

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Mbale in Uganda and Bishop Patrick Gidudu.

Churches Together:

Riverside Christian Fellowship.

Bishop John:

During this Fairtrade Fortnight please pray for all those who are involved in providing us with Fairtrade products; that the brand will continue to increase in popularity and that more lives will be transformed as a result.

Please pray for:

Harry Gwyn Horgan who is being baptised here today. Please pray for his parents and Godparents who will support him.

Those living in:

Greenfinch Road and Goldfinch Road

Local Community:

The students and staff of Red Hill School.

Among those who are ill:

Susan Haskew, Lesley Price, Anna Scudamore, William Bates, Rory Macintosh, Brian Norgrove, Cliff Day, Sally Taylor, Brenda Cadwallader, David Jackson, Kathleen Rogers, Angela Dixon, Roberta Farman, Alan Lowe, Mavis Firkins, Richard Ryan, Pam Scudamore, Robert James and Jill Kendrick.

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, Richard Tatler, Michael Woodall, and Noah Cantius.

Those in Residential and Nursing Home care:

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

The departed:

Patricia Harper. Muriel Hallmark.

May they know the peace and joy of God's Kingdom.

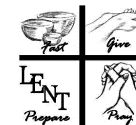
Please pray for families and friends of all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Please inform the clergy as soon as possible if you know of any illness or particular need within the congregation.



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 1st March 2015
The Second Sunday of 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

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

Collect, Epistle, Gospel P131

Sides: Roger King

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Reader: Audrey Tranter

Intercessions: Peter Thomson

Sides: Mavis Kynaston & Betty Parsons

Warden: Judy Hall

Anthem: Comfort O Lord —Crotch

Voluntary: Hyfrydol - Vaughan Williams

Children Together:

Emma and Alison

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Kanthi Ariaraj

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Sides: Dawn Nex

Warden: Ian Nex

Readers: Dawn Nex Gen 12: 1-9 & Ian Nex Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: Save us O Lord—Ingley

Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in F - Buxtehude



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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

10.00am OTB team presenting in Oldswinford Primary School.
2.00pm Flower Guild AGM in the narthex.
7.30pm Standing Committee meeting.

Tuesday 3

3.00pm Mission Committee Meeting
7.30pm Lent course (2)

Wednesday 4

3.00pm Holy Communion at Oriel House

Thursday 5

10.30am Holy Communion service .

Friday 6

Stephen's day off

Saturday 7

Marriage preparation day in the Coach House.

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

NEXT SUNDAY

8th March

Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

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

Romans 4: 13-25

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

The Gospel Reading

Mark 8: 31—38

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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