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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter 3 Christ Church

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

10am Informal Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick

Sermon: the Revd. Moira Slack

Theme: ‘Who are You?’

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Luke 24.13-35

Reader: Helen Hartnell

Prayers: David Austin

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

11.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

6.30pm Evensong – led by the Revd. David Day

## St Mary's

9am Holy Communion – led by James Davies-Spratt

Celebrant – the Revd. David Day

Sermon: James Davies-Spratt

[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 20<sup>th</sup> April

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	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 <u>694043607#</u>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	11am burial of ashes of Kenneth & Margaret Hobbs in Christ Church Remembrance Garden 3pm 'Treasure Together' Spiritual Reflection Group
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	10.30am Christ in Quiet 7pm Bible Encounter Group
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	4pm 'Where Art Thou' Art Group in the Garden Room
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10am Burial of ashes of Carl Jones in Christ Church Burial Ground 2pm Iona Worship Group at St Mary's
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30pm 'Supersonic Queen' – Kelly Foundation Concert

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter 4

### Christ Church

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Revd. Robert Jordan's farewell service at Immanuel

**NB NO 10AM SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH**

6:30pm Informal Evening Worship

### St Mary's

9am Holy Communion

## Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Election of Churchwardens

Our 2026 APCM will take place in Christ Church **this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 11.30am**. Anyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll may attend and vote. There will be an election of Churchwardens at this meeting – there is a vacancy for one churchwarden this year. There are also nine vacancies for PCC Trustees and three vacancies for Deanery Synod. If you would be interested in standing for election, please speak with Ailsa or contact the Parish Office. The 2025 Annual Report and Accounts are available on our website here: <https://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/news-services/annualreport25.pdf>

If you need a hard copy, please contact the Parish Office.

### **The Revd. Robert Jordan's retirement service**

We are delighted that your congregation is going to join us at Immanuel for our minister, Robert Jordan's final service before his retirement (10.30am on Sunday 26th April) and afterwards for a Bring and Share Buffet Lunch in the Hall.

To give us an idea of numbers and to help with the arrangements please could you let us know if you will be coming to the service and, if you are staying for the lunch, what food, if anything, you are hoping to bring.

Carol Simmons has agreed to co-ordinate this information so please can you let her know on [parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk](mailto:parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk). Thank you

All food donations can be brought to Immanuel on the Sunday morning and taken to the kitchen before the service. To keep things simple, we would be grateful if these could be plated and ready to go straight onto the table.

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to enjoying a happy time together to mark Robert's many years of ministry within the Partnership.

Very best wishes, Liz Gleed 07768 120364 *on behalf of Immanuel Elders*

### **Verity's London Marathon 2026**

Firstly, thanks so much again to everyone who has supported and donated at my recent fundraising events. SO very grateful!

Some of you have kindly been asking for the link to my marathon fundraising page for The Children's Society. Apologies for the delay in posting details!

Here they are! I accept cash too!

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/verity-brooke-1757751292872?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=WA](https://www.justgiving.com/page/verity-brooke-1757751292872?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA)

As is my norm, I will be dedicating each mile to precious people, present and past, including many from Christ Church, and would above all value your prayers for the health and safety of all of us taking part. You are all very much part of my marathon team!

Thank you so much and God bless you all. *Verity*

**Next Partnership Council Meeting** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Immanuel - 7pm for 7.30pm start.

### **National Emergency Briefing Film – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7-9.;30pm in Christ Church**

In November 2025, the [National Emergency Briefing](https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film)

<https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film> brought together leading experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to politicians and

other influential people in Westminster. That evidence is now on the public record.

The film aims to bring together people in local communities across the UK to hear the evidence and discuss how to respond - together with their MP.

If possible, please read the linked document here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1emy01XWitZ0uwFi3jWMUCK0eV3V8b0gO/view>, which explains more about the objectives and includes a link to complete a pre-screening survey conducted by the University of Bath.

There is limited parking on-site at the church, but there is plenty of parking in the near vicinity. Tea & Coffee will be available before the event and in the interval between the film and a general discussion. The event is free, please register here: <https://ccccwindon.co.uk/page/tickets>

### **Christian Aid Week 2026 – 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 help. Mike Palmer 01793 635112

[michael@christchurchswindon.co.uk](mailto:michael@christchurchswindon.co.uk)

### **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:

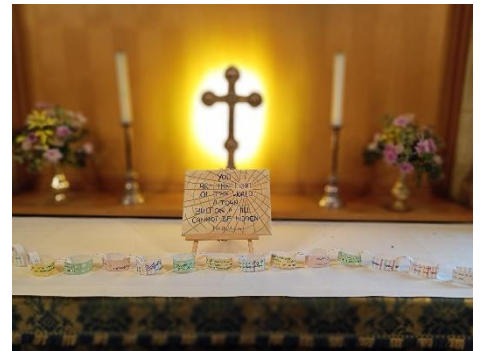
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**Partnership Confirmation Service** Our confirmation service this year is at **10am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 in Christ Church**. If you are interested in being confirmed this year, please take a leaflet from church or online at [www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/blog/confirmation-2/](http://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/blog/confirmation-2/) and fill in an enquiry

form or speak with Norma. 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.

**If you pop into the Lady Chapel, you will see the Fellowship of Faith 'Dayenu' paper chain.**

Ally Giles writes: 'at our last FoF gathering we took time to take note of all Jesus has done for us. We re-watched a scene from The Chosen, Season 5. In the scene, Jesus is with the women, his mum, Mary Magdalene, Mary & Martha, Simon Peter's wife Eden, and others. He thanks them each for the sacrifices they have made for his ministry, for their support and their unwavering faith in him. He also warns them to stay away from him for the next few days (as this is the days before his crucifixion).



So the women have come up with their own Dayenu prayer, specifically for Jesus. Dayenu means 'it would have been enough'.

It's an emotional scene, I highly recommend watching it for yourselves.

Afterwards we read out loud some pre-written Dayenus, and everyone was invited to write their own.

I collected the prayers and put them together in a paper chain, to represent how we are all linked together by what Jesus did for us †

### News from St Mary's



Many of you will remember Cybil, Junior and Baby Asher being on the prayer list in our weekly news sheet for several months last year. Asher was born very prematurely in April 2025 (his due date was in August) and spent a long time in hospital.

Cybil and Junior have allowed us to share this photo from St Mary's last Sunday when we shared cake together to celebrate Asher's first birthday! He's an amazing little boy and we are thrilled that this lovely little family join us on Sunday mornings. *Janice Titcombe*

### 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, Manda Shinde, Simon Stevenette, Barbara Sheppard, Kaf Smith, Gordon Hudd, Emilia Shaw, Ian Handy, Nessa Denman, Michael Porter 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 Kenneth & Margaret Hobbs, Jimmy Hooker, Ronald Bizley, Jean Baxter, Brenda Babington, Maureen Puffett 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.

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o 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>

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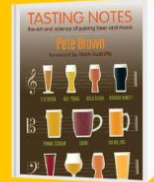
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