

Mission cards: we now have some colourful, new 'Get Well' cards in our Mission card stand. These were drawn by younger members of our congregation, Martha, Joe, Lewis and Luke on a Sunday morning in the narthex. Many thanks to these young people and also to Elaine for her generosity in arranging the printing.



The Lent Course this year is entitled *Living as Disciples* and is based on new material developed by Revd Jonathan Kimber, the Director of

Ministry and Discipleship for the diocese.

The titles of the five sessions are 1. Disciples as learners 2. Disciples as followers 3. Disciples as friends 4 Disciples as those who serve and 5. Gathering it together in the light of the resurrection.

The dates and venues are as follows:

Tuesday 16th February at St Mary's Oldswinford

Tuesday 23rd February at St James Wollaston

Tuesday 1st March at St Thomas'

Tuesday 8th March at St Michael's Norton

Tuesday 15th March at Holy Trinity Amblecote

There are still some places left for the Barn Dance next Saturday in the church hall. An evening of fun and entertainment guaranteed led by Eve and John. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to come.



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 31st January 2016

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple



*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 P255 **Sides:** Ian Nex

10.00am - Parish Communion

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

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Mavis Kynaston & Betty Parsons

Reader: Jean Agnew **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

Anthem: Nunc dimittis—*Noble in b*

Children Together: Peter and Kathryn Hancox

Voluntary: Toccata—*Gigout*

6.30pm - Evensong

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

Warden: Joan Barwick **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Alec Beevers *Hag 2: 1—9* & Liz Fourness *John 2: 18-22*

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: When to the temple—*Eccard*

Voluntary: Fugue in G minor - *Bach*

Collect for this week:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3: 1—5

Thus says the Lord God: I See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Please feel free to take this pew sheet away and recycle. 

What's going on?

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY February 7 Sunday before Lent

8.00am Communion(BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion
*Preacher: Peter Atkinson—
Dean of Worcester Cathedral*
3.00pm Baptism
6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 1 February

2.00pm Funeral of Richard Ryan in church.

Wednesday 3

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

Thursday 4

10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 5

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 6

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.
7.30pm Barn Dance in the church hall.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

Thank you for the donations we have received over the past week. Please take a list of our shortages with you as you shop this week. One item donated can have a huge impact on a family or individual experiencing hardship. Thank you!

Fruit juice, UHT milk, hot chocolate, small jars of coffee, packets of mash, jam, marmalade 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.

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!
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We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Anglican Church of Burundi with Archbishop Bernard Ntahoturi

Churches Together:

St John's URC

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

Elaine Barbour and all those throughout our Diocese who promote fairly-traded goods.

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

Members of our mission committee and the work they do in supporting others.

Those living in:

Love Lane and Oakleigh Road.

Local Community:

Age Concern.

Among those who are ill:

William Bates, Lauren Simpson, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Robert James, Anne May, Sally Nelson, Richard Bartram, Finley Rogerson 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:

Richard Ryan, Richard Davies, Tim Hayward, Sylvia Lloyd, John Duncan and Elizabeth Faulkner.

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

Luke 2: 22-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Haggai 2: 1—9

On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai:

“Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, ‘Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the Lord. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.’

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”

The New Testament Reading

John 2: 18-22

The Jews then responded to him,
“What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

Jesus answered them,

“Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

They replied,

“It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

