

What's going on?

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| 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. |
| Monday 9 | 10.00am | Open The Book Team visit Oldswinford Primary School. |
| Sunday 15 | | Celebration of 150 years of Reader Ministry led by Roy, Kanthi and Roger |
| Tuesday 17 | 2.00pm | Tea at the Coach House |
| Wednesday 18 | 10.00am | Prayer Group meet at the home of Marjorie Ferguson |
| Monday 23 | 10.00am | Open The Book Team visit Oldswinford Primary School. |
| Tuesday 24 | 2.15pm | Tuesday Tea in the narthex |
| Wednesday 25 | 7.30pm | PCC meeting |
| Saturday 28 | 9.30am | walking group meet for a walk in Studley. |
| Saturday June 11 | 12 noon onwards— | Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in and around church. |
| Sunday June 26 | 2.30pm | Ordination of Alex French as Deacon |
| Sunday July 3 | | We welcome Alex French as Curate to St Mary's. There will be a bring and share lunch on this day. |

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



Our APCM meeting takes place this evening at 7.30pm following Evensong in the church hall. This is when we elect our churchwardens and sidespeople for the next 12 months. Reports from church officers will be presented and hard copies of reports from many church groups will be available. 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

Fourth 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*

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P186 **Sides:** Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: The Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: The Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Mavis Kynaston & Betty Parsons

Reader: Ron Tranter **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

Anthem: Come ye faithful—*Thatcher*

Children Together: Russ and Helen Fowler

Voluntary: Carillon—Murrill

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Kanthi Ariaraj

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Gemma Sutton

Readers: Gemma Sutton *Isaiah 63: 7—14 &*

John Sutton Luke 24: 36-49

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Anthem: The Easter song of praise—*Shephard*

Voluntary: Gelobt sei Gott - *Willan*

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Acts 9: 36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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 April 24th Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

**6.30pm Evensong at St
Thomas' Church
Stourbridge today.**

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 18

10.00am The Open The Book Team visit Old Swinford 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

10.30am

Holy Communion

1.00pm Funeral in church of Alex Hix

Friday 22

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 23

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

The Lent books that have been out at the back of church will be returned to the Robin Woods Library this week. If you have borrowed a book and would like it to be returned please hand it back to John. If you would like to keep it for longer then the slip that you completed when you borrowed the book will be given to the library and you can return the book yourself when convenient.

The new service rota is now complete and will run from 1st May through to the 28th August. Most have been e mailed out but there are some hard copies at the back of church. If you need to make a change please let John know either by 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 Diocese of Aalborg in Denmark with Bishop Henning Toft Bro. Also the Anglican Communion in Japan with Archbishop Nathaniel Uematsu.

Churches Together:

Chawn Hill Christian centre

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

the vocation of the church generally, for the vocation of your particular community of faith, and for your personal vocation as a disciple and fellow builder of God's Kingdom.

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

For our team of Lay Ministers and particularly for Roger as he prepares for the discernment day in May when he will offer himself for Reader Training. Also for our new curate Alex French as he prepares to move to Stourbridge. For Lee Reid and Louise Millward who will be married in church next Sunday.

Those living in:

Drew Road and Carlton Avenue

Local Community:

The patients and staff who work at the Corbett Hospital.

Among those who are ill:

William Bates, Lauren Simpson, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Anne May, Sally Nelson, Niamh McCormack, Finley Rogerson, Paul Turner, Maclys Cantius 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, June O'Brian and Derek Elton.

The departed:

Edward Winter Ann Shepherd, Ivan Partridge, Alex Hix, Robert James, Margaret McGrath, Joan Willetts and Ian Chamberlain

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 10: 22-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again; keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63: 7-14

Praise and Prayer

I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us— yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

He said, “Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me”; and so he became their Saviour.

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them.

In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit.

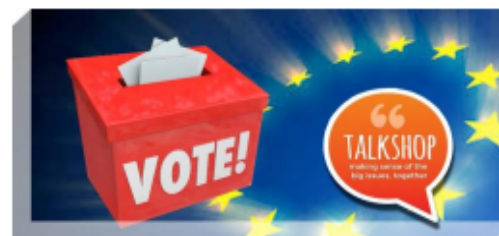
So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people— where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock?

Where is he who set his Holy Spirit among them, who sent his glorious arm of power to be at Moses’ right hand, who divided the waters before them, to gain for himself everlasting renown, who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble; like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the Lord.

This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name.



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Europe: In or Out

Britain will soon vote in a referendum on the future of its relationship with the European Union – the EU. This event will consider all sides of the question and give everyone a chance to express their views.

Monday 25 April 2016

7.00 for 7.30pm

**The Old Palace, Deansway,
Worcester, WR1 2JE**



The process is designed to give a proper airing to all the arguments. It begins and ends with a vote so participants decide where they stand before the debate and after they’ve heard all the arguments.

Interested? RSVP to Phillip Jones: phillip.jones@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 01905 755037 for more information and a briefing paper

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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MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

We are back after the Easter Break and could do with
lots of donations to keep us busy :)



Thank you to everyone who donates food and money, we
couldn't do this without you!

*Fruit juice, Pasta/Cooking Sauce, Baby wipes (6 packets left) shower
gel (very low), washing up liquid, small boxes of washing powder.*

Please leave any donations in the boxes at the back of church and
we will ensure that they are taken to the warehouse for distribu-
tion each week. Thank you for your support.

The New Testament Reading

Luke 24: 36—49

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood
among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise
in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch
me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I
have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And
while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement,
he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in
their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with
you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the
Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the
Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will
suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance
for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all
nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these
things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but
stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on
high."



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
01384 376342

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.

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



BRIERLEY HILL CHORAL SOCIETY

presents

A Concert in Memory of Richard Harris
at

St Michael's Church Brierley Hill

Saturday 7 May 2016 at 7.30 pm

HAYDN : MISSA IN ANGUSTIIS
"The Nelson Mass"

BACH : CANTATA Nr 147
"Heart and Voice and all our Being"

Soprano : Elizabeth Macdonald

Alto : Katherine Chrimes Morgan

Tenor : Christopher Fitzgerald Lombard

Bass : Martin Oxenham

Conductor : Tim Calloway

Accompanist : Michael Carless

Organ : Richard Hall

With the **QUEENS PARK SINFONIA**

Tickets: £10.00

From members of the Society

or telephone 01384 830661 or 01384 376354

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