

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney and Bishop Robert Gillies.

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of St James' Church Wollaston.

Bishop John:

Please pray for Robert Jones as he starts his new ministry as Archdeacon and for Archdeacon Nikki and Archdeacon's Secretary Kathy during this period of settling in.

Please pray for:

The leaders and decision makers led by Archdeacon Nikki as they reflect on the future and shape of ministry and mission in the Stourbridge Deanery.

Those living in:

Pebble Close and Rufford Road

Local Community:

The residents, staff and carers at Holly Croft Nursing Home.

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, Brenda Cadwallader, David Jackson, Kathleen Rogers, Angela Dixon, Roberta Farman, Alan Lowe 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, Margaret Pole, June O'Brien, Roy Green and Ethel James.

The departed:

Patricia Harris, Doreen Ryan, Margaret Brannon

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
7th December
2nd of Advent

8.00am	Communion (BCP)
10.00am	Worship Together
6.30pm	Evensong





St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 30th November 2014
Advent Sunday



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 P89

Sides: Nick Harbach

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

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Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Reader: Alice Fowler

Intercessions: Judith Nex

Sides: Mike & Janet Blaxland

Warden: Les Timms

Anthem: People look east—
Archer

Voluntary: Prelude—*Gigault*

Children Together:

Emma and Alison

6.30pm - Advent Carol Service

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Sue & Geoff Davies

Warden: Judy Hall

Voluntary: Prelude in C —*Bach*



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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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

Tuesday 2

2.00pm Funeral of Doreen Ryan

Thursday 4

10.30am Holy Communion in church

7.30pm Annual service for the licensing of Eucharistic Assistants and ALM at St Thomas' Church Stourbridge.

Friday 5

Stephen's day off

Saturday 6

10.00am Christmas Market

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

The New Testament Reading

1 Cor 1:3—9

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have
Faith
in
GOD

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

The Gospel Reading

Mark 13: 24-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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