

## INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

### **The World Church:**

The Diocese of Oulu in Finland and Bishop Samuel Salmi. Also the Diocese of Soer-Halogaland in Norway and Bishop Tor Berger Joergensen.

### **Churches Together:**

The congregation and leaders of Amblecote Methodist Church

### **Bishop John:**

Today is homelessness Sunday: God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless and cold especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship,

### **Please pray for:**

Those families who are feeling the loss of loved ones at this time. The work of the Stourbridge Foodbank. in supporting people in need.

### **Those living in:**

Chawn Hill and Chawn Hill Close.

### **Local Community:**

Those who use our Coach 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, 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:**

Vicky Waugh, Mary Gregory, Gwen Simkiss, Wilfred Lewis, Patricia Folkes, Roy Green, Beatrice Martin-Gazzard, David West, Rene Carradine and Barbara Lewis.

### **In memoriam:**

Pamela Hobman (20.1.14)

*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**

**25th January**

#### **The conversion of Paul**

8.00am Communion (BCP)  
10.00am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Evensong



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 18th January 2015  
The Second Sunday after Epiphany



A warm welcome to Revd Andrew Hazelwood, Revd Michael Willows and any other 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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

### **Our services today are as follows:**

#### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

Collect, Epistle, Gospel P111

**Sides:** Roger King

**President:** Revd Andrew Hazlewood

#### **10.00am - Parish Communion**

**President:** Revd Michael Willows

**Preacher:** Revd Michael Willows.

**Reader:** Christine Jones

**Intercessions:** Mike & Janet Blaxland

**Sides:** Mavis and Betty

**Warden:** Tony Tatford

**Anthem:** Far away what splendour comes? *Lully*

**Voluntary:** Bolero de concert

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**Children Together:**

Pauline and Les

#### **6.30pm - Evensong**

**Officiant:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Preacher:** Roy Peacock

**Sides:** Gill Tatler

**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson

**Readers:** Marjorie *Isaiah 60: 9—22*

& Gill *Hebrews 6: 17-7, 10*

**Intercessions:** Roy Peacock

**Anthem:** Star of the east *Bullard*

**Voluntary:** Elegy *Thalben-Ball*



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, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord 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 20**

11.00am Funeral in church followed by burial of Patricia Folkes.

2.10pm Funeral of Gwen Simkiss at the crematorium.

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House

#### **Wednesday 21**

1.15pm Memorial Service in church for Roy Green.

#### **Thursday 22**

10.30am Holy Communion service in church.

2.15pm Funeral service in church for Beatrice Rose Gazzard.

#### **Friday 23**

Stephen's day off

#### **Saturday 24**

10.00am—11.00am

Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm

Open Church

## The New Testament Reading

Rev 5: 1—10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

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

## The Gospel Reading

John 1: 43-51

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

### GLORY TO YOU O LORD

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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