Notices for the week beginning:

Sunday 15th February 2015

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on this page.

Confirmation

We are planning to hold Confirmation Classes during the Spring of this year for anyone, younger or older, who would like to join. For more information please speak to Stephen

Please sign the rota in the Narthex if you feel you are able to help out with our Open Church on a Saturday. This is a very important aspect of our outreach as we welcome people into the church.

There are still some 2015 diaries available at the back of church. These are supplied to us at no cost. Please help yourself.

The funeral service of Muriel Hallmark will take place at 2.50pm on Monday 2nd March at Stourbridge Crematorium. The service will be led by Revd Ruth Atkinson.

We are still collecting used postage stamps for the RNLI. Please place any stamps in the box at the back of church.



The Robin Woods library have provided a collection of books for Lent. They are on display in the Narthex. If you would like to borrow one please complete a lending slip.

Our Worship Together in March will be on Sunday 15th March as this is when we celebrate Mothering Sunday. There will be a special activity for children and small posies of flowers prepared for children to give to their mothers (of whatever age.!) We'd love to see you. Please make a note in your diary as this is the third Sunday in the month not the second which is when we usually hold our Worship Together Service.

Please note that work to trees at the front of church and in the churchyard will be taking place on Friday 20th February and Monday 23—Wednesday 25 February. Part of the church car park may

be unavailable on these days for contractors vehicles and footpaths will be closed for safety reasons.



We have a Facebook page. If you're a Facebook user and want to keep up to speed with events at St Mary's visit www.facebook.com/ StMarysChurchOldswinford.

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Our Lent Course this year will follow a short course developed by the Mission Development Officers for Worcester Diocese. The course reflects on the Church's engagement with society and how our Christian faith might inform our citizenship. The course has been designed to challenge our thinking prior to the General Election in May.

We are partnering with the congregation of St Thomas' Church, as we did last year, to share resources and fellowship. Hilary Savage the LLM attached to St Thomas' and Revd Stephen Agnew will lead the sessions.

The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings as follows:

24/2—A Good Life?

7.30pm in the narthex at St Mary's Led by Revd Stephen Agnew
3/3—A Good Society?
7.30pm in St Thomas' Church Hall Led by Revd Stephen Agnew
10/3—A Good Nation?
7.30pm in the narthex at St Mary's Led by Hilary savage
17/3—A Good Creation?

7.30pm in St Thomas' Church Hall Led by Hilary Savage 24/3—A Good Citizen?

7.30pm in the narthex at St Mary's Led by Revd Stephen Agnew

There are further details about this course on the Diocese Website www.cofe-worcester.org.uk

Thanks Everyone!
Packets of Savoury Rice Tinned Veg Ready Meals (eg macaroni cheese) Tinned Fish
Shortages this week are:
Thanks again everybody for all your donations. People are just so generous.
Hi Everyone
Message from the Food bank