

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.

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.

NAME

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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 13th September 2015 Trinity 15



*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 and Gospel P230 **Sides:** Meriel Harris

10.00am - Worship Together

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Pauline Pettet and Sally Frost

Reader: Sally Frost

Music provided by our music group.



**There is no Evensong at St Mary's today.
We join others in Worcester Cathedral at 6.30pm to support Marjorie, Sue, Roger, Elaine and Sophie who have completed their Authorised Lay Minister training.**

The Future and the Past
(As we start a new school year we give thanks for
the faithful service of Queen Elizabeth II)

HYMN NHWS 204 Lord for the Years

INTRODUCTION

This is the day which the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.** Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples. We ask for your mercy and your help.

Our selfishness betrays you: Lord, forgive us. **Christ, have mercy.**

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:

Lord, forgive us. **Christ, have mercy.**

We run away from those who abuse you:

Lord, forgive us. **Christ, have mercy.**

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:

Lord, forgive us: **Christ, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord, **For he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

And in our song will we praise our God.

*A Prayer of Thanksgiving is said followed by: **Blessed be God for ever.***

HYMN NHWS 88 Give thanks with a grateful heart

READING Philippians 2: 1—11

(We are to express our love for each other by our service)



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 authorised 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

Message from the Foodbank

Hi Everyone. We are back in the throws of collecting and delivering food. The summer is a tricky time for us in terms of donations. We are low on quite a few items so the shortages list is long. Please be encouraged to help us fill the shelves and in turn help our local communities. Thank you.



SHORTAGES

Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Breakfast Cereal, low sugar, small boxes, Coffee (small jars), Tinned Fruit (preferably in fruit juice) Biscuits, Jam/Marmalade, Instant noodles
Deodorant (male and female), Shampoo
Shaving Foam (male), Toothpaste, Shower Gel

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

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HYMN Sent by the Lord am I (on sheet)

PRAYERS

Response: Hear us, Father: **and send your Spirit.**



The Lord's Prayer set to music by Julian Wiener
NHWS 264

Welcome to the newly baptised

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God we will.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

PEACE

Jesus said, 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'



The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN 240 NHWS O God Beyond all Praising
(during which the collection will be taken)

THE BLESSING

May God keep you in all your days.
May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.
May the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen



We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of South Dakota in the USA and Bishop John Tarrant. Also the Diocese of Ribe in Denmark and Bishop Elob Westergaard.

Churches Together:

Riverside Christian Fellowship and it's Pastor Alan Taylor.

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

All those who will become ALMs this evening and for Peter Seward as he is awarded the Wulfstan Cross.

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

Carl and Sarah who were married here yesterday. Will and Caroline who will be married here next Saturday. Revd Andrew Sillis as he begins work as Priest in charge at St Thomas's Church in Stourbridge. Marjorie, Sue, Sophie, Roger and Elaine who will be authorised as Lay Ministers today.

Those living in:

Grange Lane and Sandyacre Way

Local Community:

The Coach House. Those who use it and those who help to run it.

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, Gail Johnson, Carter McCullagh, 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:

Andrew Chamberlain

In memoriam

Olive May Probert (16.9.14)

May they know the peace and joy of God's Kingdom

Please pray for 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.

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 20th 16th Sunday after Trinity

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

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 14

10.30am OTB planning meeting in the Rectory.

7.30pm Standing Committee meeting.

Tuesday 15

11.30am Service of Holy Communion at Holly Croft

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House.

Thursday 17

10.30am Holy Communion.

Saturday 19

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

10.00—12.00 Open Church

2.00pm Wedding of Caroline and Will.

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 strimmers, that would be even better but if not, just turn up and we'll share what tools we have.



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.

Could you help steward during open church on a Saturday? This is a very important role as we welcome visitors to the church and make them feel comfortable. Please sign the list at the back of church if you feel you are able to help. Thank you.