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**7.30PM - 28TH AUGUST**  
**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**  
**OLDSWINFORD**  
**STOURBRIDGE**  
**DY8 2HQ**

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 pewsheets to the Parish Office by 12 noon on a Wednesday. Send to [st.mary.os@btconnect.com](mailto:st.mary.os@btconnect.com) or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

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## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 23rd August 2015 Trinity 12



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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

Our services today are as follows:

### 8.00am - Holy Communion

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle, Gospel P224

**Sides:** Ian Nex

### 10.00am - Parish Communion

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** John Evans & Marilyn Thomson

**Reader:** Audrey Tranter **Intercessions:** John Sutton

**Children Together:** Emma and Alison

**Voluntary:** Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Her – Bach

### 6.30pm - Evensong

**Officiant:** Kanthi Ariaraj **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Alec Beevers

**Readers:** Peter Thomson—*Joshua 24: 1—2a, 14—18* & Alec Beevers *Ephesians 6: 10—20*

**Intercessions:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Voluntary:** Prelude - *Gigault*

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### Collect for this week:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 6: 10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

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## 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 30 12th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Communion(BCP)  
10.00am Parish  
                    Communion  
3.00pm Baptisms  
6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Tuesday 25

11.00am—12 noon Visiting bell-ringers.

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the narthex.

#### Wednesday 26

2.15pm Funeral service of Kenneth Willocks in church

#### Thursday 27

10.30am Holy Communion in church

2.30pm Cream teas in the rectory.

#### Friday 28

1.00pm Funeral of David Robertson

7.30pm Concert in church

#### Saturday 29

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

10.00—12.00 Open Church

12 noon wedding of Claire and John

2.00pm Messy Church in the church hall

Hard copies of the new service rota for 6/9/15—3/1/16 are available today at the back of church. Please remember to inform John if you need to make any swaps or changes.



Jean and Stephen have kindly offered to provide cream teas in the Rectory this 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.

We are making a collection towards a leaving gift for Will Peart who begins his post as Organ Scholar at Gloucester Cathedral next month. Please give any donations to the warden on duty.

On Sunday 13th September at 6.30pm, Marjorie Ferguson, Sue Tatford, Roger King, Elaine Bradford and Sophie Truelove, who have completed their **ALM** training this year, will be licensed by Bishop John in Worcester Cathedral. 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. There is a list at the back of church for people to sign either if they can offer a lift or would like a lift.

**ALM**training  
being a community learning to serve

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**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Aarhus in Denmark and Bishop Kjeld Holm

**Churches Together:**

Holy Trinity Church Amblecote.

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

The team at St Clements Church in Worcester and for all those who attend their Saturday tea parties.

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

John Walters and Claire Langford who will be married here next Saturday. Those who will be leading and attending our messy church event next Saturday. 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:**

Glasshouse Hill and Linden Close

**Local Community:**

The Ark.

**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, Richard Ryan, Elian Irvine-Boden, Robert James, Judy Taylor, Paul Whyley, Ruth Hardy, Ray Tolley, Ivan Partridge and Pamela Peacock.

**We continue to pray for:**

Sanchia Farman, Eleanor Hill, Lennon Southall, Vicky Croydon, Martin Aston, Jonathan Bryan, 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, David Robertson 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: 56-69

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

Jesus said to the crowd: '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.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.'

For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

## **Post Communion Prayer:**

God of all mercy, In this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Readings for our 6.30pm service.**

### **The Old Testament Reading**

**Joshua 24: 1—2a, 14—18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people,

‘Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.’

Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land.

Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.’

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