

## INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

### **The World Church:**

The Diocese of Meru in Kenya and Bishop Charles Mwendwa

### **Churches Together:**

The Quaker organisation in Stourbridge.

### **Bishop John:**

Please pray for all those organising and leading the Malvern Science and Faith weekend and for all those who will attend.

### **Please pray for:**

All our wedding couples who attended the marriage preparation day yesterday and will be married in St Mary's this year. Members of our church who will be attending the next full day of their ALM training next Saturday.

### **Those living in:**

Farlands Road and Corser Street

### **Local Community:**

The students and staff of Ham Dingle 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, and Robert James.

### **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:**

Muriel Hallmark and Jill Kendrick.

### **In memoriam:**

Martha Richards (12.3.14)

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

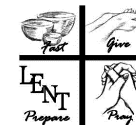
*Please pray for families and friends of all who mourn the loss of loved ones.*

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



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 8th March 2015  
The third 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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

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

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

Collect, Epistle, Gospel P133

**Sides:** Nick Harbach

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Reader:** Janet Hampson

**Intercessions:** Dawn & Ian Nex

**Sides:** Sally and Pauline

**Warden:** Malcolm Frost

**Anthem:** God be in my head —Rutter

**Voluntary:** Choral & Minuet -  
Boellmann

**Children Together:**

Russ and Lila

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

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Sides:** Gill Tatler

**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts

**Readers:** Gill Exodus 5: 1-6, 1 & Maggie  
Matthew 10: 16-22

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Anthem:** The secret of Christ—  
Shephard

**Voluntary:** Sortie in Eb - Lefebure Wely



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, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 10**

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Croft Nursing Home.

11.00am—12 noon

Visiting bellringers.

7.30pm Lent course (3)

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##### **Wednesday 11**

7.30pm Meeting for those involved with Messy Church.

##### **Thursday 12**

10.30am Holy Communion service

##### **Friday 13**

Stephen's day off

##### **Saturday 14**

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

15th March

#### **Mothering Sunday**

8.00am Communion (BCP)

10.00am Worship Together

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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)

## The New Testament Reading

1 Cor 1: 18—25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

## The Gospel Reading

John 2: 13—22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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