

Message from the Foodbank

Our vans are busy travelling all over the area collecting donations and delivering stock. We are so grateful for all the donations, we anticipate another busy week! Thank you everyone.



SHORTAGES

Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Small jars of coffee,

Tinned fruit (preferably in fruit juice)

Packets of mash, tinned sponge dessert,

deodorant (male and female), shampoo.

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.

The Coach House celebrates 20 year's of service to the community this week. On Wednesday Bishop Graham and the Deputy Mayor of Dudley will be visiting to mark the occasion. There will be a short service of re dedication followed by a lunch in the Coach House between 12 noon and 2.00pm. We give thanks for the valuable service that the Coach House continues to provide and for the great benefit it has brought to so many people during it's 20 years.

Christmas Market -

Notice of change of planning meeting date from 19th October to 17th November.

Also, we have lots of jewellery but need help to sell it! If you would like to help us please contact me at kateyfletcher@btinternet.com

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 pewsheet to the Parish Office by 12 noon on a Wednesday. Send to st.mary.os@btconnect.com or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 11th October 2015 Trinity 19



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 P236 Sides: Eve Evans

10.00am - Worship Together

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Pauline Pettet and Toni Evans

Reader: Jean Agnew

Music provided by our music group.



6.30pm - Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex

Readers: Dawn Nex & Ian Nex

Intercessions: Roger King

Responses: Reading **Setting:** Noble in b

Anthem: For the beauty of the earth—Carter

Voluntary: Schubler Prelude no 6 - Bach

'Seek good and not evil' Amos 5: 14



HYMN NHWS 196 Let us praise God together, let us praise

INTRODUCTION

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

CONFESSION

Reading: Hebrews 4: 12 & 13 **Forgive us our sins.**

Mighty God, nothing is hidden from you. We pause to acknowledge that we have thought and done many things which have displeased you. *(pause)*
Forgive us our sins.

Mighty God, we have left undone many things we should have done and in particular we have held onto the material possessions that matter so much to us that we cannot let go of them. We have often not been generous to those in need. *(pause)*
Forgive us our sins.

Reading: Hebrews 4: 14—16

Mighty God, you understand our weaknesses. In our need for forgiveness we come to you and say: **Forgive us our sins. Amen.**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving is said followed by:

Blessed be God for ever.

HYMN NHWS 133 How deep the Father's love for us

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 18 20th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Communion(BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 12

12.45pm Funeral service in church of Brenda Cadwallader.

Wednesday 14

12 noon Service of thanksgiving in the Coach House.

Thursday 15

10.30am Holy Communion.

Friday 16

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 17

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

10.00—12.00 Open Church

1.30pm Wedding of Karl and Jodie

3.00—5.00pm Messy Church.

Thank you again to everybody who donated produce of any kind at our services last Sunday. The food was divided and distributed between the Stourbridge Foodbank and the St Basil's hostel for the homeless. Both organisations were extremely grateful for our donations.

Our next Messy Church event for children 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.

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This pew sheet is also available at www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Tamale in Ghana with Bishop Dr Jacob Ayebo. Also the Diocese of Hadersely in Denmark and Bishop Marianne Christiansen.

Churches Together:

The congregation and leaders of St Michaels and all Angels Norton.

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

all those taking part in this year's Big Bible Study which takes place in the Cathedral next Saturday.

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

Karl Gorton and Jodie Stanford who will be married here next Saturday. The work of our Coach House as we give thanks for 20 year's service to the community this week.

Those living in:

White Close and Brockmoor Close.

Local Community:

The work of the Mary Steven's Hospice.

Among those who are ill:

Anna Scudamore, William Bates, Brian Norgrove, Sally Taylor, David Jackson, Angela Dixon, Roberta Farman, Alan Lowe, Richard Ryan, Elian Irvine-Boden, Robert James, Judy Taylor, Ruth Hardy, Dianne Smith, Ray Tolley, Anne May and Ivan Partridge.

We continue to pray for:

Jonathan Bryan, Ros Bickel, Richard Tatler and Michael Woodall.

The departed:

Gail Johnson and Brenda Cadwallader.

In memoriam:

Colin Faulkner (14.10.14)

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.

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READING Mark 10: 17–31 (The cost of following Jesus)

ADDRESS

HYMN NHWS 93 *God is good, we sing and shout it*

PRAYERS

Response: God our Father: hear our prayer.

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

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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



HYMN NHWS 95 *God is love, his the care*
(during which the collection will be taken)

THE BLESSING

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you with all that we have and all that we are. May we generously give out of our riches to those in need. May we not hold on to what we think might bring us wealth or happiness. May we trust you to provide us with all that we need. And may the blessing.....

THE DISMISSAL

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



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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Joshua 5: 13—6: 20

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

“Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it.” And he ordered the army, “Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord.”

When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the Lord went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the Lord’s covenant followed them. The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. But Joshua had commanded the army, “Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!” So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there.

Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the Lord and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets kept sounding. So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city! The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the Lord and must go into his treasury.”

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 11: 20—30

Then Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

The Father Revealed in the Son

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”