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7.30PM - 28TH AUGUST
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
OLDSWINFORD
STOURBRIDGE
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The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 16th August 2015 Trinity II



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.

We have a loop system installed in church. If you wear a hearing aid please turn it to the T position. If you would like to find out 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

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle, Gospel P222

Sides: Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Mavis Kynaston and Betty Parsons

Reader: Jean Agnew

Intercessions: Peter Thomson

Children Together: Pauline Pettet and Les Timms

Voluntary: Gaudeamus – Campbell

6.30pm - Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj

Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex

Readers: Dawn Nex—Exodus 2: 23-3.10 & Ian Nex Hebrews 13: 1-15

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Responses: Ingley

Setting: Sumsion in A

Anthem: O thou the central Orb - Wood

Voluntary: Postlude Set2 No 6 - Stanford

Our next messy church event will be on Saturday 29th August in the church hall. There will be activities and fun for all children, parents, grandparents, carers plus an informal act of worship.

As part of the afternoon we share a light meal together so please let us know that you are coming by texting 07762 250749 with the name and age of the child attending.

Please note: Your child must be accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to seeing you.

Please send any notices or information for the pewsheet to the Parish Office by 12 noon on a Wednesday. Send to st.mary.os@btconnect.com or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

Please feel free to take this pew sheet away and recycle.

This pew sheet is also available at www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk

Collect for this week:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure: 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

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 5: 15-20

Brothers and sisters, be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

What's going on?

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY August 23 12th Sunday after Trinity

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

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 17

5.30pm St Mary's choir singing Evensong in Worcester Cathedral. Last date for notifying John of any dates of unavailability on the next service rota.

Tuesday 18

2.00pm Tea in the Coach House

Thursday 20

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 21

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 22

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour
10.00—12.00 Open Church

John is currently preparing the next service rota which will run from 6/9/15 – 3/1/16. Please let him know by 17/9 of any dates that you know of when you will not be available during this time. The new rota should be available on Sunday 23rd August.



Jean and Stephen have kindly offered to provide cream teas in the Rectory on Thursday 27th August at 2.30pm. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to come so that they know how many to cater for.

On Sunday 13th September at 6.30pm the five people from St Mary's who have completed their **ALM** training this year will be licensed by Bishop John in Worcester Cathedral. We would encourage as many people as possible to support these five members of our congregation as they celebrate their achievement and begin their ministry serving the people within the parish and congregation of St Mary's. There will **NOT** be an evening service at St Mary's on this Sunday as we join others in the Cathedral for this special service. Transport will be provided for those who need it. Further details about transport arrangements will follow.

ALMtraining
being a community learning to serve

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Ruvuma in Tanzania and Bishop Dr Maternus Kapinga. Also the Diocese of Stockholm in Sweden and Bishop Eva Brunne.

Churches Together:

Gig Mill Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray for.....

Dennis and Margaret Bluck and their family and give thanks for the dedication they have shown to Grafton Flyford Church over 55 years.

The work of St Mary's.....

Junior-Joel Gorton who is being baptised today. We pray for his parents and Godparents who will support him on his Christian journey. Revd David Knight as he begins his ministry as Hospice Chaplain. Revd Andrew Sillis as he prepares to take up his post as Priest in charge at St Thomas's Church in Stourbridge.

Those living in:

Birmingham Street and Mount Street

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, Paul Whyley, Harold White, Ivan Partridge and Pamela Peacock.

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, June O'Brien and Ethel James.

The departed:

Kenneth Willocks and Elsie Noons

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.

The Gospel Reading

John 6: 51-58

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

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading **Exodus 2: 23—3:10**

During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. ²So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

Moses and the Burning Bush

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.”

At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 13: 1—15

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?”

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.