

Notices for the week beginning:

Sunday 12th October 2014

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


Thank you to everybody who has made donations of food at today's services. This will all be given to the Stourbridge 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.

On **1st November** a team from the Helping Hands Project will be working in the churchyard between 10.00 and 3.00 on a range of maintenance and clearance tasks. If you are available for an hour or two to share with this team and help with a thorough tidying of the churchyard please sign the sheet you will find at the back of church or simply turn up one the day when you can. Any tools such as brooms, shears, rakes (or mowers) you can bring may be very helpful.



 We have a Facebook page. If you're a Facebook user and want to keep up to speed with events at St Mary's visit www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.

 Baby changing facilities are available at the back of church.

There will be a meeting to explore possibilities for Love Stourbridge events next year at Chawn Hill on **16 October at 8.00 p.m.** The meeting is to gauge how much the Churches are wanting to engage with Love Stourbridge and are willing to be involved, take on tasks, organise events, provide ideas etc.

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

For full details about the church and services use your smartphone to scan this QR code.



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.



As you may be aware we have recently had to have our loop system amplifier repaired at some cost. We also hope to make further small improvements to our sound system in the near future. If you are able and wish to contribute to the cost of the repairs and upgrade Harold White has organised a contribution procedure. Please place any donation in a yellow Gift Aid envelope and mark it clearly 'For the loop system.' Thank you.

Message from the Foodbank.....

Hi Everyone,

We have been nominated for some funding with Lloyds Bank—Community Fund. We would be so grateful if you could vote for us either by checking out our Facebook page and clicking on the link or texting 'VOTE CCF' to 61119. Funding is crucial to help us continue working in your local community. Thank You!



Shortages
Small Packets of Cereal (Weetabix or something similar is ideal)
Rice (small packets)
UHT Milk
Fruit Juice
Tinned Meat
Pasta Sauce
Mashed Potato
Sanitary Towels
Shaving Foam
Nappies (all sizes)

Our Clothing Section, Lydia's House is excited to announce that they are taking donations again! We were totally overwhelmed by donations originally so we are going to let everyone know the shortages instead of asking for anything and everything. Hopefully this will help with our storage space.

Double Duvs
Double sheets, fitted or flat pillows
Men's Jumpers - medium
Children's Clothes especially boys age 2yrs and over

Please can we asked that all donations are washed and clean and ready to go! If you do think you know someone or a family who would benefit from a clothing parcel please email us at this address or call 01384 671250 and our volunteers are available on Thursdays to put the parcel together. Thanks Everyone

Thanks so much!