

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Moere in Norway and Bishop Ingeborg Midttoemme. Also the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Archbishop Edward Malecda

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of New Road Methodist Church

Bishop John:

Please pray for all those who have been involved in the training for Readers and for those who will continue to be, as the course moves to the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham.

Please pray for:

Michael and Rebecca who were married here yesterday. Ben and Vicky who will be married here on Friday. Tracey, Joanne and Michel who were confirmed here last Thursday.

Those living in:

Leys Close and Tall Trees Drive

Local Community:

Residents and staff of Holly Croft Nursing Home.

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, Eddie Hind, Doreen Ryan, Brenda Cadwallader, Kathleen Rogers, Joan Timms 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:

Joyce Diane Allaway, Jean Lovell.

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
27th July
Sixth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 20th July 2014
Fifth Sunday after Trinity



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 P212

Sides: Meriel Harris

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Reader: Audrey Tranter

Intercessions: John Sutton

Sides: Stan & Avril Williams

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit—
Hurford

Voluntary:

Toccata & Fugue in d- Bach

Children Together:

Emma & Alison

6.30pm - Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Gemma Sutton

Warden: Joan Barwick

Readers: Gemma Sutton 1 Kings
2:10-12; 3: 16-28 & Alec Beevers Acts
4:1-22

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Responses: Ayleward

Setting: Stanford in Bb

Anthem: O Thou the central orb —
Wood

Voluntary: Sonata-3rd movement —
Guillmant

Collect for this week:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 21

7.30pm PCC meeting

Wednesday 23

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge
2.00pm Visit to church by members of the U3A

Thursday 24

Parish Office closed today
10.30am Communion service

Friday 25

Parish Office closed today
12 noon wedding of Ben and Vicky
1.30pm Funeral service in church

Saturday 26

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour
10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

The New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13: 24-30:36-43

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

Jesus told a parable to the crowd:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ““An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ ““No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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