

## PASTORAL CARE AT ST MARY'S

If you are able to join the team of people available to contact/visit and provide some support for those who would welcome this, please provide your preferred contact details below.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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TELEPHONE .....

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Email if available .....

I would like to be included in the team, supporting those in need and am happy to be contacted as above.

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If you already visit someone and feel it appropriate for this to be recorded with the Pastoral Care team please give details below if this person has agreed to being included in our records.

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I will continue with this arrangement and will advise the team if other support is required.

## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 6th September 2015 Trinity 14



*A warm welcome to Revd David Knight and any other 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 David Knight

Please see overleaf for today's readings. **Sides:** Paul Turner

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

**President:** Revd David Knight **Preacher:** Revd David Knight

**Warden:** Les Timms **Sides:** Jeremy Morgan & Marilyn Thomson

**Reader:** Christine Day **Intercessions:** Judith Nex

**Anthem:** Drop, drop slow tears—Gibbons

**Children Together:** Emma and Pauline

**Voluntary:** Eternity thou word of power – Karg-Elert

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

**Officiant:** Roger King **Preacher:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Warden:** Judy Hall **Sides:** Alec Beevers

**Readers:** Alec Beevers —Exodus 14: 5—31 & Judy Hall Matt 6:  
1—18

**Intercessions:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Anthem:** From the rising of the sun—Ouseley

**Voluntary:** The heavens declare the glory of God - Marcello

### Collect for this week:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

James 2: 1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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### **AUTHORISED LAY MINISTRY AT ST MARY'S—AN UPDATE**

Marjorie Ferguson, Sophie Truelove and Sue Tatford are three of the five people from St Mary's Church who have recently completed the Authorised Lay Ministry course run by the Diocese of Worcester. With Elaine Bradford whose focus was 'Children and Youth' and Roger King who has focussed on 'Worship', the focus of our course was 'Pastoral Care'. All five of us will be licensed by Bishop John at the 6.30 pm service in Worcester Cathedral on 13 September.

The 'Pastoral Care' course directed us to concentrate on aspects of caring for others, especially visiting people in their homes, care homes, in hospital or hospice, with an awareness of the needs of the unwell, the bereaved, people who are elderly, lonely and needy. The ALM aspect is an attempt by the Diocese to provide parish-wide teams to ensure a need is recognised and met, whether it involves visiting, running errands, providing lifts or perhaps just being at the end of the phone.

To achieve this at St Mary's we hope to become aware of all those people who may benefit from a contact, a visit or some help. Clearly, there are many people who already undertake this role and do it well. Thank you. These informal arrangements are invaluable and are not somewhere we wish to intrude. It will be very helpful for us to know these links and to be available to assist if the need arises. We will be guided by you should any further help be appropriate.

If you are able to join us in this venture with news of a need or a willingness to visit others, please speak to one of us or leave us a note. If you already help someone please let us know who and how.

Marjorie 07860 725870 Sophie 07591 631125 Sue 07974316622

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The Black Country Foodbank helps vulnerable individuals and families in crisis through the provision of 3 days emergency food supplies while a longer-term solution is developed. The services they provide have an enormous impact on the people who use them, giving them an important breathing space at a time of great need. The organisation started in June 2006, and is a Christian-based charitable organisation set up to feed local people experiencing real hardships by meeting their most basic need for food.



Below is a list of some of the items that they are always happy to receive: Milk (UHT or powder), cereal, Tin/carton or packet soups, Pasta/cooking sauces, pasta/rice/cous cous, tin/carton rice/sponge pudding, tinned vegetables, tea bags, baby foods/milk, sugar, healthy snacks (raisins, Apricots etc),

Please leave any donations in the boxes at the back of church and we will ensure that they are taken to the warehouse for distribution each week. *Thank you for your support.*

#### 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 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.

## The Gospel Reading

Mark 7:24-37

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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

## Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostle's teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 14: 5—31

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!” So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.” Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind

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 plan to have a churchyard working party on Saturday 26th September. We have worked hard to keep the churchyard looking tidy and cared for this year and would like to carry out some final tidying and clearing before the growing season ends. If you can give any time between 10.00am and 3.00pm on this Saturday please come along and give us a hand. If you can bring any tools, including mowers and trimmers, that would be even better but if not just turn up and we’ll share what tools we have.



We are still collecting used postage stamps for the RNLI. Please place any stamps in the box at the back of church.



Coming up....

**Tuesday September 22**

7.30pm Meeting for those interested and willing to help with this year's Christmas Market

**Saturday 26**

10.00am—3.00pm Churchyard working party day.

**Sunday September 27**

Visit by Bishop John to our 10.00am service for a service of confirmation.

**Saturday October 3**

Harvest supper in the church hall

**Sunday October 4**

10.00am Harvest celebration

**Saturday October 10**

All Together day in Worcester Cathedral. (See article in our September magazine for further details)

**Saturday October 17**

3.00pm—5.00pm Messy Church event in church.



## 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 13th 15th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Communion (BCP)  
10.00am Worship Together  
3.00pm Licensing of Revd  
Andrew Sillis to St Thomas'  
Church Stourbridge.  
6.30pm ALM licensing service  
in Worcester Cathedral.  
**NO EVENSONG AT  
ST MARY'S.**

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Wednesday 9

7.00pm Special ringing to celebrate HM The Queen as the longest serving Monarch.

#### Thursday 10

Copy date for October magazine. Please pass on any articles to the editors.

10.30am Holy Communion in church led by Revd Martin Soar

#### Saturday 12

Worcester Diocese Ride and Stride day.

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

10.00—12.00 Open Church

2.30pm The wedding of Carl and Sarah.

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.



We have a Facebook page. If you're a Facebook user and want to keep up to speed with events at St Mary's visit [www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).

Next Sunday 13th September at 6.30pm, **ALMtraining** 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.

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them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.



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## The New Testament Reading

### Matthew 6: 1—18

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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

#### **The World Church:**

The Diocese of Turku in Finland and Archbishop Karl Mäkinen with Bishop Kaarlo Kalliala.

#### **Churches Together:**

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church

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

Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II as she becomes our longest reigning monarch. We give thanks for her service, dedication to duty and strong faith. “Long may she reign”

#### **The work of St Mary’s.....**

Carl and Sarah who will be married here next Saturday. 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:**

Yarnborough Hill and Linden Close

#### **Local Community:**

The staff and all who work at the Corbett Medical 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, Richard Ryan, Elan Irvine-Boden, Robert James, Judy Taylor, Paul Whyley, Ruth Hardy, Gail Johnson, 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, David Robertson and Andrew Chamberlain

*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.*