

## INTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

### **The World Church:**

The Diocese of New Jersey in the USA and Bishop William Stokes

### **Churches Together:**

The congregation and leaders of Amblecote Methodist Church

### **Bishop John:**

Please pray for all those who are involved in the allocation and collection of parish share and for everyone in our congregations who give generously to resource the Church in mission and ministry in Worcestershire and Dudley.

### **Please pray for:**

The leaders and members of all our children's organisations. Children Together, Youth Club, Choir and Noah's Ark. Also the members of our Open The Book Team who visit Old Swinford Primary School to share the message of the Bible.

### **Those living in:**

Church Road and Castle Grove.

### **Local Community:**

The students and staff of Stourbridge College.

### **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, Elian Irvine-Boden, Robert James, Judy Taylor, Judith Dickens and Agnes Wooldridge.

### **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:**

Edward Anthony Waldron, June Furley and Mary Cooper.

*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**

**3rd May**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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



## St Mary's Church Old Swinford

**Sunday 26th April 2015**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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 P186

**Sides:** Meriel Harris

**Celebrant:** Revd Stephen Agnew

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Reader:** Liz Fourness

**Intercessions:** John Sutton

**Sides:** Jeremy and Sally

**Warden:** Judy

**Anthem:** A Gaelic blessing —Rutter

**Voluntary:** Festival Toccata-  
Fletcher

**Children Together:**

Emma and Alison

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

**Officiant:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Sides:** Marjorie

**Warden:** Judy Hall

**Readers:** Judy Exodus 16: 4-15 &  
Marjorie Rev 2: 12-17

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Anthem:** God is living —Bach

**Voluntary:** Solemn melody - Davies



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 Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Tuesday 28**

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the narthex  
7.30pm Standing Committee meeting.

#### **Wednesday 29**

11.30 Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

#### **Thurs 30**

10.30am Holy Communion  
7.30pm Coach House Committee meeting

#### **Friday May 1**

Stephen's day off.

#### **Saturday 2**

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour  
10.00—12.00 Open Church

## The New Testament Reading

Acts 4: 5—12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

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

*I am  
the Good Shepherd*

*John 10:11*



## The Gospel Reading

John 10: 11—18

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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