



Our 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 of Worcester.

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

Each meeting begins at 7.30pm with refreshments being served from 7.00pm.

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.



Lent begins this Wednesday with our Ash Wednesday service in church at 7.30pm. This will be a service of Holy Communion and will include the signing of the cross using ashes.

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 7th February 2016 The Sunday before Lent—Quinquagesima



A warm welcome to The Very Revd Peter Atkinson 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 P125 **Sides:** Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: The Very Revd Peter Atkinson

Preacher: The Very Revd Peter Atkinson

Warden: Les Timms **Sides:** Toni Evans & Jeremy Morgan

Reader: Christine Day **Intercessions:** John Sutton

Anthem: Panis Angelicus—*Saint Saens*

Children Together: Russ and Helen Fowler

Voluntary: Rondo—*Purcell*

6.30pm – Evensong

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

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Gill Davies

Readers: Gill Davies *Exodus 3: 1—6 & Angela Price John 12: 27-36*

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Anthem: O for a closer walk with God—*Stanford*

Voluntary: Prelude in G - *Bach*

Collect for this week:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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

Exodus 34: 29—35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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 these pages.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY February 14 Lent 1

8.00am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

3.00pm Marriage celebration

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 8

10.00am Open The Book Team visit
Oldswinford Primary School
2.00pm Funeral of Richard Davies in
church.

Tuesday 9

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly
Croft
2.00pm Mothers' Union meet in the
Coach House.

Wednesday 10

7.30pm Service of Holy Communion in
church for Ash Wednesday
Copy date for March magazine.

Thursday 11

10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 12

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 13

10.00am Open Church and vestry
hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

Thank you for all the donations this week. We run low on Fruit Juice and UHT Milk all the time. These are vital items that go into everyone's parcel. Please consider donating these items and encouraging others to donate as well. Thank you all!
Fruit juice, UHT milk, hot chocolate, small jars of coffee, packets of mash, jam, marmalade, shaving foam/gel, can openers, sanitary towels, 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!
E mail: st.mary.os@btconnect or phone 01384 441003 or text 07956675990



We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Anglican Church of Canada with Archbishop Frederick Hiltz

Churches Together:

Our shared activities during Lent and our preparation for Easter.

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

all those who are hungry this day or who need to use food banks to feed themselves and their families.

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

Madeline Joy Lowe who will be baptised here today. We pray for her parents and Godparents who will support her. We also pray for David and Laura, Sophie and Aaron who are preparing to be married.

Those living in:

Parkfield Road and Vauxhall Road

Local Community:

For the patients and staff of Mary Stevens Hospice and for their Chaplain David knight.

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.

In memoriam:

Patricia Margaret Harper (2.2.15)

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 9: 28-36

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ; may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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

Exodus 3: 1—6

Moses and the Burning Bush

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The New Testament Reading

John 12: 27-36

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?”

Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.