

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Church in Greenland and Bishop Sofie Petersen also the Episcopal Church of America and Archbishop Dr Katharine Jefferts Schori

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of Wollaston Methodist Church

Bishop John:

Please pray for those involved in organising and attending this year's Diocesan Festival of Healing which takes place in Worcester Cathedral next Saturday.

Please pray for:

Zoe Elizabeth Wheeler who will be baptised here today.

Those living in:

Mount Road and Burnt Oak Drive

Local Community:

Those who own and work in Old Swinford shops.

Among those who are ill:

Susan Haskew, Lesley Price, Anna Scudamore, William Bates, Rory Macintosh, Richard Tatler, Brian Norgrove, Marilyn Thomson, Cliff Day, Sally Taylor, Doreen Ryan, Brenda Cadwallader, David Jackson, Kathleen Rogers, Angela Dixon 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:

Eddie Hind, Olive May Probert.

In memoriam

Hester Turner (4.10.13)

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 5th October Trinity 16

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



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

**Sunday 28th September 2014
Fifteenth 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 P229

Sides: Ian Nex

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

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Reader: Joan Ram

Intercessions: Mike & Janet

Sides: Mavis Kynaston & Betty Parsons

Warden: Les Timms

Anthem: Holy is the true light—*Harris*

Voluntary: Imperial March —*Elgar*

Children Together:

Emma and Alison

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Roy Peacock

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Gemma Sutton

Warden: Joan Barwick

Readers: John 2 Kings 6: 8-17 & Gemma Matt 18: 1-6;10

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Anthem: Wash me thoroughly—*Halls*

Voluntary: Liturgical Improvisation
No3 - *Oldroyd*



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:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Monday 29

7.30pm Christmas Market planning meeting in the narthex. All welcome.

Tuesday 30

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the narthex.

Thursday 2 October

10.30am Communion service.

7.30pm Licensing of Revd Ruth Atkinson at Bartley Green Church.

Friday 3

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 4

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

7.30pm Harvest Supper in the church hall.

The new sets of numbered giving envelopes are available for collection in church today.

The New Testament Reading

Philippians 2: 1—13

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

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

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21: 23-32

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

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him.

“By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked.

“And who gave you this authority?”

Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or from men?”

They discussed it among themselves and said,

“If we say, ‘From heaven’, he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men’ – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did.

And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.”

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