

with St Mary's, Commonweal Road

Providing a spiritual home and resources for the local community

Sunday 31st March 2024 - Easter Day



6am Sunrise Service outside Holy Rood on Lawn – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette and the Revd. Rach Collins. Please bring your own chair.

There will be breakfast afterwards in the Community Centre

8am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Daphne Hardwick Preacher: Ailsa Palmer

10am Holy Communion – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette and Ailsa Palmer

Bible Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18

Readers: Jane and John Humphreys

Children's Talk: Ali Tremlett

Sermon theme: 'We are Easter People and Alleluia is our Song'

Prayers: Ailsa Palmer

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

6.30pm Easter Praise – led by the Revd. Canon Simon Stevenette Preacher: The Revd Moira Slack

Please note evening services have reverted to 6.30pm for the summer months

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

Prayers: Anna Tuersley

Download our monthly Service Poster for April

Bible verse for 2024



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.

Please pray this prayer each day if you can as we trust God for growth over this coming year:

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

Christian Vocation

As we enter the Easter Season, please join the Staff team in praying that all of us will have our Christian Vocation renewed and strengthened. Please let us know if you would like to have a conversation and to pray with us about what this means for you in your own situation with your own encouragements and challenges. God bless us all in his service. We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

Jo Porter



All are welcome at Jo's funeral service this coming week which will be on Thursday 4th April 2pm in Christ Church and will also be available on a live stream link. The worship will be led by Toast. We look forward to welcoming back the Revd. Jo Northey to preach. Jo was a previous Curate at Christ Church and is now Oversight Minister of the Rame and Rivers Churches in the Truro Diocese. The service will be followed by Reception in the Community Centre which will be coordinated by Fellowship of Faith and Bible Encounter friends. Offers of savouries and cakes would be much appreciated to either Nicola, myself or Simon Giles.

Please continue to pray for Jo's family, husband Dave, daughter Elanya, son Noah, parents Dot and Adrian, sisters Lisa, Kirsty, Louise, and Dave parents Mike, Gill and sister Sarah. Also, Jo's teaching colleagues at East Wichel Primary School especially the children in her Year 1 class. Also, our own King William Street Church of England Primary School where Jo was a teaching assistant for many years.

Thank you gratefully, Simon.

Next week in Christ Church

9-9.30am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

9-9.30am Wednesday & Friday virtual morning prayer Telephone: <u>08002605903</u> to join by phone Use this Passcode 694043607#

7.30am Saturday Morning Prayer & men's Breakfast

Monday 1st April 11am-3pm Easter Activity Day

Wednesday 3rd April

10.30am Christ in Quiet – all welcome 7pm Fellowship of Faith - all welcome

Thursday 4th April

2pm Funeral of Jo Porter in Christ Church, followed by Reception in the Community Centre – all welcome – please wear bright clothing

Friday 5th April

7pm Comedy Night in the Community Centre - SOLD OUT

Saturday 6th April

7.30am Morning Prayer & Men's Breakfast
1.30pm Burial of ashes of Kenneth Poffley in Christ Church Remembrance Garden

Sunday 7th April – Easter 1

8am 1662 Holy Communion
10am All Age Worship with Baptism Welcome
6.30pm Holy Communion

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9am Holy Communion

On Easter Monday 1st April 11am -3pm there will be Easter Children's and Families Activity day in and around Christ Church and the Community Centre, raising monies for Swindon Youth for Christ.









Bible verse pebble trail

Easter Bonnet competition

Art & crafts

Picnic area

Refreshments

And a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Children £3, adults free.

For more information, please contact Alex & James Davies-Spratt

Christ Church Bells

On Thursday 11th April at 3pm there is going to be a peal attempt (ringing for 3 hours).

This is being rung to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the ten bells being installed. The new bells were cast by the John Taylor Bellfoundry at Loughborough. They were dedicated by the Bishop of Bristol on 11th April 1924.

These are the bells that have rung at Christ church ever since

Tuesday 16th April – Friends of Lydiard Park talk on World War 1

Guest speaker, the military historian and author Christopher Jary joins Lydiard Friends' Chair, Sarah Finch-Crisp to reveal Vernon St.John's wartime story; fighting with the 6th Dorsets at Passchendaele through the grim autumn of 1917, then facing the German spring offensive on the Somme in 1918. One moment the young Lord Bolingbroke was celebrating his coming of age at Lydiard Park, the next he was set on a path for the battlefields of France. Vernon's health paid a price for enduring a year of some of the fiercest battles and harshest conditions ever faced by British infantry. Evacuated from the battlefield, he was discharged from the Army on 6th November 1918 on the grounds of shell shock. Drawing on Christopher Jary's expertise alongside photographs and documents in The Lydiard Archives, 'The Viscount who fought as a Tommy' will be of particular interest to anyone interested in World War I and social history of the time. Ticket prices include a complimentary glass of wine or a soft drink if preferred. The hotel bar will also be open.

Further information and tickets here:

https://www.friendsoflydiardpark.org.uk/events/the-viscount-who-fought-as-a-tommy-world-war-i-story-of-vernon-henry-st-john/

Annual Revision of the Christ Church and St Mary's Electoral Roll

Every year as part of the annual church meeting, we review and update all the names on our church electoral roll. This year the review starts at the end of March and will be complete by mid-April. A list of all currently registered Electoral Roll members (Names only) will be available at the back of the Church during the review period.

What do you need to do?

1. Already on the Electoral Roll

If you are already on the Church Electoral Roll and are happy to remain on it, you need to take no further action.

2. You want to join the Electoral Roll

There are several benefits to joining the Electoral Roll:

- You can stand for election to the Parish Church Council (PCC)
- You can attend the Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM)
- You can participate in the voting at the APCM (next meeting on 28th April)
 To be entered on the Electoral Roll:
 - You must be over 16.
 - You must be baptised.
- You must have attended a Church of England church in the parish for at least the last six months.

If you wish to be entered on the Electoral Roll please complete one of the applications for Enrolment available at the back of the church and return it to the Parish Office by the 13th of April

Names of all those on the Electoral Roll on 27th March 2024 are displayed in both churches – please check your entry and let the Parish Office know of any discrepancies – thank you

The Friends of Christ Church 2024 Annual Lecture Wednesday 17th April 3pm in Christ Church

Attention all members of The Friends of Christ Church

The 2024 AGM is on Wednesday 17th April at 2pm in Christ Church
The relevant paperwork has been sent to members either via email or post/hand
delivery. If you have not received anything by 10th April, please could you let me
know

Christine Senior, Membership secretary sec.focc@gmail.com/01793694466

Revd. Robert Jordan will give a presentation on "Resurrection Art throughout the World"

All welcome, free entry but donation towards the work of The Friends would be appreciated.

Old Town Partnership News

PARTNERSHIP PROJECT 2024 – raising monies for Swindon Youth for Christ and Swindon Street Pastors – please pick up a leaflet from Church and please consider prayerfully how you can help.

Sunday 7th April 6.30pm **in Christ Church** – Holy Communion led by the Revd Daphne Hardwick – all welcome.



New – Christ Church Lunch Club

Starting Monday 15th April 12 noon – 2pm in the Community Centre. Cost £6 per week to include main course and pudding. It is essential to book and confirm meal choices in advance to Linda 07836 501110.

Upcoming Events at Christ Church

4th Swindon Jazz & Soul Festival



THE SOUL: Friday 19th April 6pm – 10.30pm in Christ Church – and evening of live classic soul music

Tickets £18

THE JAZZ: Saturday 20th April 12 noon – 10pm in Christ Church – a whole day and night of live jazz featuring award-winning and nationally known musicians THE AFRICAN: Saturday 20th April 12 noon – 10pm in the Community Centre – a day and evening of live music from Africa featuring modern and traditional instruments, fusion, afro beats, groove and funk

Tickets £22 across both stages

Friday and Saturday ticket £36

https://cccswindon.co.uk/events/9/details

11th Old Town Beer & Cider Festival



It's our 11th year and we hope it will be the best one yet.

After the success of last year, we will be again running over 4 days.

On Thursday 9th May we will open the festival with our comedy evening. Keep an eye out for comic announcements in due course.

Tickets for the comedy event will go on sale on Saturday 6th April

Saturday 11th May in the afternoon there will be meet the brewer sessions with a chance for you to meet a few of our local breweries, grill them and try some of their ale.

On the Saturday evening (5pm onwards), there will be live music from excellent local bands, Sweet Nightingale, The Lost Hills, Driftwood, and the return of the fabulous What the Pluck who put on such a great performance last year. We are also delighted to confirm that SALOS Musical Theatre company will be hosting an evening of songs from musicals to close our festival on the Sunday evening. Come along and enjoy the sing-along. The ticket price includes all drinks and snacks for this one.

Tickets for Friday, Saturday & Sunday NOW on SALE!! https://cccswindon.co.uk/events/20/details

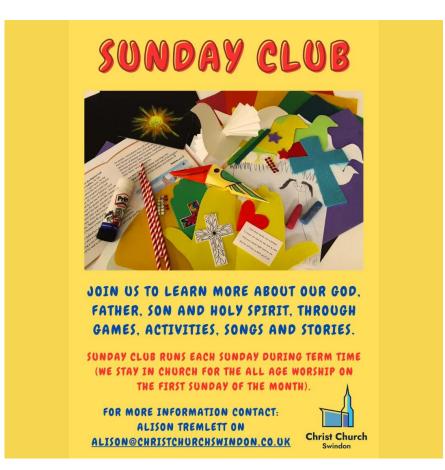
For your prayers

† God's blessing on our Easter Activity Day this Monday 11am- 3pm supporting our Old Town Partnership Mission project supporting Swindon Youth for Christ and Street Pastors.

† Mike Shurmer, John Webb, Sandie Rule, Elaine Guilding, Norma Marchant, Ian Christopher, Chris Hazell, Mona Hall, Elizabeth Hogg, June Peters, Martin Hiscock, baby Daisy, John Hall, David Ratnam, Sara Tye and all those in need of God's healing

† For the families and friends of Jo Porter, Kenneth Poffley, Robert Roworth, Christopher Batner, Robert and Iris Linnegar and all those mourning a loved one † That Christ Church with St Mary's will be known, especially this Eastertide, as a community where God is present, worshipped and adored

- † We thank God for all that is happening at our Community Centre, now 10 years old
- † For all those who have lost their lives, been injured, and kidnapped in Israel and Gaza, especially the children and those affected by events here in Swindon
- † For peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land and Ukraine
- † For those who are seeking justice and peace in Iran
- † For God's blessing and guidance on our new Bristol Diocesan Strategy Transforming Church Together
- † For the growth of discipleship and Christian vocation throughout our community and especially through Fellowship of Faith, Home Groups, Bible Encounter and our developing daytime Christian activities especially for Treasure Together, continuing this Monday at 12 noon
- † 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 our chosen charities to support this year Willows Counselling Service, Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership, and for Swindon Youth for Christ and Swindon Street Pastors who are being supported by our Partnership Project





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