INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland in Norway and Bishop Per Oskar Kjoelaas.

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of St Thomas' Church Stourbridge.

Bishop John:

Please pray for all those who attend or who organise Totwalds at St Godwalds Church in Finstall, Bromsgrove and for all those running similar groups across the Diocese.

Please pray for:

Matthew and Ana who are to be married here next Saturday. Violet Grace Stephens, Alex Jay Boden and Sophie Mae Hotton who are being baptised here today. Our Churchwardens as they are admitted for their term of office at the service on Thursday evening at St Stephens Redditch and all those who are willing to serve in this way.

Those living in:

Joyberry Drive and Gainsborough Hill

Local Community:

The Age Concern organisation who meet at the Mary Stevens Day Centre. *Among those who are ill:*

Susan Haskew, Lesley Price, Michael Reuter, Anna Scudamore, William Bates, Rory Macintosh, Richard Tatler, Brian Norgrove, Marilyn Thomson, Cliff Day, Sally Taylor, Hazel White, Eddie Hind, Doreen Ryan, Margaret Casey, Brenda Cadwallader, 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:

Annie Stevens, Brother Martin SSF

In memoriam:

Robert Williams (2.6.13) Barry Cook (7.6.13) Geoffrey Beards (3.6.13) *May they know the peace and joy of God's Kingdom. Please prav 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 8th June Whit Sunday 8.00am Communion (BCP) 10.00am Worship Together with Holy Communion 6.30pm Choral Evensong



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 1st June 2014 The Seventh Sunday of Easter



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:

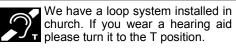
<u>8.00am - Holy Communion</u> Collect, Epistle, Gospel P193 Sides: Nick Harbach President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew Reader: Judith Nex Acts 1: 6-14 Intercessions: John Sutton Sides: Sue Tatford & Andrew Scudamore Warden: Tony Tatford Anthem: Panis Angelicus-Saint Seans Voluntary: I thank thee dearest Lord—Karg-Elert Children Together: Helen & Russ Fowler

<u> 6.30pm - Evensong</u>

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew Sides: Dawn Nex Warden: Ian Nex Readers: Liz Fourness 2 Sam 23: 1—5 & Tina Timms Eph1: 15-23 Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj Anthem: Come ye faithful—Thatcher Voluntary: Toccata —Dubois



Collect for this week:

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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

Wednesday 4 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Evening. Thursday 5 10.30am Holy Communion Saturday 7 10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour 10.00am—12.00pm Open Church 12.30pm Wedding of Matthew and Ana. 2.00pm—5.00pm Pedmore Scouts working in the churchyard.

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

The New Testament Reading

Acts 1: 6-14

When the apostles met together, they asked lesus, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same lesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.



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

The Gospel Reading

John 17: 1-11

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

lesus looked towards heaven and prayed:

"Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and lesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name - the name you gave me - so that they may be one as we are one."

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

