

### Message from the Foodbank

We are busy picking up lots of Harvest donations from all over the area. If it is possible to drop your donations at Albion Street we would be so grateful as this saves our time and diesel costs.



Thank you!

We are asking for sleeping bags at the moment for our homeless packs. If you have one that is clean and warm and no longer needed please can you drop it/them off at Albion Street, Brierley Hill please. This can be anytime over the chillier months. We are open Monday to Friday 9.30am-2pm. Thanks!

### SHORTAGES

Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Tinned Tomatoes Tinned Fruit (preferably in fruit juice), Dried savoury noodles, Packets of cous cous  
Packets of Mash, Deodorant (male and female), Shampoo, Toothpaste

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 weekend in aid of the No Limits charity. The walk is for a distance of 44 miles along the Llangollen canal from Lyneal in Shropshire. 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.

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 Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 4th October 2015 Trinity 18 Harvest Festival

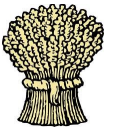


*A warm welcome to any visitors who are worshipping with us today.*

*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 and Gospel P234 Sides:** Paul Turner

### 10.00am - Parish Communion for Harvest

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

**Warden:** Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Toni Evans & Andrew Scudamore

**Reader:** Audrey Tranter **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

**Anthem:** Panis Angelicus —*Saint Seans*

**Children Together:** Les and Pauline

**Voluntary:** Fantasie in c – *Bach*



### 6.30pm - Evensong

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

**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Alec Beevers

**Readers:** Alec Beevers —*Deut 26: 1—11* & Tina Timms  
*Philippians 4: 4—9*

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Anthem:** Ave verum—*Elgar*

**Voluntary:** Romance - *Somervell*

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## Collect for this week:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 forever. Amen

## Readings for our 10.00am service.

### The Old Testament Reading

Joel 2: 21—27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

*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

**October 11**

**19th Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Communion(BCP)

10.00am Worship Together

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### **Monday 5**

10.00am Open The Book Team visiting Oldswinford Primary School

#### **Wednesday 7**

3.00pm Service of Holy Communion at Oriel House.

#### **Thursday 8**

10.30am Holy Communion.

#### **Friday 9**

Stephen's day off.

#### **Saturday 10**

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

10.00—12.00 Open Church

All Together Event in Worcester cathedral.

Thank you to everybody who has donated produce of any kind at our services today. The food will be divided and distributed between the Stourbridge Foodbank and the St Basil's hostel for the homeless. Thank you for your generosity.

Our next Messy Church event will be on Saturday 17th October between 3.00pm and 5.00pm in church as the church hall is in use at this time. Please text 07762250749 if you would like to come as we need to know numbers to be able to provide enough food.



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).

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

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Sunyani in Ghana with Bishop Dr Festus Yeboah-Asuamah.

**Churches Together:**

St John's URC.

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

all those involved in the organisation of All Together and for all those who will attend—that they will return to their parishes refreshed and inspired

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

Joel Harry Johnson and Joe Claridge who will be baptised here today. We pray for their parents and Godparents who will support them on their Christian journey.

**Those living in:**

Hillville Gardens and Field Cottage Drive.

**Local Community:**

Those who work at and use the Age Concern organisation which runs in the Mary Steven's building.

**Among those who are ill:**

Susan Haskew, Lesley Price, Anna Scudamore, William Bates, Rory Macintosh, Brian Norgrove, Sally Taylor, David Jackson, Kathleen Rogers, Angela Dixon, Roberta Farman, Alan Lowe, Richard Ryan, Elian Irvine-Boden, Robert James, Judy Taylor, Paul Whyley, Ruth Hardy, Carter McCullagh, Dianne Smith, Ray Tolley, Anne May 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:**

Neil Hunt, Gail Johnson and Brenda Cadwallader.

Jan Sutton and Margaret Brannon as their ashes are interred.

*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.*

**The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 6: 25—33

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

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## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 26: 1—11

When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.”

The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.

But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.”

Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

### **The New Testament Reading**

Philippians 4: 4 –9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.

And the God of peace will be with you.

