

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Kuopio in Finland and Bishop Jari Jolkkonen. Also the Diocese of Kitgum in Uganda and Bishop Benjamin Ojwang.

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of St Michael and All Angels Norton

Bishop John:

Please pray for all at St Mary's CE Primary School Kingswinford and all our church schools who work hard to bring the Christmas story alive in different ways.

Please pray for:

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

Those living in:

Heath Lane and Crofters Close

Local Community:

The residents, staff and carers at Doveton 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, Agnes Mead, Steve Callow, Jayne Cariss

In memoriam:

Richard Harris (7.12.13)

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.



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 14th December 2014

Third 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 P93

Sides: Ian Nex

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Reader: John Sutton

Intercessions: Maggie Abbotts

Sides: Stan and Avril Williams

Warden: Maggie Abbotts

Anthem: On Jordan's Bank—*Archer Clark*

Children Together:

Helen and Russ

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Roy Peacock

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Dawn Nex

Warden: Ian Nex

Readers: Tina Mal 3:1-4;4 & Judith Phil 4: 4-7

Intercessions: Roy Peacock

Anthem: The truth from above—

Vaughan Williams

Voluntary: Prelude Set 2 No 2—Stanford



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:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday 16

11.00 am Visiting bellringers.

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the Narthex.

8.00pm CTIS singing carols at the Talbot Hotel Stourbridge.

Wednesday 17

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

7.00pm Oldswinford Primary School carol Service

Thursday 18

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 19

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 20

Church being decorated for Christmas

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

11.00—1.00pm Open house at the Rectory. Mulled wine and mince pies.

Please inform the clergy as soon as possible if you know of any illness or particular need within the congregation.

		NEXT SUNDAY 21st December 4th of Advent	
8.00am	Communion (BCP)		
10.00am	Parish Communion		
6.30pm	Evensong		

The New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5: 16—24

My brothers and sisters, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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



The Gospel Reading

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'

He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?'

He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.'

Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

"Make straight the way of the Lord",

as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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