



HOLY WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Father in heaven, as your people prepare once more to follow the events of this Holy Week, may we be led by your spirit to deeper insights into your love and saving grace; that we may love you more and serve you better, for the sake of him who died for us and rose again, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday 29 March PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion to include a reading of the Passion narrative.
This service begins in the Church Hall with palm procession into Church.
6.30pm Evensong with sermon

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
6.30pm Meditation on the Passion with Compline.

Thursday 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.30am Holy Communion.
7.00pm Agape supper in the Church Hall

Friday 3 GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Walk of witness from St John's.
2.00pm Devotions at the foot of the cross.
7.30pm Choral Concert in church.

Saturday 4 HOLY SATURDAY

9.00am Church decoration.
10.00am Open church and vestry hour.
2.00pm Messy Church event for children in the Church Hall
1.00pm Wedding service in church

Sunday 5 EASTER DAY

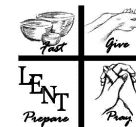
7.45am Holy Fire. The lighting of the Easter Candle.
8.00am Holy Communion.
10.00am Parish Communion.
3.00pm Baptisms
6.30pm Choral Evensong with sermon.



O Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, who on a Cross with wood and nails has wrought our salvation, wield well your tools in the workshop of your world, so that we, who come to you rough-hewn, may by you be fashioned according to your will; for the sake of your tender mercy. Amen



St Mary's Church Old Swinford



Sunday 15th March 2015 The fourth Sunday of Lent-Mothering Sunday



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 P135
Sides: Ian Nex
President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Family Worship

Together for Mothering Sunday

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew
Sides: John Evans & Pauline Pettet
Warden: Maggie Abbotts
Music led by our music group



Collect for this week:

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DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 16

10.00am OTB team visit Old Swinford Primary School.

1.30pm Y1 children from Ham Dingle Primary School visiting church.

Tuesday 17

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House
7.30pm Lent course (4)

Thursday 19

10.30am Holy Communion service
7.30pm Resources Committee Meeting in the Rectory.

Friday 20

Stephen's day off
1.30pm Y1 children from Ham Dingle Primary School visiting church.

Saturday 21

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.

Welcome and Notices

HYMN: - Fathers and Mothers t. Bunessan

1. Fathers and mothers
sisters and brothers
all those who love us,
for whom we care:
help and befriend them,
keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
this is our prayer.
2. And for those others,
fathers and mothers,
children who hunger,
they must be fed:
we would be caring,
readily sharing,
one with another
our daily bread.
3. Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
we who together
offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
may we walk with you
all of our days.

The Gathering

Praise God who loves us,
Praise God who cares.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Praise God who loves us,
Praise God who cares.

Praising and Thanking God (A large Candle is lit)

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness. **Blessed be God for ever.**
We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children. **Blessed be God for ever.**
We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children. **Blessed be God for ever.**
We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love, and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.
Blessed be God for ever.

INTERCESSIONS



Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Karstad in Sweden and Bishop Esbjorn Hagberg also the Diocese of Missouri USA and Bishop Wayne Smith

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of St James' Church Wollaston

Bishop John:

Please pray for the worship that is offered in the Diocese, that it might be inviting and transformative, and for Michael as he encourages reflection in deaneries and parishes.

Please pray for:

Members of our church who attended their ALM training yesterday.

Those living in:

The Crescent and Grange Road

Local Community:

The students and staff of Old Swinford Primary 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, Elian Irvine-Boden, 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:

Jill Rose.

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

22nd March

Lent 5

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

At the end of the distribution of flowers we all say this prayer.

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN— For the beauty of the earth t. England's Lane
(during which the collection will be taken)

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| 1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
<i>Lord of all to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.</i> | 2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light.
<i>Lord of all to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.</i> |
| 3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:
<i>Lord of all to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.</i> | 4. For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
<i>Lord of all to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.</i> |
| 5. For thy church which evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,
<i>Lord of all to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.</i> | |

The Blessing.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen



Confession

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Silence for reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.

We fail to live as your children.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We say together the collect

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Bible story Part 1 Hannah's sadness turns to joy

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| 1. Our Father God in heaven
On whom our world depends,
To you let praise be given
For families and friends;
For parents, sisters, brothers,
A home where love belongs,
But on this day for mothers
We bring our thankful songs. | 2. What wealth of God's bestowing
For all the world to share!
What strength of heart outgoing
To children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
A mother's path must trace,
And earth's unknown tomorrows
Are held in her embrace |
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3. How well we know the story
That tells of Jesus' birth,
The Lord of heaven's glory
become a child of earth;
A helpless infant sleeping,
yet King of realms above,
who finds in Mary's keeping
the warmth of human love.

4. Our Father God in heaven,
To you we lift our prayer,
That every child be given
Such tenderness and care,
Where life is all for others,
Where love your love displays:
For God's good gift of mothers
Let earth unite in praise!

Bible Story Part 2 Hannah gives thanks to God

Story



HYMN — He's got the whole world in his hands.

Chorus

*He's got the whole world, in His hand,
He's got the whole wide world, in His hands,
He's got the whole world, in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.*

1. He's got the wind and the rain in His hand. (*chorus*)
2. He's got the sun and the moon, in His hand. (*chorus*)
3. He's got the plants and the creatures, in His hand. (*chorus*)
4. He's got everybody here, in His hand. (*chorus*)

Prayers:

Please sit or kneel for a time of prayer and respond as follows

God of love **Hear our prayer.**

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, 'whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

As we have opportunity, let us work for good to all especially to members of the household of faith.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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



The distribution of posies during which we sing.....

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more.

It's just like a magic penny,
Hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it spend it and you'll have so many,
They roll all over the floor.

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away.
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