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The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford
Sunday 24th April 2016
Fifth 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 PI88 **Sides:** Ian Nex

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: The Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: The Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Pauline Pettet and Marilyn Thomson

Reader: Audrey Tranter **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts

Anthem: Never Weather Beaten Sail—Wood

Children Together: Emma and Les

Voluntary: Grand March-Aida—Verdi

**We join members of St Thomas' Church
for a Festival Evensong this evening at
6.30pm.**

There will be no 6.30pm service at St Mary's.

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Collect for this week:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Acts 11: 1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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

**May 1st
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion
Preacher: Archdeacon
of Dudley Niki Groarke

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 24

2.00pm Flower Guild meeting in the narthex.

Tuesday 26

2.15pm Tuesday Tea in the narthex.

Wednesday 27

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

7.30pm Baptism Preparation.

Thursday 28

10.30am Holy Communion

1.00pm Funeral in church of Joan Willetts.

Friday 29

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 30

9.30am Walking Group meet for a walk at Henley in Arden.

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

On Thursday 19th May prayers will be offered in Worcester Cathedral for the Parish of St Mary's as shown in the Prayer Diary. The Cathedral have invited a member of St Mary's to attend the 5.30pm Evensong service and read a lesson on this day. Please speak to Stephen if you would like to volunteer to do this.

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

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We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East with Archbishop Dr Mouneer Anis.

Churches Together:

Gig Mill Methodist Church

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

all those travelling to the Three Confessions conference in Germany and for the journey of our three denominations on our pilgrimage towards the unity Christ wills for his church.

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

For our new curate Alex French as he prepares to move to Stourbridge. For Lee Reid and Louise Millward who will be married here today.

Those living in:

Church Road and Castle Grove

Local Community:

For our Coach House and all who use it.

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, Colin Wilson 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:

Alex Hix, Robert James, Rachael Smith, Margaret McGrath, Joan Willetts, Stanley Hingley 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 13: 31-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life; grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



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St Michael's Church Brierley Hill

Saturday 7 May 2016 at 7.30 pm

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

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Alto : Katherine Chrimes Morgan

Tenor : Christopher Fitzgerald Lombard

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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