

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Lagos West and Lagos Mainland in Nigeria and Bishops James Odedeji & Adebayo Akinde. Also the Diocese of Mikkell in Finland and Bishop Seppo Hakkinen.

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of Hanbury Hill Baptist Church

Bishop John:

Please pray for the churches in Bromsgrove as they continue to think of innovative ways to pray for and reach out to their local community.

Please pray for:

As we celebrate the turning of the year this week we give thanks for all the blessings the past year has brought us but we pray for those who can see no hope in the future. Pray that they will feel God's love and presence alongside them.

Those living in:

The Heathlands and Cranbourne Road

Local Community:

Russells Hall Hospital

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, Mavis Firkins, 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 and Ethel James.

The departed:

Ian Foxall, Agnes Mead, Vicky Waugh, Mary Gregory, Gwen Simkiss, Wilfred Lewis, Patricia Folkes, Roy Green, Beatrice Martin-Gazzard, David West

In memoriam:

Christina Webb (9.1.14) Ken Price (10.1.14)

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

11th January

The Baptism of Christ

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



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 4th January 2015

Second Sunday of Christmas



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 P102

Sides: Meriel Harris

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Reader: Jeremy Morgan

Intercessions: Peter Thomson

Sides: Jeremy and Pauline

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Anthem: Angel Tidings Rutter

Voluntary: Prelude in E Bach

Children Together:

Peter and Kathryn

Today's Collect:

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Roy Peacock

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Sue and Geoff Davies

Warden: Joan Barwick

Readers: Angela Price Isaiah 46: 3—13
Alec Beevers Rom12: 1—8

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: Bethlehem Down Warlock

Voluntary: Tuba Tune Lang



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

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6

7.30pm Standing Committee meeting

Thursday 8

10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 10

10.00—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00—12.00pm Open Church.

Copy date for February magazine. Please submit articles to the editors.

The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

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

The Gospel Reading

John 1: 1—9; 10—18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU O LORD

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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