

SALT OF THE EARTH

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Monday, 18 January	7.30 p.m.	St. Michael's Church, led by Street Pastors and Life Centre Debt Advice	Maynard Avenue, Norton
Tuesday, 19 January	1.45 p.m.	St. John's Church	Next to bus station
Wednesday, 20 January	12.30 p.m.	Chawn Hill Church	Chawn Hill, Pedmore
Thursday, 21 January	7.30 p.m.	Holy Trinity Church, service of healing and reconciliation	High Street, Amblecote
Friday, 22 January			
Saturday, 23 January	9.00 a.m.	Ladies' breakfast at Hanbury Hill Church (no booking needed) Men's breakfast at The Talbot Hotel, Rev Andrew Sillis to speak (booking needed see separate notice)	Hanbury Hill Talbot, High Street
Sunday, 24 January	6.30 p.m.	Shared service at Gig Mill Methodist Church	Glebe Lane, Norton
Monday, 25 January	12.30 p.m.	Life Centre Debt Advice offices, above The Vines coffee shop	High Street, Stourbridge

This year we are holding a service to celebrate marriage on Valentines Day at 3.00pm. During the service, as well as giving thanks for marriage, couples who wish to renew their vows will be invited to do so. Please let us know if you would like to come so that we can ensure we have enough fizz and cake!

E mail: st.mary.os@btconnect or phone 01384 441003 or text 07956675990



Please place any donations of baby wool for the Mothers' Union appeal in the box at the back of church. The wool will be used to knit teddies for our baptism babies.



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 or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

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The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 17th January 2016

Epiphany 2



A warm welcome to Revd David Knight, Revd Michael Willows 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 David Knight

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P I I **Sides:** Nick Harbach

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Michael Willows **Preacher:** Revd Michael Willows

Warden: Les Timms **Sides:** David Cook & Jeremy Morgan

Reader: Jeremy Morgan **Intercessions:** Mike & Janet Blaxland

Anthem: Panis Angelicus—*Franck*

Children Together: Pauline Pettet and Les Timms

Voluntary: Prelude in classic style—*Young*

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Roger King

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

Readers: Liz Fourness / Sam 3: 1-20 & Gill Davies Eph 4: 1—16

Intercessions: Roger King

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins—*Attwood*

Voluntary: Entrée Pontificale - *Bossi*

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

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 for ever.

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 12: 1—11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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 these pages.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY January 24

Epiphany 3

8.00am Communion(BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday 19

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House
7.30pm PCC meeting in the Rectory

Wednesday 20

10.00am Prayer group meeting at the home of Marjorie Ferguson.

Thursday 21

10.30am Holy Communion
7.30pm CTIS Service for the week of Christian Unity at Amblecote Church.

Saturday 23

9.00am CTIS Men's breakfast meeting at the Talbot Hotel.
10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone



Its freezing and our volunteers are rushing around the storehouse trying to keep warm. Please help to keep them busy by donating as much as you can. Every item is important to us and to the people we feed. Thank you!

small jars/packets of coffee, packets of mash potatoe, small bottles of squash/cordial, deodorant (male and female)

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 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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We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Church of Bangladesh with Archbishop Paul Sarker.

Churches Together:

The Quaker Fellowship in Stourbridge.

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

the coming week of Christian Unity: Lord Jesus you commanded us to break bread together and to drink one cup in remembrance of you-your imperative ignored. Open the hearts and minds of Christians world-wide, especially those entrusted with leadership in your Church, to the joys and blessings of this fellowship. Create in all of us a passion to realise the hope to which you have called us: one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one baptism, on God who is above and through and in all Amen.

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

We pray for all those people who will be bringing children to be baptised at St Mary's this year. We give thanks that Christ has called them to baptism and that they will be drawn to the Christian faith.

Those living in:

Chawn Hill and Chawn Hill Close.

Local Community:

The work of our Coach House. Those who use it and those who give of their time to maintain and run it.

Among those who are ill:

William Bates, Lauren Simpson, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Robert James, Anne May, Sally Nelson and Patrick Wilkinson.

We continue to pray for:

Ivan Partridge, Grace Jones, Anne Davies, Dianne Smith, Alan Lowe, Brian Norgrove, Angela Dixon, Sally Taylor, 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:

Ray Tolley and Richard Ryan.

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 2: 1—11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3: 1—20

The Lord Calls Samuel

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

Again the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’”

So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

And the Lord said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them. Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, ‘The guilt of Eli’s house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.’” Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, but Eli called him and said, “Samuel, my son.” Samuel answered, “Here I am.”

“What was it he said to you?” Eli asked. “Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you.” So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, “He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes.” The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel’s words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord.

The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4: 1—16

Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.