring the Open Door Choir, Kentwood Choir, Billie and Louie plus special guests. Tickets £10 from Holmes Music on Faringdon Road (cash only), or from Open door 01793 512357 opendoorswindon@gmail.com. Licensed bar available.

#### For your prayers

- † Mike Shurmer, John Webb, Martin Hiscock, Ann Sharpe, Ali Potter, Neville Gray, Manda Shinde, Simon Stevenette, Barbara Sheppard, Joel Sales, Kaf Smith, Gordon Hudd, John Cross, Elizabeth Hogg 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 Elsa Ashworth, Paul Simpson-McGregor, Martha Edwards, Mary Parnell, John Hall, Stella Howarth 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**

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To find out what we are doing to reduce our impact on the environment and improve biodiversity on site, visit: https://linktr.ee/christchurchswindonecohub



