

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Church in Hong Kong and Archbishop Paul Kwong. Also the Diocese of Karlstad in Sweden and Bishop Esbjorn Hagberg.

Churches Together:

Gig Mill Methodist Church

Bishop John:

Please pray for all those involved in Spring into Life Week which takes place in Malvern and for the young people who will hear Jesus' message.

Please pray for:

Eliseo Jaxon Beck who is being baptised here today. Our Lent course this year, for those leading the sessions and for those attending.

Those living in:

Farland Road and Corser Street.

Local Community:

The residents and staff of Oriel House Nursing Home.

Among those who are ill:

Susan Haskew, Lesley Price, Michael Reuter, Anna Scudamore, William Bates, Rory Macintosh, Richard Tatler, Denise Inge, Brian Norgrove, Marilyn Thomson, Sally Taylor, Cliff Day, Margaret Macdonald, Eddie Hind, Doreen Ryan and Michael Woodall.

We continue to pray for:

Sanchia Farman, Eleanor Hill, Lennon Southall, Vicky Croydon, Martin Aston, Jonathan Bryan, Audrey Cartwright, Ruth Hardy, Pauline Parsons, Ros Bickel, Noah Cantius, James Allport, and Callum Loveridge.

Those in Residential and Nursing Home care:

Sheila Westwood, Pat Skinner, Margaret Pole, June O'Brien, Roy Green and Ethel James.

The departed:

Martha Richards, Ian Duncan, Brian Quinton, William Bedford and Clarice Parnell.

May they know the peace and joy of God's Kingdom.

Please pray for families and friends of all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Please inform the clergy as soon as possible if you know of any illness or particular need within the congregation.

NEXT SUNDAY

23rd March

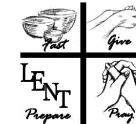
Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 16th March 2014
The second Sunday in Lent



A particularly warm welcome to our new Archdeacon the Venerable Nikki Groarke and to any other visitors who are worshipping with us today.

Please join us for coffee in the Narthex after our 10.00am service.

If you would like to find out more information about any of the activities associated with church please speak to a warden or sides person or visit our website at: www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

Collect, Epistle, Gospel P131

Sides: Joan Barwick

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

Preacher: Archdeacon Nikki Groarke

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Reader: Peter Jones—Romans 4:1-5,13-17

Intercessions: John Sutton

Sides: Mavis Kynaston and Betty Parsons

Warden: Les Timms

Anthem: Comfort O Lord—Crotch

Voluntary: Hyfrodol - Vaughan Williams

Children Together: Emma & Alison

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Kanthi Ariaraj

Preacher: Roy Peacock

Sides: Jackie Bannister

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson

Readers: Tina Timms Numbers 21:4-9 & Liz Fourness Luke 14: 17-33

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: God be in my head—Rutter

Voluntary: Rondeau—Purcell



We have a loop system installed in church. If you wear a hearing aid please turn it to the T position.

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 17

10.00am Open the Book team visiting Old Swinford Primary School

Tuesday 18

2.00pm Anchor Bereavement Group meeting in the Coach House
7.30pm Second meeting of the Lent Course in St Thomas' Church Hall

Wednesday 19

7.30pm PCC Meeting in the rectory

Thursday 20

10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 22

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour
10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

Please feel free to take this pew sheet away and recycle.



This pew sheet is also available at www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12: 1—4a

¹Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. ⁴So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

The New Testament Reading

Romans 4: 1-5, 13—17.

¹What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? ²For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. ³For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. ⁴Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. ⁵But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: ¹⁵Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. ¹⁶Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, ¹⁷(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

This is the Word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Reading

John 3: 1-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

¹There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: ²The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. ³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁴Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. ⁸The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. ⁹Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? ¹⁰Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? ¹¹Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. ¹²If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? ¹³And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.