

Notices for the week beginning:

Sunday 6th April 2014

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

The remaining dates and venues for our Lent Course are as follows:

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.



Our service next Sunday will begin in the church hall and will include a procession into church.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Sunday 27th April at 7.30pm in the church hall. Please make every effort to attend as this is the meeting at which we elect our officers for the next year. Nomination forms are available in the narthex.

John is preparing the next service rota 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 next Sunday 13th April. Thank you.

CHURCH DECORATION

Any help you can offer with the preparation of church and floral decorations for Easter will be welcomed on Saturday 19 April from 9.00 am. Please sign the list at the back of church

Illustrated talk by Andrew Scudamore on his Botswana Experience on Sat 26th April at 7p.m.at The Coach House. Glass of wine & light refreshments. Tickets £5 from Chris or Frank 376796. Funds in aid of No Limits Community Project.

Please speak to Stephen if you would like to take part in our reading of the Passion at the 10.00am service next Sunday.

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.



HOLY WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Father in heaven, as your people prepare once more to follow the events of this Holy Week, may we be led by your spirit to deeper insights into your love and saving grace; that we may love you more and serve you better, for the sake of him who died for us and rose again, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Worship Together with choir and to include a reading of the Passion narrative. This service begins in the Church Hall with palm procession into Church.
6.30pm Evensong without choir.

14th, 15th, 16th

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
6.30pm Meditation on the Passion with Compline.

Tuesday 15th

7.30pm Final Lent Course Session at St Thomas'

Thursday 17th MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.30am Holy Communion.
7.30pm Service of Holy Communion

Friday 18th GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Walk of witness from St John's.
2.00pm Devotions at the foot of the cross.
7.30pm Choral Concert in church.

Saturday 19th HOLY SATURDAY

9.00am Church decoration.
2.00pm—4.00pm 'Messy Church' activities for children in the church hall.
10.00am Open church and vestry hour.

Sunday 20th EASTER DAY

7.45am Holy Fire. The lighting of the Easter Candle.
8.00am Holy Communion.
10.00am Parish Communion.
3.00pm Baptisms
6.30pm Choral Evensong and sermon.



O Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, who on a Cross with wood and nail has wrought our salvation, wield well your tools in the workshop of your world, so that we, who come to you rough-hewn, may by you be fashioned according to your will, for the sake of your tender mercy. Amen

THE CHOIR OF ST MARY

OLD SWINFORD

PERFORMS

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

BY

ARTHUR SOMERVELL

GOOD FRIDAY

18TH APRIL 2014

7.30 – IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE

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TENOR DOMINIC LEE

BASS WILLIAM PEARTE

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