

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

Please keep supporting and donating, we are so thankful for all you do for BCFB. Shortages this week are:



Fruit juice, UHT milk, small jars of coffee, toothbrushes, toothpaste and 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.

World Autism Day is on Wednesday 6th April. The no Limits Group that meet in the Coach House are holding an open day between 10.00am and 3.30pm. Admission is free. Coffee and cakes will be served and there will be lots of information to look at.

Our APCM meeting this year will be on Sunday 17th April at 7.30pm in the church hall. Please check that any details that we are holding on our electoral roll are correct and inform Judith Nex if any changes need to be made.

CHURCH DECORATION

Any help you can offer with the preparation of church and floral decorations for Easter will be welcomed on Saturday 26 March from 9.00 am. Please sign the list at the back of church

Our Mission Committee are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 16th April in the narthex 10.00am until 12 noon. Tickets are on sale at £2.

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 or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 20th March 2016

Palm 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

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P139 **Sides:** Ian Nex

10.00am - Parish Communion for Palm Sunday

The service this morning will begin in the church hall.

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Les Timms **Sides:** Pauline Pettet & Jeremy Morgan

Intercessions: Judith Nex

Anthem: The Lord is my Shepherd—Goodall

Children Together: Russ & Helen Fowler

Voluntary: Fanfare—Leighton



6.30pm – Evensong

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

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Stan Williams

Readers: Stan Williams *Isaiah 5: 1—7 &*

Angela Price Luke 20: 9—19

Intercessions: Roger King

Anthem: Ride on—Ives

Voluntary: Festival Toccata - Fletcher

Collect for this week:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

As we are currently in the part of the church year known as Passiontide we hear again today the story of the passion of Our Lord according to Luke read by members of the congregation. This takes the place of our normal readings and sermon.



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 27 Easter Sunday



7.45 am
Lighting of the Holy Fire.
8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion for
Easter Day

6.30pm Choral Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 21

11.00am Chism Service in the Cathedral.
6.30pm Meditation and Compline in church

Tuesday 22

2.15pm Tuesday Tea in the narthex.
6.30pm Meditation and Compline in church

Wednesday 23

10.00am Primary School Unity Service in church
6.30pm Meditation and Compline in church

Maundy Thursday 24

10.30am Holy Communion
2.00pm OSH Easter service in church
7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 25

10.00am Procession of witness
2.00pm Service in church
7.30pm Service of music and readings.

Holy Saturday 26

9.00am Church being decorated
9.30am Walking group meet.
10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.



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."

John is beginning to prepare the next service rota which will run from Sunday 1st May through to 28th August. Please let him know by 4th April of any dates when you will be unavailable during this time so that the new rota can be ready for distribution on Sunday 17th April. E mail st.mary.os@btconnect.com or text 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Church in Latvia with Archbishop Janis Vanags and Bishops Einars Alpe and Pavils Bruvers. The Diocese of Jerusalem with Bishop Suheil Dawani.

Churches Together:

For those that will be taking part in the procession through Stourbridge on Friday. That their actions might remind people of the events and importance of Easter within the Christian faith.

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

all Palm Sunday services taking place today, that they may enable our churches to begin to tell the Easter story in their communities.

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

In this Holy Week we gave thanks and pray for all who will be leading services throughout the week at St Mary's. That their thoughts and words may touch our hearts and nourish us in our Christian faith.

Those living in:

Walker Avenue and Rye Croft

Local Community:

For the students and staff of Stourbridge 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.



HOLY WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Father in heaven, as your people prepare once more to follow the events of this Holy Week, may we be led by your spirit to deeper insights into your love and saving grace; that we may love you more and serve you better, for the sake of him who died for us and rose again, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday 20 March PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion to include a reading of the Passion narrative. This service begins in the Church Hall with palm procession into Church.

6.30pm Evensong with sermon

21,22,23 March

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

6.30pm Meditation with Compline. Service in the Lady Chapel.

Thursday 24 MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.30am Holy Communion.

7.00pm Service of Holy Communion in church

Friday 25 GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Walk of witness from St John's.

2.00pm Devotions at the foot of the cross.

7.30pm Service of readings and music in church.

Saturday 26 HOLY SATURDAY

9.00am Church decoration.

10.00am Open church and vestry hour.

Sunday 27 EASTER DAY

7.45am Holy Fire. The lighting of the Easter Candle.

8.00am Holy Communion.

10.00am Parish Communion.

6.30pm Choral Evensong with sermon.



O Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, who on a Cross with wood and nails has wrought our salvation, wield well your tools in the workshop of your world, so that we, who come to you rough-hewn, may by you be fashioned according to your will; for the sake of your tender mercy. Amen

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5: 1—7

The Song of the Vineyard

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it. When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed;
I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.
I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in.
And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

The New Testament Reading

Luke 20: 9—19

The Parable of the Tenants

He went on to tell the people this parable:
“A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’ “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. “What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

Jesus looked directly at them and asked,

“Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.