

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Anglican Communion in Japan and Archbishop Nathaniel Uematsu. Also the Diocese of Funen in Denmark and Bishop Tine Lindhardt.

Churches Together:

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church

Bishop John:

Please pray for everyone attended the 'Spring into Action' event held yesterday, that they might be inspired and encouraged. Pray for Emma and Sarah as they continue to support those who work with the younger generation in our community.

Please pray for:

Sebastian and Kathryn who were married here yesterday. Olivia Rose Weaver and Alyssa Jane Ross who will be baptised here today. As we approach our APCM meeting please pray for those who are willing to continue to serve in their roles and those who might answer the call to serve in this way.

A generosity of spirit in response to the presentations given today.

Those living in:

Dene Road and Glen Road

Local Community:

The students and staff of Stourbridge 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. Mike Blaxland 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 and Reginald Carradine.

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
13th April
Sixth Sunday of Lent— Palm Sunday
8.00am Communion (BCP)
10.00am Worship Together
6.30pm Evensong



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

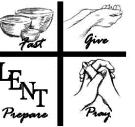
Sunday 6th April 2014

The fifth Sunday of Lent—Passion 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 P137

Sides: David Johnson

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

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Reader: John Sutton

Romans 8:6-11

Intercessions: Maggie Abbotts

Sides: Cliff & Chris Day

Warden: Maggie Abbotts

Anthem: O Saviour of the world—
Goss

Voluntary: Choral Song— Wesley

Children Together: Peter &
Kathryn Hancox

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Gill Tatler

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson

Readers: Gill Tatler Lam 3: 19-33 &
Angela Price Matthew 20: 17—end

Intercessions: Roy Peacock

Anthem: Loving Shepherd of thy
sheep—Ledger

Voluntary: Hyfrydol —Vaughan
Williams

A financial presentation will be delivered in place of a sermon at all 3 services today.

Collect for this week:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Tuesday 8

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Croft

7.30pm Fifth meeting of the Lent Course in the narthex.

Thursday 10

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10.30am Holy Communion

2.30pm OSH Easter service in church

Saturday 12

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

NB The 10.00am service next Sunday will begin in the church hall.



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

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

Ezekiel 37:1—14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army.

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

The New Testament Reading

Romans 8: 6-11

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

*This is the Word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD.*

Gospel Reading

John 11: 1-45

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

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light." After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

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