

There will be a multimedia presentation at all three services today, in place of a sermon, which gives information about the use of our financial resources at St Mary's.

Any bottles for our bottle stall at the Christmas Market would be gratefully received. There is a pink box at the back of church for collecting full bottles of anything!!

Our prayer group will meet at the home of Marjorie Ferguson this Wednesday morning between 10.00am and 11.00am. The group will be led by Dawn Nex. This is the group that used to meet at the home of Janice Sutton. All are welcome.

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 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 29th 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 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 15th November 2015 Trinity 24
Second Sunday before Advent



*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 P245 **Sides:** Meriel Harris

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Les Timms **Sides:** Toni Evans & Pauline Pettet

Reader: Peter Jones **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts

Anthem: Thou knowest Lord—Purcell

Children Together: Russ and Helen Fowler

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune—Hollins

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Kanthi Ariaraj

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

Readers: Dawn Nex *Daniel 3:13-30 & Ian Nex Matt 13: 24-30,36-43*

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Anthem: Song 44—Gibbons

Voluntary: Durch Adams Fall ist Ganz Verderbt - Bach

Collect for this week:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we maybe made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14(15-18)19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together,

What's going on?

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY November 22

Sunday before Advent

8.00am Communion(BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 16

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Tuesday 17

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House
7.30pm Christmas Market planning meeting.

Wednesday 18

10.00am Prayer group meeting at the home of Marjorie Ferguson

Thursday 19

9.00am Open The Book Team visiting Ham Dingle Primary School
10.30am Holy Communion.

Friday 20

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 21

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour
10.00—12.00 Open Church
3.00pm Eucharistic Assistant renewal service at Belbroughton.

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.

St Mary's Mission Christmas cards will be on sale today in the narthex after our 10.00 am service. Our thanks go to Elaine, our artist, for her original painting and for organising the printing of these cards, the proceeds of which are all used for St Mary's Mission purposes.

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Venezuela (USA) with Bishop Orlando Guerrero. Also the Diocese of Lulea in Sweden with Bishop Hans Stiglund.

Churches Together:

Members of Wollaston Methodist Church

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

all those involved in celebrating the anniversary of Richard Baxter's birth.

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

Members of our PCC who are meeting this week. Our Eucharistic ministers who will be attending a service at Belbroughton next Saturday to renew their authorisation to serve.

Those living in:

Stanley Road and Bramber Way

Local Community:

The students and staff of Oldswinford Hospital School.

Among those who are ill:

William Bates, Lauren Simpson, Rory Macintosh, Brian Norgrove, Sally Taylor, 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, Jonathan Bryan, Ros Bickel, Noah Cantius, Richard Tatler and Michael Woodall.

Those in nursing home care:

Sheila Westwood and June O'Brian

The departed:

Theo Luxton and Josie Capewell

In memoriam

Doreen Ryan (15.11.14)

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.

as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 13: 1—8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Gracious Lord in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Daniel 3 13-30

Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?” Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us] from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seventimes hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?” They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.” He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.” Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way.” Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36—43

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.