

## INTERCESSIONS

**Please remember in your prayers...**

### ***The World Church:***

The Diocese of Hadersley in Denmark and Bishop Marianne Christiansen. Also the Church of the Province of West Africa Gambia.

### ***Churches Together:***

The congregation and leaders of Chawn Hill Christian Centre

### ***Bishop John:***

Please pray for those taking part in the retreat in daily life in Droitwich. Pray for others who might become interested in experiencing a retreat, whether in ordinary life or by staying at one of the retreat houses in the diocese or elsewhere.

### ***Please pray for:***

Revd Ruth Atkinson as she begins her ministry at Bartley Green. The staff and users of the Stourbridge Foodbank and St Basil's Hostel for the homeless who will benefit from our donation of food this week.

### ***Those living in:***

Hillville Gardens and Field Cottage Drive

### ***Local Community:***

The students and staff of Old Swinford Hospital School.

### ***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, Stan Williams, Tina Timms, Roberta Farman 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 and Kenneth Carrington.

*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 19th October Trinity 18**

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



## St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 12th October 2013

Trinity 17—Harvest Festival



A warm welcome to students and staff of Old Swinford Hospital School and to any other 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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

### **Our services today are as follows:**

#### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

Collect, Epistle, Gospel P233

**Sides:** Eve Evans

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

#### **10.00am - Worship Together for Harvest**

Service led by Revd Stephen Agnew

**Sides:** Sue Tatford & Sally Frost

**Warden:** Tony Tatford



#### **6.30pm - Choral Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Sides:** Gemma Sutton

**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson

**Readers:** Gemma Deut 8: 7—18 & Marjorie Matt 6: 25-33

#### **Intercessions:**

Revd Stephen Agnew

**Responses:** Reading

**Setting:** Sumsion in G

**Anthem:** For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

**Voluntary:** Rhosymedre—Vaughan Williams



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:**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 forever. **Amen.**

### **DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday 13**

9.30 Harvest celebration with St Mary's Pre School in church.

#### **Tuesday 14**

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Croft  
2.00pm Mothers' Union meeting in the Coach House

#### **Wednesday 15**

1.15pm Visit by Students from the Cherry Tree Learning Centre.

#### **Thursday 16**

10.30am Holy Communion  
2.00pm Church Hall Committee meeting.

#### **Friday 17**

Stephen's day off.

#### **Saturday 18**

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour  
10.00—12.00 Open Church

# A Service of Thanksgiving for Harvest

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

### Opening Responses

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

Let us rejoice and shout for joy, and give God the glory.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

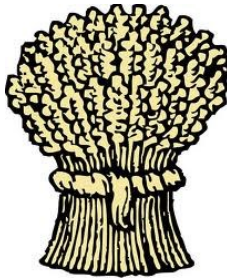
Lord of the harvest, we offer you our worship. We adore you and thank you for the beauty and the bounty of the world which you have made. Lord of the harvest, accept our offering of praise. Amen

**HYMN** NHWS 276 Praise, O praise our God and King

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

**ALL** We give you thanks  
We praise your holy name

**SING** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
holy is the Lord God almighty (X2)  
Who was and is and is to come  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy  
**Forgive us and help us**

May the God of love bring us back to himself forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

We say together the collect ( see front page)

**SING** Open our eyes to see what is hon'orable,  
open our minds to know what is true;  
give us the courage to know that reality  
comes to fruition by following you.



## READING

**Matthew 7: 7—12**

Our heavenly Father gives good gifts to his children

(after the reading Harvest Gifts are presented, these will be given to Stourbridge Food Bank and St Basil's Charity for the Homeless)

**HYMN** NHWS 104 God who's farm is all creation

## ADDRESS

**PRAYERS** (including the Lord's Prayer sung to the Caribbean tune)  
NHWS 263



### Welcome the newly baptised

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

**With the help of God we will.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

## THE PEACE

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**



Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**HYMN** NHWS 73 Fill your hearts with joy  
(during which the collection will be taken)

## THE BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

**HYMN** NHWS 78 For the fruits of his crea- tion

