

Notices for the week beginning:

Sunday 29th March 2015

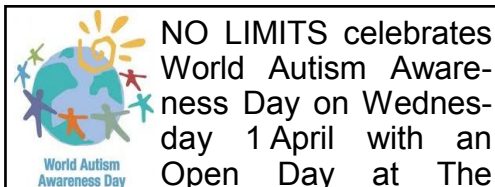
Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on this page.



We will be running a 'messy church' event next Saturday 4th April in our church hall between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Lots of fun things to do for children of all ages! To find out more visit messychurch.org.uk or follow the link from our Facebook page. Please let us know if you would like to come by speaking to Stephen or texting 07762250749

Foodbank Shortages this week are:

Fruit Juice
Tinned Meat
Tinned Fruit
Small bottles of shampoo (500ml or less please)
Deodorant (male and female)



NO LIMITS celebrates World Autism Awareness Day on Wednesday 1 April with an Open Day at The CoachHouse, 10.30am to 3.30pm. Come and enjoy free coffee and cake and learn more about Autism & NO LIMITS Community Project; working4autism.com.

CHURCH DECORATION

Any help you can offer with the preparation of church and floral decorations for Easter will be welcomed on Saturday 4 April from 9.00 am. Please sign the list at the back of church

A confirmation class for young people will follow the 10.00am service today in the Lady Chapel.

Don't forget our Tuesday Tea in the narthex this Tuesday afternoon 2.00pm—4.00pm. Do come along and bring a friend for some tea, and chat. All welcome.



In keeping with our usual practice the names of loved ones will be placed on the altar for the Easter period.

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers in memory of loved ones please place your donation in an envelope with the names of the person(s) being remembered and give it to Sally Frost or post it through the Rectory letter box.

These donations may be 'Gift Aided' if you are a UK tax payer. Should you wish to Gift Aid your donation please use one of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes found in the church pews and mark it clearly "For Easter Flowers."



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.



St Mary's Church Old Swinford

Sunday 29th March 2015
Palm 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 P139

Sides: Meriel Harris

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

10.00am - Parish Communion

The service begins in the church hall.

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Intercessions: Maggie Abbotts

Sides: Jeremy Morgan and Pauline Pettet

Warden: Maggie Abbotts

Anthem: Ride on—Ives

Voluntary: The Heavens declare the Glory of God - Marcello

Children Together:

Peter and Kathryn

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj

Sides: Sue and Geoff Davies

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson

Readers: Marjorie Ferguson *Isaiah 5: 1—7* & Liz Fourness *Mark 12: 1—12*

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Anthem: Hosanna to the Son of David—Hutchings

Voluntary: Litanies - Alain



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 and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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

Details of all services in church this week are shown separately

Monday 30

11.00am Chrism Service in Worcester Cathedral

Tuesday 31

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the narthex.

Wednesday 1

7.15pm Choir practice in church

Thursday 2

10.30am Holy Communion service

Saturday 4

10.00am—11.00am Vestry Hour

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

1.00pm Wedding of Abigail and Joseph

INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

The World Church:

The Diocese of Lund in Sweden and Bishop Johan Tyrberg. Also the Diocese of Jerusalem and Bishop Suheil Dawani.

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of St Peter's Pedmore

Bishop John:

Please pray for all our parishes and church schools who are providing innovative ways to tell the Easter Story to children across the Diocese.

Please pray for:

Joseph Clifton and Abigail Taylor who are being married in church next Saturday.

Those living in:

Dene Road and Glen Road

Local Community:

The residents, staff and carers of Holly Lodge Nursing Home.

Among those who are ill:

Susan Haskew, Lesley Price, Anna Scudamore, William Bates, Rory Macintosh, Brian Norgrove, 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.

In memoriam:

Colin Slater (4.4.14)

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.

NEXT SUNDAY 5th April Easter Sunday

7.45am Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion
3.00pm Baptisms
6.30pm Choral Evensong



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.
The guided meditation will contain periods of silence and reflection after which will follow the service of Compline.

Thursday 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.30am Holy Communion.
7.00pm Agape supper in the Church Hall.
Please sign the list if you wish to attend.

Friday 3 GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Walk of witness from St John's URC in Stourbridge
2.00pm Devotions at the foot of the cross.
7.30pm Service of readings and music for Good Friday.

Saturday 4 HOLY SATURDAY

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

Sunday 5 EASTER DAY

6.00am Sunrise service at the Four Stones on Clent
7.45am Holy Fire. The lighting of the Easter Candle at St Mary's
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

