

Christmas Market, Saturday, 5 December

As always, we shall be very grateful for all cakes, fruit or sponge, biscuits, mince pies, pastries and so on for the cake stall at our annual market. Many thanks to all those baking for St Mary's!

Also 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! There is also a list and basket for collecting items for the Christmas hamper.

The funeral of Josie Capewell will be on Tuesday 24th at 11.15am in church

Coming up.....

Saturday Dec 5 10.00am Christmas Market
Monday 7 9.30am Open The Book team visit Oldswinford Primary School.
Tuesday 8 2.15pm Mothers' Union meet in the Coach House
Wednesday 9 1.30pm Mums and toddlers will be helping to decorate our Christmas tree in church.
Thursday 10 Copy date for January magazine.
Friday 11 2.30pm Oldswinford Hospital School Carol Service
Sunday 13 10.00am Toy service.
Tuesday 15 2.30pm Tuesday and Coach house tea in the narthex.
Wednesday 16 2.00pm Ham Dingle Primary School Christmas Concert
7.00pm Oldswinford Primary School Carol Service.
Saturday 19 7.30pm Got2sing concert in church
Sunday 20 2.00pm Wedding
6.30pm 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 22nd November 2015 Trinity 25 Sunday before Advent— Christ The King



A warm welcome to Elaine Marrey representing Stourbridge Street Pastors 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

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P247 **Sides:** Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Elaine Marrey

Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** John Evans & David Cook

Reader: John Sutton **Intercessions:** Dawn & Ian Nex

Anthem: Rejoice the Lord is King—Archer

Children Together: Emma White and Les Timms

Voluntary: Festival Toccata—Fletcher

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Roger King **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Richard Hall

Readers: Tina Timms *Daniel 5 & Judith Nex John 6: 1—15*

Intercessions: Roger King

Anthem: Go forth into the world in peace—Gibbons

Voluntary: Prelude and fugue in C - Bach

Collect for this week:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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

Daniel 7: 9-10,13-14

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.
As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

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 2

Advent Sunday

8.00am Communion(BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Advent Carol
Service

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 23

9.30am The Open The Book Team visit Oldswinford Primary School.

Tuesday 24

11.15am Funeral of Josie Capewell
2.30pm Tea in the narthex

Wednesday 25

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

Thursday 26

10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 27

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 28

9.30am Walking group meet for a walk at Penn and Wall Heath.

10.00—11.00 Vestry Hour

10.00—12.00 Open Church

4.00pm Hospice Tree of Light service

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.

Hi Everyone

Thank you for all the donations over the past few weeks. We are chatting to so many people about different ways they are encouraging donations. Lots of schools, businesses and organisations have started 'Foodbank Fridays'. This basically means that the shortages email is sent out to everyone and they are asked to donate an item on their 'Foodbank Friday'. This is a great idea coming up to Christmas.



SHORTAGES

Fruit juice, small jars of coffee, UHT milk, jars of cooking sauce, jars of pasta sauce, tinned fruit (preferably in fruit juice) 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.

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Wangaratta in Australia with Bishop John Parkes. Also the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church with Archbishop Umas Villma and Bishops Einar Soone and Andres Taul.

Churches Together:

Members of Amblecote Methodist Church

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

all those involved in the planning of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Diocese of Morogoro. We pray that it will be a time of joy and of thanksgiving for all that has been achieved over the past fifty years and a time of renewal in the faith of Christ and of hope for the future.

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

We pray for all those who work to communicate the Christian faith to children through our mums and toddlers group, youth club, messy church, children together, open the book, choir and music group. We pray also today for the work of the Stourbridge Street pastors and the valuable work that they do.

Those living in:

Oldfield Drive and Robins Close

Local Community:

The staff and residents of Holly Lodge Care Home.

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, Fred Wellings, Granville Rushton and Josie Capewell

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.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Reading

John 18: 33-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Post Communion Prayer:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Daniel 5

King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone. Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking. The king summoned the enchanters, astrologers and diviners. Then he said to these wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom." Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant. So King Belshazzar became even more terrified and his face grew more pale. His nobles were baffled. The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. "May the king live forever!" she said. "Don't be alarmed! Don't look so pale! There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners. He did this because Daniel, whom the king called Belshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means." So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, "Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah? I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom." Then Daniel answered the king, "You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means. "Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar's sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his

body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes. "But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription. "This is the inscription that was written mene, mene, tekel, parsin "Here is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. Peres : Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom. That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty two.

The New Testament Reading

John 6: 1—15

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountain-side and sat down with his disciples.

The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.