

A member of the Street Pastor Team will be preaching at our 10.00am service on November 22nd.

## Invite you to our annual AGM and Commissioning Service

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 7:30PM

AT NEW ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

REFRESHMENTS AT 8:30PM FREE PARKING AVAILABLE ARGUS  
CAR PARK BY THE CHURCH

Celebrate with us 6 years of volunteer patrols in Stourbridge and welcome our new recruits on to the street pastor team.



RSVP Please to Alison Underwood Co ordinator

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Stourbridge  
Street Pastors



## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 30th August 2015 Trinity 13



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 P225

**Sides:** Paul Turner

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

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

**Warden:** Judy Hall **Sides:** Mike & Janet Blaxland

**Reader:** Jeremy Morgan **Intercessions:** Mike & Janet Blaxland

**Children Together:** Emma and Alison

**Voluntary:** Sonata 4 (1st Movement) – Rheinberger

### **6.30pm - Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Judy Hall **Sides:** Richard Hall

**Readers:** Richard Hall—Song of Solomon 2: 8—13 & Judy Hall  
James 1: 17—27

**Intercessions:** Roger King

**Voluntary:** Fugue in F - Bach

### CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXHOLDERS

It's that time of year again! If you have a box will you please let us have it so we can count the contents and return it to you.


There are a few ways to do this-

1. Wait for your usual collector to contact you and visit at home.

2. Bring the box to church on Saturday September the 19th or September 26th 10am - 12 midday. I will be available to count and return the box, while you have a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake. Also there will be someone available at the Thursday services on Sept 17th & 24th and October 1st

3. Just bring your box to a Sunday service in church after September 19th. We had a wonderful response last year which I hope we can repeat. Thank you all for your support Maggie Abbotts

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](mailto:st.mary.os@btconnect.com) or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

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

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## Collect for this week:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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

James 1: 17—27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*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 September 6th 14th Sunday after Trinity

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

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday 31

Bank Holiday—Parish Office closed

#### Tuesday 1st September

The Albion Foundation working in the churchyard all day.

#### Thursday 3

10.30am Holy Communion in church led by Revd Martin Soar

#### Saturday 5

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour  
10.00—12.00 Open Church

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.

The new Diocesan Prayer Diaries, which cover September through to November, have arrived and are available today. Please take one home to use in your daily prayer and feel free to take an extra copy for anybody else who you feel would like to use one.

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 Sebel in Uganda and Bishop Paul Masaba. Also the Diocese of Espoo in Finland and Bishop Tapio Luoma.

**Churches Together:**

New Road Methodist Church

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

All those organising and taking part in Ride and Stride this year and for all those who will help to ensure their church is open with information and refreshments for those visiting.

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

John Walters and Claire Langford who were married here yesterday. Molly Jayne Proudman, Ellie-May Pickering and Oliver John Boden who will all be baptised here later today. 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:**

Hall Street and Crauford Street.

**Local Community:**

Residents and staff of Russells Hall Hospital.

**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 and Ivan Partridge.

**We continue to pray for:**

Sanchia Farman, Eleanor Hill, Lennon Southall, Vicky Croydon, Martin Aston, Jonathan Bryan, 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 David Robertson.

*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**

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

#### **The Old Testament Reading**

Song of Solomon 2: 8—13

Listen! My beloved!

Look! Here he comes,  
leaping across the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look! There he stands behind our wall,  
gazing through the windows,  
peering through the lattice.

My beloved spoke and said to me,  
“Arise, my darling,  
my beautiful one, come with me.

See! The winter is past;  
the rains are over and gone.

Flowers appear on the earth;  
the season of singing has come,  
the cooing of doves  
is heard in our land.

The fig tree forms its early fruit;  
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.

Arise, come, my darling;  
my beautiful one, come with me.”

### **The New Testament Reading**

James 1: 17—27

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.