



## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 27th September 2015 Trinity 17



*A warm welcome to Bishop John 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 Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P233 **Sides:** Paul Turner

#### **10.00am - Parish Eucharist with Baptism & Confirmation**

**President:** Bishop John **Preacher:** Bishop John

**Warden:** Tony Tatford **Sides:** Marilyn Thomson & Sue Tatford

**Reader:** Joan Ram **Intercessions:** Mike Blaxland

**Anthem:** Ave verum —Mozart

**Children Together:** Russ and Helen Fowler

**Voluntary:** Sonata No 4 (1st Movement) – Rheinberger

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

**Officiant:** Roger King

**Warden & Sides:** Judy Hall

**Readers:** Richard Hall —Exodus 24 & Judy Hall Matt 9: 1—8

**Intercessions:** Roger King

**Anthem:** Litany to the Holy Spirit—Hurford

**Voluntary:** Fugue in c - JS Bach

### Workshops / Activities include:

#### Prayer in the Crypt:

- ✓ Praying with children
- ✓ Taizé
- ✓ Lectio Divina
- ✓ Creative Prayer

#### Ways to reach out to the community:

- ✓ Pray One for Me
- ✓ Street Pastors
- ✓ Fresh Expressions of Church
- ✓ Contacting new homes

#### Children's Tent:

- ✓ Open the book
- ✓ Storytelling
- ✓ Puppets
- ✓ Godly Play
- ✓ Craft activities

#### As well as:

- ✓ Offering your time and talents to God
- ✓ Understanding faculties
- ✓ Transforming your building for Mission
- ✓ Being a dementia friendly church
- ✓ Music with no musicians
- ✓ Encouraging discipleship
- ✓ Sharing stories of calling

#### Youth activities:

- ✓ Wychavon Youth Bus
- ✓ Kempsey Skate ramp
- ✓ Climbing wall

... and loads more !



Book now via your Vicar or PCC Secretary or contact

[AllTogether@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:AllTogether@cofe-worcester.org.uk)

### Collect for this week:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you; pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 5: 13– 20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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



**FREE Day Event for all**  
Food provided free, courtesy of a charitable trust

**Saturday 10 October 2015**  
**Worcester Cathedral**

- ✓ Practical workshops, activities and talks
- ✓ Lots for people of all ages
- ✓ Come and have fun, as well as be inspired and resourced about being Kingdom People
- ✓ Worship together as a diocese including an all age talk by Mark Russell, CEO of the Church Army and a Canon of Worcester



Breakfast available from 9.30am

10.15am – 3.30pm including lunch & afternoon tea with homemade cake



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### Message from the Foodbank

Thank you for all the donations this week. We are particularly low on fruit juice and UHT Milk because these items go into everyone's parcel. The other items that go into the food parcels can vary but UHT milk and Fruit Juice are essential items that everyone receives. Please keep donating! Thank you.



### SHORTAGES

Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit (preferably in fruit juice)

Deodorant (male and female), Shampoo

Shaving Foam (male),

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.

Frank is doing another sponsored walk this year in aid of the No Limits charity. The 44 mile walk will take place next weekend the 2—4th October. If you would like to sponsor Frank there is a form at the back of church.



There are some 2016 diaries at the back of church. These are generously donated to us at no cost. Please help yourself if you would like one.

We will be holding our harvest supper next Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm in the church hall. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to join us.

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.

### The Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-50

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

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

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

### Post Communion Prayer:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This pew sheet is also available at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

## In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
  
2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied,  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.
  
3. There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

## What's going on?

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

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

October 4

18th Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Festival

8.00am Communion(BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 29**

2.30pm Tuesday Tea

**Wednesday 30**

11.00am Visiting bellringers

7.30pm Resources committee meeting.

**Thursday 1 October**

10.30am Holy Communion.

**Friday 2**

Stephen's day off.

Parish office is closed today.

**Saturday 3**

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

10.00—12.00 Open Church

7.30pm Harvest supper in the church hall.

The church is being decorated for our harvest celebration next Saturday morning between 10.00am and 12 noon. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to help or speak to Sally Frost.

There is a list at the back of church to sign if you would like to go to the All Together day in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 10th October. Please indicate if you would like a lift or can offer a lift. Further details about this event can be found in the September issue of the Parish Magazine and at the back of this pewsheet.

If you would like to donate items at our harvest services next Sunday then please bring dried or packet food as the items will be donated to the Stourbridge Foodbank and the St Basil's Home for the homeless in Kidderminster.



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](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).



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

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Spokane in the USA with Bishop James Waggoner.  
Also the Church of Greenland and Bishop Sofie Petersen.

**Churches Together:**

St James' Church Wollaston. It's leaders and congregation.

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

all who are involved in the new Germinate project and for those who are members of our rural churches.

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

Carol and Jason who will be married here later today. Lily, Isaac and Emma who will be confirmed here today.

**Those living in:**

Randle Road and the Parklands.

**Local Community:**

Those who work at the Oldswinford shops providing a valuable service to our community.

**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, Dianne Smith, 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 and Neil Hunt

*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.*

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty.

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**Take, O take me as I am.**

Take, O take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

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

### **The Old Testament Reading**

#### **Exodus 24**

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, but Moses alone is to approach the Lord; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

When Moses went and told the people all the Lord’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the Lord has said we will do.” Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.”

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

### **The New Testament Reading**

#### **Matthew 9: 1—8**

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”

At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!”

Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” Then the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man