

## MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

It's freezing in the Warehouse today but the volunteers are keeping warm and busy sorting through donations and arranging deliveries. Please keep supporting us with donations as we are very low on fruit juice and milk and have totally run out of shaving foam and toilet rolls.

We really appreciate all you do for your local community. Thank you. :) Shortages this week are:

*Fruit juice, UHT milk, deodorant, shaving foam/gel, toilet rolls*

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.



Our Lent Course continues this week on Tuesday at St Michael's Church Norton—Disciples as those who serve. Meet at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

The new prayer diaries have arrived. Please take a copy home with you to use and a second copy if you would like to give a copy to family, friends or a neighbour.



Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to volunteer to help in the reading of the Passion Story on Palm Sunday, 20th March.

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.

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 6th March 2016 Mothering Sunday



*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)*



**Our services today are as follows:**

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P135 **Sides:** Nick Harbach

### **10.00am - Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday**

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Mavis Kynaston & Betty Parsons

**Reader:** Judy Hall **Intercessions:** Mike & Janet Blaxland

**Anthem:** I give to you a new commandment—Nardone

**Children Together:** Emma White and Les Timms

**Voluntary:** March—Lefébure-Wély

*Our thanks to Wendy and her team of helpers for preparing the posies of flowers that will be presented during this service.*

### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

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

**Readers:** Gill Davies *Isaiah 40: 27-41* & Judith Nex *2 Timothy 4: 1-18*

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Anthem:** For the beauty of the earth—Rutter

**Voluntary:** Sonata No 1 (Prelude) - Rheinberger

### Collect for this week:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 2: 1—10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

*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**

**March 13**

**Lent 5**

8.00am  
Communion (BCP)

10.00am  
Worship Together

6.30pm Evensong

### **CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday 7**

1.30pm Y1 children from Ham Dingle Primary School visiting church.

#### **Tuesday 8**

2.00pm Mothers' Union meeting in the Coach House

7.00pm Fourth Lent Course at St Michael's Norton led by Doug Chaplain

#### **Thursday 10**

Copy date for April magazine  
10.30am Holy Communion led by Martin Soar

#### **Saturday 12**

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.



In keeping with our usual practice the names of loved ones will be placed on the altar for the Easter period.

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers in memory of loved ones please place your donation in an envelope with the names of the person(s) being remembered and give it to Sally Frost.

These donations may be 'Gift Aided' if you are a UK tax payer. Should you wish to Gift Aid your donation please use one of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes found in the church pews and mark it clearly "For Easter Flowers."

This Thursday is the copy date for the April edition of our Parish Magazine. If you have any articles, poems, stories, pictures that you would like to consider for inclusion please send them to the editors either via John in the Parish Office or direct to [stmary.parishmagazine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmary.parishmagazine@hotmail.co.uk)

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

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Down and Dromore in Ireland with Bishop Harold Miller.

**Churches Together:**

For our Lent course this week at St Michaels Norton led by Doug Chaplain. For their congregations and Priest in Charge Nick Kaleniuk.

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

Bev Robertson and all who attend her guided meditation sessions in Bromsgrove.

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

For our church members who organise and run our Messy Church sessions which provide fun activities to introduce our faith to young people.

**Those living in:**

Farlands Road and Corser Street.

**Local Community:**

For the residents and staff of Doveton House Care Home

**Among those who are ill:**

William Bates, Lauren Simpson, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Robert James, Anne May, Sally Nelson, Niamh McCormack, Finley Rogerson, Paul Turner 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:**

Alison Audsley, John Duncan, June Macleod, Marjorie Walters, David Allen and Alan Lowe.

**In memoriam:**

Jillian Rose (3.3.15)

*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 2: 33-35

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

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. 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.'

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast You feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 40: 27-41:13

Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God”?

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

“Be silent before me, you islands! Let the nations renew their strength! Let them come forward and speak; let us meet together at the place of judgment.

“Who has stirred up one from the east, calling him in righteousness to his service?

He hands nations over to him and subdues kings before him. He turns them to dust with his sword, to windblown chaff with his bow.

He pursues them and moves on unscathed, by a path his feet have not traveled before. Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning?

I, the Lord—with the first of them and with the last—I am he.”

The islands have seen it and fear; the ends of the earth tremble. They approach and come forward; they help each other and say to their companions, “Be strong!”

The metalworker encourages the goldsmith, and the one who smooths with the hammer spurs on the one who strikes the anvil. One says of the welding, “It is good.” The other nails down the idol so it will not topple.

“But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’ I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

“All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish.

Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you.

### **The New Testament Reading**

2 Timothy 4: 1—18

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this

charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season;

correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.