



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

The titles of the remaining sessions are:

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 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.

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.

Coming up:

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 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 21st February 2016

The Second 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

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P131 **Sides:** Meriel Harris

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: The Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: The Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Sally Frost and Andrew Scudamore

Reader: Janet Hampson **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts

Anthem: A new commandment—*Shephard*

Children Together: Emma and Pauline

Voluntary: Prelude and fugue in g—Buxtehude

6.30pm – Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Alec Beevers *Jer 22: 1-9, 13-17* & Tina Timms *Luke 14: 27-33*

Intercessions: Roger King

Responses: Statham **Setting:** Sumsion in A

Anthem: Be thou my vision—*Chilcott*

Voluntary: Prelude in b - *Bach*

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'

He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.'

He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the Word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD.

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 28 Lent 3

8.00am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 22

1.30pm Funeral service in church
2.00pm Flower Guild AGM

Tuesday 23

Parish office closed today
2.30pm Tea in the narthex.
7.00pm Second Lent Course at St James' Wollaston.

Wednesday 24

11.30 Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

Thursday 25

10.30am Holy Communion
2.45pm Funeral service in church

Friday 26

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 27

9.30am Walking group meet
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.

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

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Anglican Church in Central America: Archbishop Sturdle Downs.

Churches Together:

For our Lent course this week at Wollaston. For their congregations and Priest in Charge Nick Kaleniuk.

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

all those involved at Café Chad in Kidderminster and all those who use it regularly.

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

For Millie Louise Boex, Katy Laura Joyce and Megan Ann Andrews who will be baptised at St Mary's today. For their parents and Godparents who will be supporting them.. For the members of our Mothers' Union who support all our baptism services.

Those living in:

Lea vale Road and Dale Road

Local Community:

For the patients and staff of Holly Croft Care Home

Among those who are ill:

William Bates, Lauren Simpson, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Robert James, Anne May, Sally Nelson, Richard Bartram, Niamh McCormack, 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 Davies, Tim Hayward, Sylvia Lloyd, Alison Audsley, John Duncan, June Macleod 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.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 13: 31—35

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

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Jeremiah 22: 1-9, 13-17

Judgment Against Wicked Kings

This is what the Lord says: “Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and proclaim this message there: ‘Hear the word of the Lord to you, king of Judah, you who sit on David’s throne—you, your officials and your people who come through these gates. This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed.

Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place. For if you are careful to carry out these commands, then kings who sit on David’s throne will come through the gates of this palace, riding in chariots and on horses, accompanied by their officials and their people. But if you do not obey these commands, declares the Lord, I swear by myself that this palace will become a ruin.” For this is what the Lord says about the palace of the king of Judah: “Though you are like Gilead to me, like the summit of Lebanon, I will surely make you like a wasteland, like towns not inhabited. I will send destroyers against you, each man with his weapons, and they will cut up your fine cedar beams and throw them into the fire.

“People from many nations will pass by this city and will ask one another, ‘Why has the Lord done such a thing to this great city?’ And the answer will be: ‘Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord their God and have worshiped and served other gods.’”

“Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his own people work for nothing, not paying them for their labor. He says, ‘I will build myself a great

palace with spacious upper rooms.’ So he makes large windows in it, panels it with cedar and decorates it in red. “Does it make you a king to have more and more cedar? Did not your father have food and drink? He did what was right and just, so all went well with him.

He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?” declares the Lord. “But your eyes and your heart are set only on dishonest gain, on shedding innocent blood and on oppression and extortion.”

The New Testament Reading

Luke 14: 27-33

And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.