

## MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

Thanks for all the support over the last week. Please have a look at our website over the next few days as we have a couple of new donation points which might help a few of you drop donations off more easily. Thank you for all you do for your local community. Shortages this week are:

*Fruit juice, UHT milk, small jars of coffee, deodorant, shampoo, 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 final Lent Course this week is on Tuesday at Holy Trinity Church Amblecote—Gathering it together in the light of the resurrection. 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.

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



## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 13th March 2016 Fifth Sunday of Lent



*A warm welcome to Revd Tom Fish 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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)*

**Collect:** *Most merciful God who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Tom Fish

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P137 **Sides:** Eve Evans

### 10.00am - Worship Together

**President:** Roger King

**Warden:** Tony Tatford **Sides:** David Cook & Sue Tatford

**Reader:** Sally Frost

Music led by our music group.



### 6.30pm – Evensong

**Officiant:** Roger King **Preacher:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Warden:** Judy Hall **Sides:** Gemma Sutton

**Readers:** Tina Timms 2 Chr 35, 1-6, 10-16 & Gemma Sutton Luke 22: 1-13

**Intercessions:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Anthem:** God so loved the world—Stainer

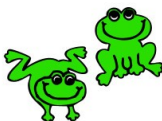
**Voluntary:** Prelude in c - Bach

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## Caring for God's world

### 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: - All things bright and beautiful**

#### Thanksgiving

We give thanks to God for all his gifts to us.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. For birth and life and strength of body, for safety and shelter and food, we give you thanks: **we praise your holy name.**

For sight and hearing and the beauty of nature, for words and music and the power of thought, we give you thanks: **we praise your holy name.**

For work and leisure and the joy of achieving, for conscience and will and depth of feeling, we give you thanks: **we praise your holy name.**

For grace and truth in Jesus Christ, for the gifts of the Spirit and the hope of heaven, we give you thanks: **we praise your holy name.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### Confession

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

#### Assurance of forgiveness

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

**Amen**

We say together the collect (see front page)

#### The Liturgy of the Word

**HYMN — Who put the colours in the rainbow?**

**Gospel Reading Luke 8 v 5-15 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 20  
Palm Sunday**

8.00am  
Communion (BCP)

10.00am  
Parish Communion starting  
in the church hall.

6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### **Monday 14**

9.30am The Open The Book team visit Oldswinford Primary School  
1.30pm Y1 children from Ham Dingle Primary School visiting church.

#### **Tuesday 15**

2.30pm Tea at the Coach House  
7.00pm Fifth Lent Course at Holy Trinity Amblecote led by Jonathan Kimber  
7.30pm Magazine committee meeting

#### **Wednesday 16**

10.00am Prayer group meeting at the home of Marjorie Ferguson

#### **Thursday 17**

10.30am Holy Communion  
7.30pm PCC Meeting

#### **Saturday 19**

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."

**We are pleased to announce that Mr Graham Davies has been appointed as our new Director of Music.**

**We look forward to welcoming him to St Mary's.**

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

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Karlstad in Sweden with Bishop Esbjorn Hagberg. Also the Church in Hong Kong with Archbishop Dr Paul Kwong.

**Churches Together:**

For our final Lent course this week at Holy Trinity Amblecote led by Jonathan Kimber. For their congregations and Priest in Charge Alan Williams.

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

all those suffering from malnutrition in the Diocese of Morogoro

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

For our church members who produce our magazine each month as a way of reaching out into our community and beyond. Sharing and celebrating the work and life of St Mary's. For Stephen and his pilgrims visiting the Holy Land. That their time together may provide spiritual nourishment and a deepening of their faith.

**Those living in:**

The Crescent and Grange Road

**Local Community:**

For the students and staff of King Edward VI College.

**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:**

June Macleod, Marjorie Walters, Elizabeth Shepherd, David Allen 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.*

**Activity** based on our second reading from Genesis—thinking about and caring for God's world—led by our Open The Book Group.

**HYMN — Have you seen the pussy cat?**

**Prayers:**

**Gifts of creation led by Les Timms**

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**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord Alleluia.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**HYMN—** Think of a world without any flowers.

(during which the collection will be taken)

**The Blessing.**

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen us with his Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, and that, knowing his love, broad and long, deep and high beyond our knowledge, we may be filled with all the fullness of God; and the blessing of God almighty, The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

### *Chorus*

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning,  
That brightens up the sky;

### *Chorus*

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one;

### *Chorus*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well

### *Chorus*

## **The New Testament Reading**

Luke 22: 1—13

### **Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus**

Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. They were delighted and agreed to give him money. He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

### **The Last Supper**

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

“Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

They left and found things just as Jesus had told them.

So they prepared the Passover.

## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### **The Old Testament Reading**

2 Chronicles 35: 1-6, 10-16

#### **Josiah Celebrates the Passover**

Josiah celebrated the Passover to the Lord in Jerusalem, and the Passover lamb was slaughtered on the fourteenth day of the first month. He appointed the priests to their duties and encouraged them in the service of the Lord's temple.

He said to the Levites, who instructed all Israel and who had been consecrated to the Lord: "Put the sacred ark in the temple that Solomon son of David king of Israel built. It is not to be carried about on your shoulders.

Now serve the Lord your God and his people Israel. Prepare yourselves by families in your divisions, according to the instructions written by David king of Israel and by his son Solomon.

"Stand in the holy place with a group of Levites for each subdivision of the families of your fellow Israelites, the lay people. Slaughter the Passover lambs, consecrate yourselves and prepare the lambs for your fellow Israelites, doing what the Lord commanded through Moses."

The service was arranged and the priests stood in their places with the Levites in their divisions as the king had ordered. The Passover lambs were slaughtered, and the priests splashed against the altar the blood handed to them, while the Levites skinned the animals. They set aside the burnt offerings to give them to the subdivisions of the families of the people to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the Book of Moses. They did the same with the cattle. They roasted the Passover animals over the fire as prescribed, and boiled the holy offerings in pots, caldrons and pans and served them quickly to all the people. After this, they made preparations for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the descendants of Aaron, were sacrificing the burnt offerings and the fat portions until nightfall. So the Levites made preparations for themselves and for the Aaronic priests. The musicians, the descendants of Asaph, were in the places prescribed by David, Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun the king's seer. The gatekeepers at each gate did not need to leave their posts, because their fellow Levites made the preparations for them.

So at that time the entire service of the Lord was carried out for the celebration of the Passover and the offering of burnt offerings on the altar of the Lord, as King Josiah had ordered.

## **Who put the colours in the rainbow?**

Who put the colours in the rainbow?  
Who put the salt into the sea?  
Who put the cold in the snowflake?  
Who made you and me?  
Who put the hump upon the camel?  
Who put the neck on the giraffe?  
Who put the tail upon the monkey?  
Who made hyenas laugh?  
Who made whales and snails and quails?  
Who made hogs and dogs and frogs?  
Who made bats and rats and cats?  
Who made everything?

Who put the gold into the sunshine?  
Who put the sparkle in the stars?  
Who put the silver in the moonlight?  
Who made Earth and Mars?  
Who put the scent into the roses?  
Who taught the honey bee to dance?  
Who put the tree inside the acorn?  
It surely can't be chance!  
Who made seas and leaves and trees?  
Who made snow and winds that blow?  
Who made streams and rivers flow?  
God made all of these!

## Have you seen the pussy cat?

Have you seen the pussy cat, sitting on the wall  
Have you heard his beautiful purr? (purr)  
Have you seen the lion stalking round his prey?  
Have you heard his terrible roar? (roar)

One so big, one so small,  
Our heavenly Father cares for them all.  
One so big, one so small,  
Our heavenly Father cares.

Have you seen the children coming home from school?  
Have you heard them shout hurray? (hurrray)  
Have you seen the grown-ups coming home from work  
Saying 'What a horrible day'? (what a horrible day)

Some so big, some so small,  
Our heavenly Father cares for them all.  
Some so big, some so small,  
Our heavenly Father cares.

## Think of a world

Think of a world without any flowers,  
Think of a world without any trees,  
Think of a sky without any sunshine,  
Think of the air without any breeze.  
We thank You, Lord,  
for flowers and trees and sunshine,  
We thank You, Lord,  
and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any animals,  
Think of a field without any herd,  
Think of a stream without any fishes,  
Think of a dawn without any bird.  
We thank You, Lord,  
for all Your living creatures,  
We thank You, Lord  
and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any people,  
Think of a street with no-one living there,  
Think of a town without any houses,  
No-one to love and nobody to care.  
We thank You, Lord  
for families and friendships,  
We thank You, Lord,  
and praise Your holy name.