



Providing a spiritual home and resources for the local community

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Sunday 5th July 2026 – Trinity 5 - Christ Church

Congratulations to our new priest, The Revd. Nitin Shinde

8am 1662 Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

10am All Age Family Holy Communion with Baptism Welcome – led by our newly ordained priest, The Revd. Nitin Shinde and the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette.

We welcome the families and friends of Rythian Rowlands and Romey Stow who were baptised recently

Sermon: the Revd Sachin Awale

Theme: Hope for Everyone

We are delighted to welcome Nitin's friend, The Revd Sachin Awale to preach. Sachin is a Rector in the Manchester Diocese and a member of the Asian Christian Fellowship with which Nitin and his family are very involved. Please stay for refreshments in church afterwards moving into a Bring and Share lunch from 12.15pm. All welcome.

Readings:

Isaiah 55: 10-13 "The sure promise"

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20 "Carry nothing but hope"

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

3pm Messy Church at Bath Road Methodist Church

6.30pm Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Norma McKemey

Theme: Our vocation together to be the people of God

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Rach Collins

Today is a Partnership Pulpit Exchange. Revd. David Day is representing Christ Church at Immanuel

[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

Our mission: By proclaiming Christ through teaching and example:

- By welcoming and serving all through hospitality.
- By encouraging people to find God through worship, faith, and prayer.
- By providing a spiritual home and resources for the local community.
- By transforming Swindon and beyond with God's hope and compassion.

Our values: We will do this with humility, grace, and respect, listening prayerfully to God and our neighbours.

Week commencing 6th July

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: <u>0800 2605903</u> to join by phone Use this passcode 694043607#
Monday 6th July	NO TREASURE TOGETHER TODAY – we will be back on Monday 13 th 7.30pm Staff Team Meeting in the Large Meeting Room
Tuesday 7th July	7.30am Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 'Hope for the Future' 7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting at St Margaret's Church, Stratton
Wednesday 8th July	10.30am Christ in Quiet 6.30pm Evening Worship 7pm Bible Encounter Group
Thursday 9th July	10am Eco Group meeting in the Large Meeting Room 4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room

Saturday 11th July 5pm Brunel Brass Concert in Christ Church

Sunday 12th July – Trinity 6

Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

6.30pm Healing Service

St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

Our vocation together to be the people of God

As we celebrate Nitin's Ordination as a newly ordained Priest in the Church of England and his prime vocation to be a worker priest as a Social worker in the Fostering Team at the Swindon Borough Council. I wonder how is God calling you? God bless all of us as ambassadors for Christ. As we change the liturgical colour to white during this month, we will be providing opportunities to renew our baptism promises and commitment as disciples of Jesus Christ full of his Holy Spirit. My prayer is contained in Ephesians 3;14-21. I am excited to discover how this prayer will be answered over the coming weeks. To God be the glory! Simon

Old Town Partnership

We thank God for our Old Town Partnership as we look forward to a Partnership Pulpit exchange. We welcome Revd Rach Collins to lead our morning worship at St Mary's. We assure Rach and Matt of our friendship and prayers as they await news on their ministerial move to the north of England in August 2027. The Revd David Day will be leading worship at Immanuel Church. We thank God for all those involved in Messy Church this afternoon. Please consider joining our Messy Church team, and particularly our Partnership Believing Science Wonder day on Saturday 22nd August 10am-4pm at Bath Rd Methodist Church.

Please use our Partnership Prayer each day this week:

Loving God

We are one in Jesus Christ

Help us to live out this unity in our partnership through mission

so that those around us may turn to Jesus

who is the way the truth and the life. In his name we pray

Amen

Praying for our country

Please join me in praying for our government and opposition in this time of change in our country. Remember in our prayers our Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer and his family as he prepares to step down, and our own MP the Rt. Honourable Heidi Alexander. I am looking forward to joining the Parliamentary Breakfast online on Tuesday 7th July 7.30am. The theme is Hope for the Future. God bless our country. Simon

Standing Committee at Christ Church

Thank you for your prayers for our Church Wardens Sheila Wright and Paul Andrews who were officially licensed by our Archdeacon the Ven Christopher Bryan at an excellent Visitation service at St Peter's Chippenham. As you continue to hold them in your prayers, please continue to pray for our PCC Secretary Helen Hartnell and PCC Treasurer Paul Ng.

The Standing Committee will next meet on Tuesday 14th July in preparation for our PCC meeting on Monday 27th July 7.30pm.

Mike Shurmer

We were very sorry to learn recently of Mike Shurmer's death. We assure Trina and the family of our love and prayers. It's been an enormous privilege having Mike and Trina as regular members of our congregation at Christ Church following their Confirmation on 11 May 2025. Mike's funeral will be at Christ Church on Friday 17th July 11.15am. All welcome

John Humphreys

We were sad to learn of the death of our much-loved friend John Humphreys aged 99 following a heart attack at the Great Western Hospital last Saturday evening. As many of you know John was the Head Teacher at Park South School when Peter Owen was Deputy Head. Over many years we have been so appreciative of John's friendship and the beautiful way he has read the Bible and led the intercessions at our 10am services with such Welsh passion and Christian presence. We assure Jane and the family of our love and prayers in their loss. John's funeral will be at Christ Church on Thursday 16th July 2pm. All welcome

Choral Evensong Sunday 19th July 6.30pm

Our choir will be singing music by Maurice Duruflé, John Sanders, Orlando Gibbons and Anton Bruckner – all the music apart from the Psalms and hymns

will be unaccompanied which will be refreshing and light for a summer evening. Tim will play Duruflé's magnificent 'Fugue sur le carillon de Soissons' as the organ voluntary. The service will be led by Simon, and we are pleased to welcome the Revd. Canon Michael Johnson who will preach. Please do come along and spend some time reflecting at the end of the weekend.

Grateful Thanks

Thank you so much for all the love encouragement and prayers I have received during my first month of phased return to being vicar of Christ Church. I had a very positive conversation with Archdeacon, Christopher Bryan, who is pleased with the progress I am making; and I am now moving to twenty hours per week in July. Please continue to hold Nicola and I and the staff team in your love and prayers. Every Blessing. Simon

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

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

Starlight Walk for Prospect Hospice

On Saturday evening 27th June, our parish administrator, Carol, walked the 15km Starlight Walk to raise funds for Prospect Hospice. She did 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 Carol here

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

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>

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 baby Freya Lee, Brigitte Chandler, Mike Shurmer, John Humphreys, and all those mourning a loved one.

† For Rythian and Romey who will be welcomed as the newest members of our congregation this Sunday.

† For Revd. Nitin Shinde, Revd. Will Stevenette and all those who have been 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.

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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>

Choral Evensong

for a summer evening

Sunday 19th July 6.30pm

in Christ Church

*All welcome to join us for a beautiful,
reflective service from the
Book of Common Prayer*

**Music by Duruflé, Gibbons
and Bruckner**

Organist & Director of Music - Tim Eyles



**Christ Church
Swindon**

**CHRIST CHURCH SWINDON
SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL
FEATURING JEAN-RENÉ ANDRÉ
ORGANIST OF RENNES CATHEDRAL
FRANCE**



**Christ Church
Swindon**



Paroisse Saint-Pierre Saint-Etienne de Rennes cathédrale

Join Jean-René for an evening of magnificent French organ music, featuring masterpieces by De Grigny, Saint-Saëns, Gigout, Widor and Dupré.

Saturday 1st August | 7.30pm

Free admission

retiring collection in aid of church music