

Notices for the week beginning:

Sunday 13th April 2014

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

The remaining date and venue for our Lent Course.

**15th April: Foundations
Hilary Savage**

Venue: St Thomas' Church Hall

Tuesday evening from 7.30-9.00pm.

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.

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

The new service rotas are available from today. Most have been e mailed but there are also hard copies at the back of church.

For full details about the church and services use your smartphone to scan this QR code.



 We have a Facebook page. If you're a Facebook user and want to keep up to speed with events at St Mary's visit www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.

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

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 next 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 13th April 2014
Palm 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 P139

Sides: Ian Nex

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Worship Together for Palm Sunday

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Joan and Ray Skelding

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Music led by our music group.



Voluntary: Prelude

and Fugue in g—*Buxtehude*

6.30pm - Evensong—no choir

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Gemma Sutton

Warden: Judy Hall

Readers: Gemma Sutton Isaiah 5: 1 –7 & Judy Hall Matt 21:33-end

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Voluntary: Tune in E —*Thalben Ball*



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 and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 HOLY WEEK

Details of all of our services for

Holy Week are shown separately

Monday 14 11.00am Chrism service in Worcester Cathedral

Tuesday 15

2.00pm Anchor Group meeting in the Coach House

7.30pm Final meeting of the Lent Course at St Thomas' Church

Thursday 17

10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 19

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

2.00pmj—4.00pm Messy Church activity in the church hall.

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Jerusalem and Bishop Suheil Dawani. Also the Diocese of Uppsala in Sweden and Archbishop Anders Wejryd with Bishop Ragnar Persenius.

Churches Together:

Riverside Christian Fellowship

Bishop John:

Please pray for the evangelistic opportunity of The Three Counties 'Countrytastic' event. That those running the activities would have the courage to talk about the real meaning of Easter. Pray for those coming and also that the activities are successful and that the weather is nice!

Please pray for:

Lucie Roberts and Alex Thacker who will be married here on Easter Monday. 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.

Those living in:

Arlington Court and Redhill Drive

Local Community:

The What? centre

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, 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:

Reginald Carradine and Robert Taylor.

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

20th April

Easter Sunday

8.00am Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion
3.00pm Baptisms
6.30pm Evensong



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 19 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 20 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 nails 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