



Our Lent Course begins this week and is entitled *Living as Disciples*. It is based on new material developed by Revd Jonathan Kimber, the Director of Ministry and Discipleship for the Diocese of Worcester, who will be leading the course.

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.

We have a selection of books for Lent on loan from the Robin Woods Library. They are on display in the narthex. If you would like to borrow a book please complete a borrowing slip.

#### Coming up:

Monday 22— 2.00pm Flower Guild AGM at 8 Eton Drive.

Tuesday 23—2.15pm Tuesday tea in the narthex

Saturday 27—9.30am Walking group meet for a walk at Harvington.

Monday 29— Fairtrade fortnight begins +

7.30pm Standing committee meeting

March 5 - 2.00pm Messy Church for children in preparation for Mothering Sunday

Sunday 6 - 10.00am A special service for Mothering Sunday to include Eucharist.

Thursday 17 - 7.30pm PCC meeting.

Sunday 20— Palm Sunday.

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](mailto:st.mary.os@btconnect.com) or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

### Sunday 14th February 2016

### The First Sunday of Lent



*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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)*

**Collect:** *Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.*

#### Our services today are as follows:

##### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P129 **Sides:** Nick Harbach

##### **10.00am - Worship Together**

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Tony Tatford

**Sides:** Pauline Pettet and Sue Tatford

**Reader:** Tony Tatford

Music led by our music group.



##### **6.30pm – Evensong** *Our choir are on holiday today.*

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

**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Alec Beevers

**Readers:** Marjorie Ferguson *Jonah 3 & Alec Beevers Luke 18: 9—14*

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Voluntary:** Vater unser im Himmelreich - Bach



*'God the protector of his people'*



## Welcome and Notices

### Opening prayer

Loving God we have come to worship you.  
Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN - AMNS 56** Forty days and forty nights.

### Thanksgiving

*In response to the words 'Let us bless the Lord' all say :*  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Confessing our sins

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ  
died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in  
penitence and faith  
We are often slow to follow the example of Christ:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

### Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal  
and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

We say together the collect

### The Liturgy of the Word

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 91: 1—2, 9—16 (God the protector)  
*After each reading the reader says:* 'For the Word of the Lord'  
*All reply:* 'Thanks be to God'

**HYMN — Safe in the shadow of the Lord**



**New Testament Reading** Luke 4: 1—13 (Jesus is tempted)

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 21**  
**Lent 2**

8.00am  
Communion (BCP)

10.00am  
Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### **Tuesday 16**

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House.  
7.00. First Lent Course at St  
Mary's

#### **Wednesday 17**

2.30pm Mission Committee  
meeting.  
7.30pm Magazine Committee  
meeting.

#### **Thursday 18**

10.30am Holy Communion

#### **Friday 19**

Stephen's day off.

#### **Saturday 20**

10.00am Marriage preparation  
day in the Coach House.  
10.00am Open Church and vestry  
hour.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

We are hearing some lovely stories about how people in the  
community are collecting food and toiletries for Black Country  
Foodbank. Schools have started 'Foodbank Fridays' where the  
children bring an item each from our shopping list on a particular Friday.  
One lady is spending her supermarket points on items for donating.  
These are just two examples of the great ways in which everyone can help.  
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, can openers.*

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](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).

This pew sheet is also available at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

**The World Church:**

The Church of the Province of Central Africa with Archbishop Albert Chama

**Churches Together:**

Our Lent Course that begins this week. For its leader Jonathan Kimber and those who will attend.

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

all those couples who renewed their wedding vows at St James' Church recently and also for those who will renew their vows at St Mary's today and at Worcester Cathedral this evening.

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

For the wedding couples that will attend our marriage preparation day next Saturday as part of the preparation for their wedding day at St Mary's.

**Those living in:**

Redhill and Redhill Close

**Local Community:**

For the patients and staff of Holly Lodge Care Home

**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, 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 Alan Lowe.

*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.*

**Address**

**HYMN — Give thanks with a grateful heart**

**Prayers:** *During the prayers we sing the Taizé chant:*

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
come and listen to me**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us....

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**



**Welcome the newly baptised**

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

**With the help of God we will.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

**Peace**

'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.' The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**HYMN— AMNS 235 O Jesus, I have promised**  
(during which the collection will be taken)

**The Blessing.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord



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## **Readings for our 6.30pm service.**

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Jonah 3

#### **Jonah Goes to Nineveh**

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time:

“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh.

Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming,

“Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”

The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God.

Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

### **The New Testament Reading**

Luke 18: 9—14

#### **The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

To some who were confident of their own

righteousness and looked down on everyone else,

Jesus told this parable:

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”