

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Luwero in Uganda and Bishop Evans Kisekka. Also the Diocese of Elsinore in Denmark and bishop Lise-Lotte Rebel.

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of Gig Mill Methodist Church.

Bishop John:

On this Education Sunday please pray for all those within the Rivers Multi-Academy Trust, that the Christian ethos underpinning this can be shared across the wider community and that the schools will work together effectively to provide the highest quality of education for their pupils.

Please pray for:

Alfie Healey who is to be baptised today. We pray for his parents and God parents who will support him.

Those living in:

Love Lane and Oakleigh road

Local Community:

Those who work in our local shops in Old Swinford.

Among those who are ill:

Susan Haskew, Lesley Price, Anna Scudamore, William Bates, Rory Macintosh, Richard Tatler, Brian Norgrove, 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:

Gwen Simpkins, Patricia Folkes, Roy Green, Beatrice Martin-Gazzard, Renie Carradine, Nellie Lee and Barbara Lucas and as her ashes are interred Agnes Mead

In memoriam:

Barbara Allen (4.2.14)

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

8th February

2nd before Lent

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



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 1st February 2015

Candlemass



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 P255

Sides: Eve Evans

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Reader: Jean Rolfe

Intercessions: Peter Thomson

Sides: Iris and Sally

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Anthem: Drop, drop, slow tears
Gibbons

Voluntary: Entrée Pontificale *Bossi*

Children Together:

Helen & Russ

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Roy Peacock

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Sue and Geoff Davies

Warden: Maggie Abbotts

Readers: Maggie Hag 2: 1—9 & Liz
John 2: 18—22

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Anthem: Nunc Dimittis *Noble in b*

Voluntary: Romance sans Paroles
Bonnet



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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Monday 2 February

Parish Office closed today.

Tuesday 3

2.00pm Church Hall Committee Meeting

Parish Office open as normal today

Wednesday 4

7.30pm Baptism preparation

Thursday 5

10.30am Holy Communion service in church.

Friday 6

Stephen's day off

Saturday 7

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

6.00pm Visiting bellringers

Please feel free to take this pew sheet away and recycle.

This pew sheet is also available at www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk

The New Testament Reading

Heb. 2 :14—end

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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



Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 22—40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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