

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Borg in Norway and Bishop Atle Sommerfeldt. Also the Diocese of Kontagora in Nigeria and Bishop Jonah Ibrahim.

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of St Peter's Church Pedmore.

Bishop John:

Please pray for the planning and practical arrangements for this year's Redditch Winter Shelter to go smoothly; for the provision of volunteers and resources especially food; for the Shelter Manager, Ben Rafiqi; and most importantly that God will again draw to the Shelter those who are most in need of the love and care which is offered.

Please pray for:

People who will miss family members this Christmas time either because they are away from home or because they have died during the year.

Those living in:

Melrose Avenue and Pear Tree Drive.

Local Community:

The What? Centre and the people that it serves.

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, Richard Ryan 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:

Ian Foxall, 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
28th December
The Holy Innocents

8.00am	Communion (BCP)
10.00am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Carols and Readings





St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 21st December 2014
Fourth 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 P95

Sides: Eve Evans

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

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Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj

Reader: Jeremy Morgan

Intercessions: Mike & Janet

Sides: Mavis & Betty

Warden: Judy Hall

Anthem: Let all mortal flesh
keep silence—*Cleobury*

Voluntary: Prelude in c —*Bach*

Children Together:

Helen and Russ Fowler

6.30pm - Service of Nine

Lessons and Carols.

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Sue and Geoff Davies

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson



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

Today's Collect:

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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

The parish office closes on Tuesday until Monday 5th January

Wednesday 24- Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service in Church

10.00pm First Communion of Christmas

Thursday 25 - Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

Friday 26—St Stephen

10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 27

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

11.00—1.00pm Open Church.

The New Testament Reading

Romans 16: 25—27

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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

Have
Faith
in
GOD

The Gospel Reading

Luke 1: 26—38

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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