

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

Broadfield House Glass Museum

Last chance to view the Cameo Room and enjoy a talk on 'Light Fantastic - A thousand years of stained glass' given by Keith Cattell and hosted by The Friends.

Date : Wednesday 4th November. **Time:** coffee at 10.30, talk at 11.00 a.m. Cost £5 (all for charity)

Venue : Broadfield House Glass Museum, Kingswinford. Just turn up, but any questions talk to Barbara Beadman on 07702 565 265.

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.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 15th November—presentation regarding our finances at all services.

Monday 16th 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Tuesday 17th 2.00 Tea at the Coach House

7.30pm Christmas Market planning meeting

Saturday 21st 3.00pm Annual service for the renewal of ALM and Eucharistic Assistant permissions at Belbroughton.

Sunday 22nd— Visiting preacher at our 10.00am service
Elaine Marrey from the Street Pastors Team.

Tuesday 24th— 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the narthex.

Saturday 28th 9.30am walking group outing to Penn and Wall Heath
4.00pm Hospice Tree of Light Service

Sunday 29— Advent Sunday—visiting preacher at our 10.00am service
Jonathan Kimber—Diocesan Director of Ministry and Discipleship
6.30pm Advent Carol Service.

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 or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 1st November 2015 Trinity 22 All Saints' Day



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 P284 **Sides:** Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

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

Warden: Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Sally Frost & Jeremy Morgan

Reader: Jeremy Morgan **Intercessions:** Judith Nex

Anthem: O thou who at thy eucharist—*Ingleby*

Children Together: Les Timms and Pauline Pettet

Voluntary: Choral Song—Wesley

6.30pm –An All Souls Evensong for the commemoration of the faithful departed

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

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Gill Davies

Readers: Gill Isaiah 65: 17—end & Marjorie Hebrews 11: 32-12:2

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: Behold the tabernacle of God—*Harris*

Voluntary: Adagio- *Albinoni*

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Revelation 21 : 1—6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

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

What's going on?

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

 **November 8th** 
Trinity 23
Remembrance Sunday

8.00am Communion(BCP)

10.00am Worship Together
including an act of
remembrance.

6.30pm Choral Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday 3

7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting.

Wednesday 4

9.30am Full staff meeting.
3.00pm holy Communion at
Oriel House

Thursday 5

10.30am Holy Communion.

Friday 6

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 7

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour
10.00—12.00 Open Church

A big thank you to everybody who collected money in the Children's Society boxes and then brought them back to church. The grand total collected is £1074.10. Thanks also to Maggie Abbotts for co ordinating this for us.

Would you like to help out with our Children Together groups which meet on a Sunday morning during the service? It would be good to have more people involved. This is such an important ministry and it would be great to expand the team. Please speak to Stephen if you feel you can help.

Message from the Foodbank

It's been an exciting time at the Black Country Foodbank as we prepare to officially receive the Queens Award for Voluntary Services.



SHORTAGES

Fruit juice, small jars of coffee, hot chocolate, tinned fruit shaving gel/foam and can openers.

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.

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Stavanger in Norway and Bishop Erling Pettersen.

Churches Together:

Members of St Thomas' Church Stourbridge and their Priest Revd Andrew Sillis

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

all prisoners and their families, as well as those who have been recently released. For prison staff and all the volunteers who give up their time to work with the prison community.

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

Lucas Aaron Kennedy and Rose Alice Hilda Lakey who will be baptised here today. We pray for their parents and Godparents who will support them in their Christian journey. All those who will be attending our service this evening and will be remembering loved ones that they have lost with sadness and gratitude. Members of our standing committee who will be meeting this week.

Those living in:

The Woodlands and Willow Park Drive

Local Community:

The students and staff of Ham Dingle Primary School.

Among those who are ill:

William Bates, Rory Macintosh, Brian Norgrove, Sally Taylor, David Jackson, Angela Dixon, Alan Lowe, Richard Ryan, Elian Irvine-Boden, Robert James, Dianne Smith, Ray Tolley, Anne May, Anne Davies, Grace Jones, Patrick Wilkinson and Ivan Partridge.

We continue to pray for:

Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Vicky Croydon, Jonathan Bryan, Ros Bickel, Noah Cantius, Richard Tatler and Michael Woodall.

Those in nursing home care:

Sheila Westwood and June O'Brian

The departed:

Paul Whyley, Theo Luxton and Roberta Farman.

In memoriam

Margaret Brannon (1.11.14)

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 or a member of the pastoral care team as soon as possible if you know of any illness or particular need within the congregation.

The Gospel Reading

John 11: 32—44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Post Communion Prayer:

God, the source of all holiness, and giver of all good things; may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65: 17—end **New Heavens and a New Earth**

“See, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.
I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.
“Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.
They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.
For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.
They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the Lord,
they and their descendants with them.
Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb will feed together,

and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent’s food.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,”
says the Lord.

The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11: 32– 12:2

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.