

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Swansea and Brecon and Bishop John Davies, the Diocese of Leicester and Bishop Tim Stevens and the Church in Wales and Archbishop Barry Morgan.

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of Amblecote Methodist Church

Bishop John:

Please pray for the Farming Community Network as it provides practical and pastoral support for farmers and for farming families during times of need, anxiety and distress which stem from the farm business or from within the family.

Please pray for:

Zane Samuel and Beau Thomas Sibley Deakin, Jensen David Ray Sisley and Esther Carys John who will be baptised here today. For all those people within our Diocese and particular from St Mary's who began their ALM training yesterday. Revd Ruth Atkinson as she begins her ministry at Bartley Green.

Those living in:

Randle Road and The Parklands

Local Community:

The staff and users of the Stourbridge Age Concern organisation.

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.

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.



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 5th October 2014
Dedication Festival



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+readings for Dedication Festival

Sides: Nick Harbach

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Reader: Jean Agnew

Intercessions: Judith Nex

Sides: John Evans &

Jeremy Morgan

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Anthem: Panis Angelicus—*Saint Seans*

Voluntary: Fantasia in c —*Bach*

Children Together:

Emma and Alison

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Dawn Nex

Warden: Ian Nex

Readers: Tina Timms *Jer 7: 1—*

11 & Angela Price 1 Cor 3: 9-17

Intercessions: Roy Peacock

Anthem: Ave verum—*Elgar*

Voluntary: Eternity thou word of power - *Karg-Elert*



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 God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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 6

The Parish Office is closed today.

9.30am OTB team visiting OCEPS

Tuesday 7

The Parish Office is closed today.

7.30pm screening of the film 'The UK Gold' in St Thomas' Church Hall.

Thursday 9

10.30am Communion service.

Friday 10

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Stephen's day off.

Saturday 11

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

A presentation will be shown at all three services today which focuses on the time, gifts and talents that are given to St Mary's.

Please inform the clergy as soon as possible if you know of any illness or particular need within the congregation.

NEXT SUNDAY
12th October
Trinity 17 Harvest Festival
8.00am Communion (BCP)
10.00am Worship Together
6.30pm Choral Evensong

The Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 8: 22-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands towards heaven and said:

“O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below – you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it – as it is today.

“Now LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, ‘You shall never fail to have a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons are careful in all they do to walk before me as you have done.’ And now, O God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true.

“But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! Yet give attention to your servant’s prayer and his plea for mercy, O LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. May your eyes be open towards this temple night and day, this place of which you said, ‘My Name shall be there,’ so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays towards this place. Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling-place, and when you hear, forgive.”

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

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21: 12-16

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money-changers and the benches of those selling doves. “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a ‘den of robbers’.”

The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

“Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him.

“Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,
“‘From the lips of children and infants
you have ordained praise?’”

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

*The Gospel Book that is being used for the first time today has been
kindly donated by Derek Elton.*