

What's going on?

Monday 18 10.00am Open The Book Team visit Oldswinford Primary School
Tuesday 19 2.00pm Tea at the Coach House
Wednesday 20 10.00am Prayer Group meeting at the home of Marjorie Ferguson
Thursday 21 3.00pm Bible study group meeting in the Rectory
Sunday 24 NO EVENSONG AT ST. MARY'S.
Monday 25 2.00pm Flower Guild meeting in the narthex
Tuesday 26 2.15pm Tuesday Tea in the narthex.
Saturday 30 9.30am Walking group meet for a walk in Henley –in– Arden.
Tuesday 3 May 7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting.
Sunday 8 5.00pm Planning meeting in the church hall for the Queen's birthday celebrations.
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Sunday 15 Celebration of 150 years of Reader Ministry led by Roy and Kanthi
Tuesday 17 2.00pm Tea at the Coach House
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Monday 23 10.00am Open The Book Team visit Oldswinford Primary School.

The next Men's Breakfast organised by the CTIS group will be on Saturday 23rd April at 9.00am at the Talbot Hotel in Stourbridge. The speaker will be Dave Davies from the Life Centre Debt Advice Centre. Please book with Alan Sanders a.sanders@btinternet.com or call 01562 888137

Today is the copy date for the May edition of our Parish Magazine. If you have any articles you would like to be considered for inclusion please forward them to the Parish Office st.mary.os@btconnect.com



Our APCM meeting this year is next Sunday April 17 at 7.30pm following Evensong. This is when we elect our churchwardens and sidespeople for the next 12 months. It would be good to have as many people attend as possible as we will be electing new PCC members at this meeting.

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 10th April 2016

Third Sunday of Easter



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

Collect: Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P185 **Sides:** Nick Harbach

10.00am - Worship Together

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Toni Evans and Jeremy Morgan

Reader: Jeremy Morgan

Music led by our music group.



6.30pm - Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

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

Readers: Gill Davies *Isaiah 38: 9-20 Tina Timms John 11: 27-44*

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Responses: Ingley **Setting:** Stanford in Bb

Anthem: Now the green blade riseth—*Lindley*

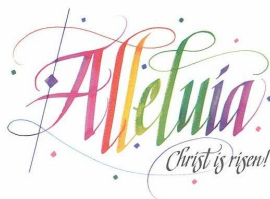
Voluntary: Fugue in b - *Bach*

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

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

Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!
He is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia!



Introduction and Notices

The Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received.
Christ died for our sins: Alleluia! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Death comes to all through Adam and sin reigns for a time.
New life without end comes through Christ and he reigns for ever: Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Death, where is your victory? Death where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory—the victory you give us in Christ: Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life, to praise you
for ever with angels and archangels:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

SONG NHWS 117 Halle, halle, halle

was everybody happy on that first Easter Day?

READING John 21: 1–19



An interview with an unhappy man

HYMN AMNS 115 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

What about us / you, what are you like before breakfast?

Confession

THOUGHTS

Father God
Sometimes my thoughts have not been loving thoughts. Sorry.

WORDS

Father God
Sometimes my words have not been loving words. Sorry.

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 17th Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 11

10.00am The Open The Book Team meet in the Rectory for a planning meeting. Please ask if you are interested in joining the group.

Tuesday 12

2.15pm Mothers' Union meeting in the Coach House

Thursday 14

10.30am

Holy Communion

7.30pm Magazine committee meeting

Friday 15

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 16

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

10.00am Mission Committee
Coffee Morning in the narthex.

CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

OLDSWINFORD CHURCH AND COMMUNITY BRING AND SHARE LUNCH



SATURDAY 11 June 2016
Starting at 12.00 noon



Entertainment, Activities, Fancy Dress, Music,
Cake baking competition and
Involving residents of the Parish of Oldswinford, local
community groups, St Mary's congregations, local schools,
and businesses.

In church a flower festival with illustrations of Oldswinford
during the past ninety years.

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We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Uppsala in Sweden with Archbishop Antje Jackelen and Bishop Ragnar Persenius.

Churches Together:

Amblecote Methodist Church

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

the Boys2Men project as it enters this new phase of its life and pray for all the families who will benefit as a result.

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

For members of our Mothers' Union and the work they do in supporting others.

Those living in:

Siskin Road and Chaffinch Road

Local Community:

The patients and staff of Russells Hall Hospital.

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:

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 Ann Shepherd, Ivan Partridge, Alex Hix and as his ashes are interred John Cartwright

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.

ACTIONS

Father God

Sometimes my actions have not been loving actions. Sorry.

LOVE

Father God

Thank you God that you love me and forgive me. Amen.

SONG

NHWS 59 Do not be afraid

READING

Psalm 30

We say together the collect for today *(on front page)*

SONG

NHWS 186 Jubilate

Prayers

Merciful Father

Renew our lives

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.



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

NHWS 326 The Spirit lives to set us free

(during which the collection will be taken)

The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith.

And the blessing of God almighty.....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen Alleluia, alleluia.



1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

The New Testament Reading

John 11: 27-44

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside.

“The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.”

When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

“Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.”

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice,

“Lazarus, come out!”

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”



Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 38: 9—20

A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after his illness and recovery:

I said, "In the prime of my life must I go through the gates of death and be robbed of the rest of my years?"

I said, "I will not again see the Lord himself in the land of the living; no longer will I look on my fellow man, or be with those who now dwell in this world.

Like a shepherd's tent my house has been pulled down and taken from me. Like a weaver I have rolled up my life, and he has cut me off from the loom; day and night you made an end of me.

I waited patiently till dawn, but like a lion he broke all my bones; day and night you made an end of me.

I cried like a swift or thrush, I moaned like a mourning dove.

My eyes grew weak as I looked to the heavens. I am being threatened; Lord, come to my aid!" But what can I say? He has spoken to me, and he himself has done this.

I will walk humbly all my years because of this anguish of my soul. Lord, by such things people live; and my spirit finds life in them too.

You restored me to health and let me live. Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish.

In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back. For the grave cannot praise you, death cannot sing your praise; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for your faithfulness.

The living, the living—they praise you, as I am doing today; parents tell their children about your faithfulness. The Lord will save me, and we will sing with stringed instruments all the days of our lives in the temple of the Lord.

REFUGEES—NEEDS AND FEARS

**A Discussion Evening arranged by
Churches Together in Stourbridge**

**Thursday 14 April at 7.30 pm
in the Quaker Meeting House, Scotts Road DY8 1UR**

This evening will explore the issues surrounding refugees and asylum seekers, using up-to-date information and giving everyone the chance to have their say.

The discussion will be opened by David and Barbara Forbes who have been closely associated with Quaker social action for many years, both at the Quaker Council for European Affairs (Brussels) and in the West Midlands. In addition David has been professionally active in refugee work since 1999. Their small not-for-profit company, "Lifeline Options", took up the asylum client files after the Midlands Refugee Council was liquidated in September 2005. The work covers immigration advice, welfare intervention, employability and business advice plus special education projects for asylum seekers, refugees and failed asylum seekers. But progressively restrictive measures have led to an increased concentration on the immigration and welfare advice and delivery issues over the last five years at the expense of educational and developmental activities.

ADMISSION FREE • REFRESHMENTS • EVERYONE WELCOME





You're invited to our Big Brekkie

So come along, tuck in and help raise money for Christian Aid Week.

Where: ST THOMAS'S CHURCH HALL

When: SATURDAY APRIL 16th
10.00 am UNTIL 1.00 pm

We'll eat: cereals, toast, fruit, juices, coffee, tea, jams, marmalade

Talk to: HUGH WILLIAMS
01384 394118

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A celebration of
Her Majesty's 90th birthday

**Friday April 22nd 2016
7.30 pm in St Thomas's Church Hall**

Come and join us

and sing the nations favourite songs
with **Maggie O'Hara**
Tickets £10

To include buffet, wine, soft drinks

'pearls, tiaras ,ermine optional'!

Tickets available from
Gill Bennett on
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Please note that on Sunday 24th April we join the congregation of St Thomas' for a joint service of Evensong. There will be NO 6.30pm SERVICE at St Mary's on this Sunday.