

Notices for the week beginning:

Sunday 5th October 2014

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

Next week we will be celebrating harvest at St Mary's. We will be joined at our 10.00am service by students and staff of Oldswinford Hospital School. If you would like to make a donation of produce please bring dried, packet and tinned food so that we can donate it to the Black Country Foodbank and St Basil's hostel for the homeless.

2015 diaries are now available at the back of church. These are supplied to us at no cost. Please help yourself.

There is a list in the narthex for you to sign up to if you would like to help with the decoration of the church for harvest on Saturday 11th October.

Thank you to everybody who makes a contribution to our foodbank collection each week. Since our recent request both in church and via our Facebook page the amount that has been donated has increased significantly. Thank you.



Baby changing facilities are available at the back of church.

During our services today we shall be screening a presentation which highlights the gifts, time and talents that are offered by so many people to ensure that St Mary's is well maintained, fit for purpose and serves God's Kingdom in our community. To accompany the exhibition there is a display of photographs around the church. Please take time to look at the display and consider if there is any way in which you could offer your time or talent to further our mission.

Coming up.....

Monday 20

Open The Book Team visiting OCEPS

Tuesday 21

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House

Friday 24

2.30pm OSH Founders day service

Saturday 25

9.30am The Walking Group meet for a walk at Kingsford Country Park

Monday 27

Half Term week

Tuesday 28

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the narthex.

Friday 31

12.30pm Wedding

Saturday November 1

A party of visiting volunteers are working in our churchyard today please feel free to come and join them to give the area a final tidy up before the winter.

November 2

6.30pm All Souls Evensong

Monday 3

7.30pm Standing Committee meeting

Monday 10

Christmas Market planning meeting

Tuesday 11

A full peal is being rung with the bells half muffled to mark Armistice Day.

Saturday December 6

Christmas Market



Will Aid takes place in November, and we are one of 19 dioceses signed up to this initiative encouraging people to make their will, and benefit charities (including Christian Aid among 9 major charities) at the same time. More information is available on the Will Aid website. There is a tie-in here with encouraging legacy giving which may also benefit the church.

If you haven't made a will yet, or know someone else who hasn't, this promotional campaign offers an encouragement to do so, and give to charity at the same time.



Don't forget that there will be showing of the film

"The UK Gold" in Stourbridge on 7th October in St Thomas's church hall at 7.30.

This is a very hard hitting film about the close UK involvement with tax avoidance and tax havens. It explores tax dodging through the eyes of an east-end vicar standing for election to the Corporation of the City of London. As one notice says "A story seismic enough to shift perceptions of finance and flag forever" It was partly sponsored by Christian Aid and Oxfam.

The film is being shown as a part of "Economic and Tax Justice: economy for the common good" - a year long partnership between the Diocese of Worcester, Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty

Message from the Foodbank.....

Hi Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us with Harvest Assemblies, collections and introducing Foodbank Fridays! We are constantly blown away by the generosity of the people in the Black Country but we still have very low stock as it goes out to the Centres as quickly as it comes in. Please be encouraged to keep going. We can't do this without you!

Shortages

Jars/Packets of Coffee (small)

Fruit Juice

Tinned Soup

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Meat

Breakfast Cereal (small boxes)

Tinned Desserts - Rice Pudding/Custard

Shower Gel

Deodorant

Sanitary Towels

Thanks so much!

