

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

Thank you for all the donations over the past week. If you find it difficult to get out to the shops then you can always donate financially via our Just Giving Page or directly using our bank details on our website.

We can buy our shortages if you specify that you'd like your financial donation spent on food/toiletries. You may like to support us financially on a more regular basis, we'd be happy to send you a Standing Order Form, just email admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk. Thanks :) Shortages this week are:

Fruit juice, UHT milk, instant noodles, toothpaste, washing up liquid and baby wipes.

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.

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 27th March 2016

Easter 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 PI75 **Sides:** Meriel Harris

10.00am - Parish Communion for Easter Day

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Tony Tatford **Sides:** Sue Tatford & Jeremy Morgan

Reader: Tony Tatford **Intercessions:** John Sutton

Anthem: This joyful Eastertide—*Ledger*

Children Together: Peter and Kathryn Hancox

Voluntary: Finale—*Lemmens*



6.30pm – Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex

Readers: Dawn Nex *Isaiah 43: 1—21* & Ian Nex *1 Cor 15: 1—11*

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Responses: Sanders **Setting:** Stanford in G

Anthem: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem —*Stanford*

Voluntary: Sonata no 2 Finale - *Rheinberger*

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Collect for this week:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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



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What's going on?

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on these pages.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY April 3rd Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

**The Church Office is
closed for all of this
week.**

Wednesday 30

11.30am Holy Communion
at Holly Lodge

Thursday 31

10.30am Holy Communion
7.30pm Coach House AGM

Friday April 1

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 2

10.00am Open Church and
vestry hour.

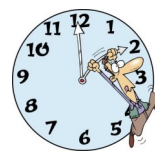
12.30pm Wedding of David
and Laura

Copies of the April edition of our Parish Magazine are on sale in church today. Why not take a copy for your neighbour or somebody who has recently moved into your street.

British
Summer
Time



*Don't forget that British
Summer Time begins today.*



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

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We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Lund in Sweden with Bishop Johan Tyberg.

Churches Together:

For all our fellow churches within Stourbridge who make up the Churches Together In Stourbridge Group and who will be celebrating Easter today.

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

all those involved in the BBC's broadcasts from Worcester Cathedral and for all those who will be listening.

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

We pray for David and Laura who will be married here next Saturday. For their families and friends who will be supporting them in their marriage. Also for Christine and Michael McCullagh who will be celebrating 50 years of marriage this week with a service in church.

Those living in:

Dene Road and Glen Road

Local Community:

The What? Centre.

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:

Edward Winter, Elizabeth Shepherd and as his ashes are interred, Richard Ryan

In memoriam: Reuben Billingham (28.3.15) Mary Cooper (29.3.15) Edward Waldron (31.3.15) and all those who we remember through floral tributes in church today.

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

John 20: 1—18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43: 1—21

Israel's Only Savior

But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf.

All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of their gods foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, “It is true.”

“You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed— I, and not some foreign god among you.

You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “that I am God.

Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand.

When I act, who can reverse it?” God’s Mercy and Israel’s Unfaithfulness.

This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

“For your sake I will send to Babylon and bring down as fugitives all the Babylonians in the ships in which they took pride. I am the Lord, your Holy One, Israel’s Creator, your King.”

This is what the Lord says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and

reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

The New Testament Reading

1 Cor 15: 1—11

The Resurrection of Christ

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.