

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Porvoo in Finland and Bishop Bjorn Vlkstrom. Also the Diocese of Kinkiizi in Uganda and Bishop Dan Zoreka.

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of St John's URC.

Bishop John:

Please pray for all those who will hear the Christmas story for the first time this year and that more people will understand the real meaning of Christmas

Please pray for:

Students and staff of our local schools as they come into church for their carol services.

Those living in:

Priory Road and Woodthorpe Drive

Local Community:

The residents, staff and carers at Oriel House

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, Agnes Mead, Steve Callow, Jayne Cariss

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 14th December 3rd of Advent		
8.00am	Communion (BCP)			
10.00am	Parish Communion			
4.30pm	Christingle Service			
6.30pm	Evensong			



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 7th December 2014
Second Sunday of Advent



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 P91

Sides: Roger King

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Worship Together

Toy Service

Sides: Iris Barrow and John Evans

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Reader: Jean Agnew

Music led by our music group.

The toys brought today will

be donated to the Dudley

Women's Refuge.



Collect for this week:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 8

9.30am OTB book team visiting Old Swinford Primary School.

Tuesday 9

11.30am Service of Holy Communion at Holly Croft

2.00pm Mothers' Union meeting in the Coach House.

Wednesday 10

Copy date for January magazine
Stephen's day off

Thursday 11

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 12

2.30pm OSH Carol Service in church

Saturday 13

10.00—12.00 Open Church

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

7.30pm GOt2Sing concert in church



We have a loop system installed in church. If you wear a hearing aid please turn it to the T position.



Christ our hope



Welcome, Notices and Lighting of the Advent Candle.

The Gathering



People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore; for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.



Lord make us one in the love of Christ, today and for ever. Amen

HYMN: - Come and join the celebration

Thanksgiving Prayer

to each prayer please respond: **We worship and adore you**

Confession

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God, who sent his son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever. Amen
We say together the collect (see front page)

The Proclamation

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40: 1—11

HYMN — Longing for light
Understanding the Prophecy (An activity)

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 1—8

How the prophesy applies to our lives. (Activity Part 2)

The
Word
of God

HYMN — See him lying on a bed of straw

Presentation of our gifts for Dudley Women's refuge.

Intercessions

Prayers of hope.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us....

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**



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.**

Peace

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and his name shall be called
the Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you. Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN— People look east (during which the collection will be taken)

The Blessing.

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

