

## INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

### **The World Church:**

The Diocese of Maiduguri in Nigeria and Bishop Emmanuel Mani.

### **Churches Together:**

The congregation of Holy Trinity Amblecote and their Priest Revd Alan Williams

### **Bishop John:**

On the lead up to Valentines Day and as couples meet in Worcester Cathedral to renew their vows we pray for all married couples, that they will continue to offer their relationship to God in both the difficult and the joyful times.

### **Please pray for:**

Harry Gwyn Horgan and Ruby Rose Hickman who will be baptised within the next month and Alfie Healey who was baptised here last Sunday and welcomed at our 10.00am service today. We pray for all couples preparing to be married at St Mary's this year.

### **Those living in:**

Parkfield Road and Vauxhall Road.

### **Local Community:**

The Age Concern organisation who meet at the Mary Stevens Day Centre

### **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, and Noah Cantius.

### **Those in Residential and Nursing Home care:**

Sheila Westwood, Margaret Pole, June O'Brien and Ethel James.

### **The departed:**

Muriel Hallmark, Gwen Simpkins, Patricia Folkes, Roy Green, Beatrice Martin-Gazzard, Renie Carradine, Nellie Lee and Barbara Lucas.

*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**

**15th February**

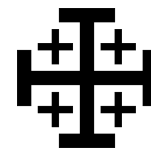
**Sunday before Lent**

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



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 8th February 2015  
Second Sunday before Lent



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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

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

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

Collect, Epistle, Gospel P123

**Sides:** Ian Nex

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

#### **10.00am - Worship Together**

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Sides:** John Evans & Sally Frost

**Warden:** Tony Tatford

Music led by our music group.



#### **Collect for this week:**

Almighty God you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image; teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### **DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

##### **Monday 9 February**

Open The Book Team visiting Old Swinford Primary School.

##### **Tuesday 10**

11.30am Holy Communion Service at Holly Croft

2.15pm Mothers' Union meeting in the Coach House.

##### **Wednesday 11**

7.30pm Deanery Synod meeting at St Michael's Norton.

##### **Thursday 12**

10.30am Holy Communion service in church.

##### **Friday 13**

Stephen's day off

##### **Saturday 14**

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church



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

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

This pew sheet is also available at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)



*'Let there be light'*



## Welcome and Notices

### Opening prayer

Loving God we have come to worship you.  
Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

HYMN - NHWS 227 Morning has broken

### Thanksgiving

*In response to the words 'Father in heaven' all say :*  
**We give you thanks and praise.**

### Confessing our sins

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in  
darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.  
In a dark and disfigured world we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

### Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal  
and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

We say together the collect (see front page)

### The Liturgy of the Word

**New Testament Reading** John 1: 1-14

*After the reading the reader says:* 'For the Word of the Lord'  
*All reply:* 'Thanks be to God'

HYMN— NHWS 45 Colours of day.



Address—Revd Stephen Agnew

HYMN — NHWS 344 We are marching in the light of God

Prayers: *In response to the words:* Merciful Father  
*We say:* **Renew our lives**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us....

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and  
ever. Amen.**



### Welcome the newly baptised

Faith is the gift of God to his people.  
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.  
People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their  
new life in Christ?

**With the help of God we will.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all  
baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the  
same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

### Peace

Jesus said: 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one  
another.' The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN—NHWS 210 **Lord, the light of your love is shining**  
(during which the collection will be taken)

### The Blessing.

Go in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

