

Notices for the week beginning:

Sunday 30th March 2014

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on this page.

Our Lent Course this year follows a published course of study and worship entitled 'pilgrim' with a particular focus on the beatitudes. The remaining dates and venues are as follows:

1st April: Peacemaking
Hilary Savage

Venue: St Thomas' Church Hall

8th April : Living as citizens of God's Kingdom

Revd Stephen Agnew

Venue: St.Mary's Church, Old Swinford

15th April: Foundations
Hilary Savage

Venue: St Thomas' Church Hall

Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9.00pm.



A fair trade stall is operating in church today following the morning service.

The April edition of our Parish Magazine is available today from the back of church priced 50p.

John is beginning to prepare the service rota this week which will run from Sunday 4th May—Sunday 31st August. Please let him know of any dates that you will be unavailable by Monday 7th April so that the new rota can be ready for distribution on Sunday 13th April. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who came to support our special afternoon on 25 March, with fund-raising for the Royal Marsden Hospital where Richard Tatler has had such wonderful treatment. So many people gave generous donations, made cakes and donated raffle prizes. It was a lovely afternoon with tea and cake, and time to chat to friends. Between 75 – 80 people supported Richard and his family and a total of **£475** was raised for the Royal Marsden. This is an amazing amount. Thank you all!

EASTER FLOWERS If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers in memory of loved ones please place your donation in an envelope with the names of the person(s) being remembered and give it to Sally Frost or post it through the Rectory letter box. Donations may be 'Gift Aided' if you are a UK tax payer. Please use one of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes found in the church pews and mark it clearly "For Easter Flowers."



We will be running a 'messy church' event on Holy Saturday 19th April in our church hall between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Lots of fun things to do for children of all ages! To find out more visit messychurch.org.uk or follow the link from our Facebook page. All welcome.



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 30th March 2014

The fourth Sunday of Lent-Mothering Sunday



A warm welcome to any 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 P135

Sides: Eve Evans

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Reader: Christine Day Col 3:12-17

Intercessions: Jean Agnew

Sides: Sue Tatford & Sally Frost

Warden: Tony Tatford

Anthem: Come down O love divine—Harris

Voluntary: England's Glory - Ogden

Children Together: Helen and Russ

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Sue and Geoff Davies

Warden: Ian Nex

Readers: Judith Nex Micah 7 and

Marjorie Ferguson James 5

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: For the beauty of the earth—Rutter

Voluntary: Crown Imperial —Walton



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:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 31

10.00am Open the Book team visiting Old Swinford Primary School

Tuesday 1st April

2.00pm Visit by children from Ham Dingle Primary School

7.30pm Fourth meeting of the Lent Course at St Thomas'

Thursday 3

10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 5

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

12.30pm Wedding of Sebastian and Kathryn

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

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

The New Testament Reading

Colossians 3: 12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 33-35

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

Jesus' father and mother marvelled at what Simeon said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

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

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Lund in Sweden and Bishop Antje Jackelen. Also the Church of Ireland and Archbishop Richard Clarke.

Churches Together:

New Road Methodist Church

Bishop John:

Please pray for all those who have prepared special services and gifts for Mothering Sunday and for all our mothers.

Please pray for:

Mark Wear and Nadine Jones who were married here last Friday and Sebastian and Kathryn who will be married here next Saturday. World Autism awareness day on Wednesday, for all the organisations and people who promote awareness and support.

Those living in:

Walker Avenue and Rye Croft

Local Community:

The students and staff of King Edward VI College.

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, Margaret Casey 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 and William Bedford.

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
6th April
Fifth Sunday of Lent
8.00am Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion
3.00pm Baptisms
6.30pm Evensong

