

## theirINTERCESSIONS

Please remember in your prayers...

### **The World Church:**

The Diocese of Gothenburg in Sweden and Bishop Per Eckerdal.  
Also the Diocese of Ngbo in Nigeria and Bishop Christian Ebisike.

### **Churches Together:**

The congregation and leaders of Gig Mill Methodist Church

### **Bishop John:**

Please pray for all those involved in the renovation of Bayton Church and for all those parishes currently trying to improve their buildings.

### **Please pray for:**

The people of Nepal and for aid agencies that are assisting in bringing relief. Politicians and voters as we run our general election this week.

### **Those living in:**

Stepping Stones and Bedcote Place

### **Local Community:**

The What? Centre.

### **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:**

June Furley, Lilian Joan Waldron and Mary Cooper. And as their ashes are interred Harry and Mavis Yates.

### **In memoriam:**

Annie Stevens (6.5.14)

*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**

**10th May**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Communion (BCP)  
10.00am Worship Together  
6.30pm Choral Evensong



## St Mary's Church Old Swinford

**Sunday 3rd May 2015**  
**Fifth 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 P188

**Sides:** Eve Evans

**Celebrant:** Revd Stephen Agnew

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Reader:** Jean Rolfe

**Intercessions:** Judith Nex

**Sides:** Mavis Kynaston & Betty Parsons

**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts

**Anthem:** God be in my head —Wilby

**Voluntary:** Toccata- Dubois

**Children Together:**

Peter & Kathryn Hancox

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

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Sides:** Gill Tatler

**Warden:** Joan Barwick

**Readers:** Alec Beevers *Isaiah 60: 1—14* & Angela Price *Rev 3: 1-13*

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Anthem:** A Clare benediction —Rutter

**Voluntary:** Marche Anglaise - Clark



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, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen**

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday 4**

Bank Holiday. Parish Office closed today

#### **Tuesday 5**

10.00am Visit by Y2 children from Old Swinford Primary School

#### **Wednesday 6**

13.00pm Holy Communion at Oriel House

#### **Thursday 7**

**General Election**—church hall being used all day as a polling station.

10.30am Holy Communion

#### **Friday 8**

Stephen's day off.

#### **Saturday 9**

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

10.00—12.00 Open Church

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

Acts 8: 26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

## The Gospel Reading

John 15: 1—8

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

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

