

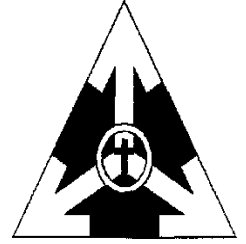
**Swindon Old Town Partnership of Churches  
Christ Church with St Mary's Registered  
charity no. 1134032**

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Our Vision: *Connecting the Community  
with Christ.*

*We are committed to:*

- 1. Jesus & His Teaching;*
- 2. Caring for God's World;*
- 3. Respecting & Helping Each Other*



**29th October - Bible Sunday - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings for 8, 9 & 10 am services:**

Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12 (Page 449 at the front of the pew Bible);

Colossians 3.12-17 (Page 198 at the back of the pew Bible);

Matthew 24.30-35 (Page 26 at the back of the pew Bible).

**Today at Christ Church:**

**8am Holy Communion** led by Daphne Hardwick.

**10 am Family Holy Communion** led by Simon Stevenette with Carol Simmons preaching. **Hymns:** 37, 739, 114, 755; **Reader:** Annette French; **Prayers:** Janet French. **Anthem:** Teach me O Lord (Attwood); **Voluntary:** Sinfonia from Cantata 29 (JS Bach). Prayer for healing is offered during Holy Communion, at the back of Church. Please join us for coffee in the community centre.

**1 pm Holy Baptism** led by Norma McKemey. We welcome Edith Salmond, Ella Mackenzie and Daisy Crook and their family and friends

**6.30 pm** Songs of Praise led by Daphne Hardwick.

**Psalm:** 119.89-104; **Readings:** Isaiah 55.1-11 (Page 598 in the middle of the pew Bible); Luke 4.14-30 (Page 237 at the back of the pew Bible).

**Hymns:** 314, 169, 606; **Choir Introit:** I will praise God (Purcell);

**Anthem:** O sing joyfully (Batten); **Voluntary:** Ein feste Burg (Pachelbel).

**At St Mary's: 9 am Holy Communion** led by Daphne Hardwick.

**Christ Church Bible Verse 2017**

**Commit your way to the Lord.  
Trust in Him,  
and He will act.**

**Psalm 37, verse 5**

**Welcome to Christ Church:** it has been good to welcome newcomers recently to Christ Church, we look forward to getting to know you. Please fill in a Newcomers card. If you would like to explore the Christian faith please have a word with one of the staff team who can discuss opportunities with you. For example how about joining one of our Home groups to get to know people. God bless you, *Simon*.

**Phil Mansfield** please remember in your prayers the Christ Church PCC as we work with Phil Mansfield on the Strategic review of Christ Church. May God guide us forward together.

**Healthy can be Tasty!** The Community Centre @ Christ Church would like to offer people an opportunity for people to have fun, learn about the benefits of healthy eating and how to cook. To raise the funds they need your vote:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-3169>.

**Old Town Partnership project** As you know our Old Town partnership are seeking to raise £6000 this year to support the work of the Foyer for young adults in Bath Rd. Michelle Mueller, the Manager, will be joining us to share the vision at our All age worship next Sunday at 10am. There will be an opportunity to support this financially at our extra Gift day, or at the Cheese and Wine Quiz, details below. Look out for the display boards. Please remember the Foyer in your prayers.

**Friends of Christ Church Christmas Charity Market** Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> November. The Friends are hosting this event and have over 30 charity/community groups attending. We would like help please to set up on the Friday afternoon and on the day (car park stewards, help with refreshments and with clearing up after the event), or perhaps you would like to be Father Christmas for an hour or so? Please contact Christine Senior Tel. 694466 or Caroline Pitt 521732.

**'Our Big Church' Open Day Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 11.30 am – 1.30 pm**

Christ Church with St. Mary's Church Family Group invites you to bring your families, friends and neighbours to this event in the Community Centre. You may be surprised at the number and variety of opportunities in our community. There will be displays from the many groups that meet regularly and representatives to answer questions. We hope you may find a group that interests you. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be available. For further information please talk to Anne (Tel. 431169), Angela Tel. (783509) or Pam (521408).

**Alone at Christmas** Building on the success of last year we will be running 'Alone at Christmas' for the second year running on Christmas Day between 12-4 pm. It is specifically run for people who will be isolated and on their own on Christmas Day. A 3 course Christmas meal will be served to all. We are calling for volunteers to help both on the day and also with the preparation in the days before the event please. If you would like to help in some way please contact Chris, Email: [chris.smith@cccswindon.co.uk](mailto:chris.smith@cccswindon.co.uk) or Tel: 01793 617237.

**Names for All Souls Service** (Commemoration of the Departed).

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6.30pm we will hold our annual All Souls Holy Communion Service when we remember and name all those who have died in the parish over the past year. If you'd like any other name read out at the service please let the parish office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal** Sunday club are collecting for the annual shoebox appeal, for children who would normally not receive any gifts at Christmas. We will be packing the shoeboxes on Sunday 12th November and Sunday 19th November. If you would like to make a contribution, whether a single item or a whole shoebox, donations can be dropped off in the community centre during coffee, or left in the parish office. Information leaflets listing all suitable items will be available in the community centre, as are empty shoeboxes (wrapped or unwrapped). For more information see Sue, at coffee, after the 10 am service or visit [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ).

**Chicken wire or similar** If you have any spare chicken wire or mesh fencing, any length, please do contact Simon or Nicola 01793 529166 as they would like to cover the railings surrounding the garden of the Vicarage. *Many thanks Simon.*

**Postage stamps** Any stamps always appreciated to raise money for cancer charities. Please put in box in the Canon Thomas Corner. Many thanks.

**Geraniums** Would you be able to over-winter a geranium so it could be re-planted at Christ Church in the spring? If so please contact the parish office.

**Please note the parish office will be closed 6<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November. If you need to speak to a minister during this time, please call Tel. 529166.**

### What's on in Christ Church

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30 pm** Cheese & Wine Quiz Night in aid of the Foyer Project, with three Christmas inspired wines served with cheese followed by a glass of port. £15 a ticket from Magnum Wine Shop or the parish office.

### What's on in the Community Centre

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> November 2-4 pm** The Swindon Museum & Art Gallery will bring the model of the proposed new building, and answer questions about the project, when they visit the afternoon tea group in the community centre. As always there will be tea, cake and time to chat.

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.15 pm** Mothers' Union - we will be pleased to welcome Peter Taylor who will be talking about Guernsey at War and Peace including his childhood on the occupied island - all are welcome to this talk in the community centre.

### Services in Christ Church for the week ahead

**Morning Prayer** Monday – Friday at 9 am; Saturday 7.30 am Men's breakfast

**Weds 10.30 am** Holy Communion with Simon Stevenette.

**The week ahead:**

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1.30 pm** Burial Board meeting in the Community Centre;

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1.15 pm** Funeral of Albert Cuthbert followed by a burial.

**Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> November – All Saints' Day - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent**

**In Christ Church 8 am** 1662 Holy Communion; **10 am**; All Age & Baptism welcome; **6.30 pm** All Souls' Holy Communion

**At St. Mary's 9 am** Holy Communion led by Simon Stevenette.

## **Please keep in your prayers:**

- † Michelle Mueller, the manager of the Foyer, as she prepares her visit to us next Sunday.
- † Peter Taylor in his preparations for his talk about Guernsey at War and Peace at the Mothers' Union meeting Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.15 pm.
- † The Community Centre @ Christ Church as they try to raise funds for their new healthy cooking initiative.
- † Our ministry towards bereaved people
- † All those who work on our behalf on the Burial Ground and church yard and the Christ Church Burial Board
- † The Deanery School Governor's meeting on Thursday evening at Wichelstowe
- † Home group leaders preparing for the Advent course this Monday night at the Vicarage
- † **The family and friends of Joanne Hirsch and Bruce Moseley** who have recently died.

## **Those in Need of God's Healing:**

- † Melvyn Sculley, baby Teddy Clifford and Ivy Wilkins.
- † All those living with other medical conditions or mental health issues; those who are lonely and anxious; for all carers; that they would all receive strength, support, love, acceptance and peace.

## **To Get in Touch**

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