

Confirmation:

Publicly confirming your intention to follow Jesus

A service at St. John's

A Confirmation Service will be held in St. John's on Sunday 22nd Nov 2026 at 10:30 a.m. with Bishop Rob Martin. Bishop Rob is the retired bishop of Marsabit in Kenya; he and his wife now live in Somerset, and last visited us for a Confirmation Service in 2024.

If you are interested in being confirmed at this service, please contact Emma at the church office: office@sjyeovil.org.uk or 01935 427745.

What is confirmation?

Confirmation enables adults and teenagers to show publicly that they have decided to follow Christ for themselves. It is an opportunity for those who have been baptised already to affirm the vows made at their baptism. For some, those vows were made for us when we were baptised as infants; in Confirmation you are deciding for yourself that you want to follow Jesus. It is done by a Bishop, as a sign that those confirmed are part of God's wider church. For some but not all, confirmation is also the time when they begin to take Holy Communion.

From your own heart and mouth

The Bible says: 'If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved' (Romans 10:9-10).

You do not need to be confirmed to be saved by God for ever, but Confirmation is a way for people to make a mature and public declaration of their intention to follow Jesus – to declare it with their mouths.

The Church of England

The Church of England's website explains it like this: 'Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which the participation in the life of God's people inaugurated at baptism is confirmed by the bishop by the laying on of hands, and in which those who have been baptised affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised and their intention to live a life of responsible and committed discipleship. Through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming bishop, the Church also asks God to give them power through the Holy Spirit to enable them to live in this way'.

Help to think it through

November is still some way off. But before we get to November, we will want to help those considering Confirmation to think it through, and to prepare carefully. We'll keep you posted on preparation sessions as the year goes on. But for now, please tell Emma in the office if you are interested – even if you are not yet sure.