

# Community Centre @ Christ Church

## Newsletter August 2021



### **We are open!**

The Community Centre has been operating in a limited capacity over the last few months but is now delighted to be able to accept social bookings as well!

This means you can book for any celebrations or events you missed out on over the last however many months! Family parties, receptions, fundraisers, or any other reason for celebration.

We are still suggesting everyone follow

Reserve a space now via our website [www.ccccswindon.co.uk](http://www.ccccswindon.co.uk)

### **Who we are**

At the heart of Old Town, the Community Centre @ Christ Church offers modern facilities for a range of different activities. From classes to meetings and parties to performances we could have a venue for you!

Our aim is to provide accessible facilities for the local and wider community.

### **Contact Us**

If you would like to discuss your requirements with us in more detail or have any questions about the booking system or Centre then please feel free to contact us

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Email: [ccoperations@christchurchswindon.co.uk](mailto:ccoperations@christchurchswindon.co.uk)

Web: [www.ccccswindon.co.uk](http://www.ccccswindon.co.uk)

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Cricklade Street  
Swindon

# Upcoming events

- **Old Town Beer Festival** – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August - 12noon-10pm – Tickets £15 available online at our [Ticket Page](#)
- **1<sup>st</sup> Old Town Gin Festival** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 2pm-8pm – Early Bird Tickets £10
- **Christmas Market** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 11am-2:30pm
- **Pantomime – Dick Whittington** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm



## Our Groups

Each month we will feature one of our fantastic groups who hire the facilities at the Community Centre at Christ Church and this month our group is...

### Welcome to The Lotus Pad

We are Yoga teachers based in Swindon with over 30 years' experience in the health and fitness industry.

We teach a variety of classes, ranging from quiet, meditative Yin through to a unique blend of yoga/Pilates and cardio flows. Through the expansion of our Online Yoga, we have welcomed the chance to add a continually evolving mix of classes to the timetable and promote a sense of fun & community. We really do offer a class for everyone!

Take a look, try a taster and we would love the chance to welcome you to the mat...



### The Lotus Pad

Sun & Flow  
Thurs 6pm



Om & Tone  
Fri 5.15pm

Sunset Yoga  
Fri 6pm

#### Looking for a Yoga Class?

Join us at Community Centre @ Christ Church  
Yasmin & David Live Community Classes only £8

Visit [www.lotuspad.co.uk](http://www.lotuspad.co.uk)

Book your class today!

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# What's been happening?

It has been a long hard 15 months for many, the community Centre had to close along with everything else in the country back in March 2020. However once government guidance was released, we got to work putting measures in place to make the Centre covid secure. This meant that support groups could continue for the majority of the time in line with government advice and, in between local and national lockdowns, other activities could also return to the Centre.

We have been lucky enough to be awarded several grants over the last year which has helped fund continued running of the Centre and other specific activities.

We received an "Emergency Covid Fund" grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. This grant enabled us to cover operational costs to ensure we would be in a financial position to reopen at full capacity as and when allowed.

We were also lucky enough to be awarded grants from Wiltshire and Swindon Sport Partnership (WASP) as well as Green Square which will help fund our afternoon tea sessions going forward. They resumed on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 and takes place every Tuesday 1:30-3:30. Each session will feature 30mins of light exercise to get people moving again after long stints of isolation.

One final grant we received meant we were able to fund online Mindfulness courses. These courses were run by Susie Stead who is trained, and competency tested, by the Oxford Mindfulness Centre. Having a grant for this meant people could do a taster session for free and we were then able to subsidise costs to enable those who may otherwise be unable to afford a full course to take part during a time where mindfulness was needed most by lots of people. We are now planning another course aimed more specifically towards parents so watch this space for a start date in September.

We are finally at a point where the Centre is looking alive again. Children's activities resumed in April closely followed by adult sessions in May and we are now accepting bookings for social events from 19th July onwards.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our regular customers for their continued support during this time and express how excited we are to welcome the community back to our building for future events.



# Our Facilities

## Main Hall



A light and spacious hall. Suitable for community groups, clubs, and larger gatherings such as family parties, presentations and meetings - it includes a serving hatch to the kitchen. Can be used together with garden room for larger numbers of people. Max Capacity – 60 people or 120 when hired with the Garden room

## Garden Room



A delightful, spacious room with an outlook and access to the small walled garden. Ideal for meetings and small gatherings - it has it's own access door and the use of a disabled W/C. We offer a reduced rate for this room when booking with the main hall. Max Capacity - 25

## Meeting Room



This is a meeting space (30 ft x 12 ft) completely separate from the main hall in a quieter area of the building. It is ideal for both business meetings and community bookings or as a break-out area. Max Capacity – 20

## Christ Church



The church at Christ Church is situated at the top of the hill on Cricklade Street and can be seen for miles from several locations around the town. Ideal for large meetings, concerts, and other events. Max Capacity – 300 People

## St Mary's



Situated close to the main centre on Commonweal Road, St Mary's church hall is a spacious facility with access to a small kitchenette. Ideal for local resident and community meetings. Max Capacity – 70 people

Capacities listed are the maximum for each room but will vary depending on the layout required and the activity/event taking place.