

## 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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The next planning meeting for our Queen's Birthday  
Celebrations will be next Sunday at 5.00pm in the church hall.

### Stourbridge Christian Aid Committee invite you to the **Christian Aid Week Service**

**6.30 pm on SUNDAY MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**at**

**St Thomas's Church,**  
**Market Street Stourbridge DY8 1AQ**

**EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME**

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 1st May 2016

### Sixth Sunday of Easter



A particularly warm welcome to Archdeacon Nikki Groarke and Graham Davies, our new  
Director of Music, plus any other 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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

#### Our services today are as follows:

##### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P190 **Sides:** Meriel Harris

##### **10.00am - Parish Communion**

**President:** The Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** The Venerable Nikki Groarke, Archdeacon of Dudley

**Warden:** Ian Nex **Sides:** Toni Evans and Mike Blaxland

**Reader:** Jean Rolfe **Intercessions:** Judith Nex

**Anthem:** Bread of the World—Ingleby

**Children Together:** Peter and Kathryn Hancox

**Voluntary:** Nun danket alle Gott—Karg Elert

##### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Kanthi Ariaraj

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

**Readers:** Gill Davies Zeph 3: 14—end

Marjorie Ferguson Matt 28: 1-10 & 16—end

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Anthem:** O Saviour of the world—Somervell

**Voluntary:** Fugue in G—BWV 576—Bach

## Collect for this week:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

## Readings for our 10.00am service.

### The New Testament Reading

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

*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 May 8th Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00 am  
Communion (BCP)

10.00am  
Worship Together

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday 2—BANK HOLIDAY

The Parish Office is closed today.

#### Tuesday 3

7.30pm Standing Committee meeting

#### Wednesday 4

1.15pm Funeral service in church of Rachael Smith

2.30pm Church Hall Committee Meeting.

3.00pm Holy Communion at Oriel House

#### Thursday 5—Ascension Day

10.30am Holy Communion

12.30pm Funeral in church of Robert James

#### Friday 6

Stephen's day off.

#### Saturday 7

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

Please be encouraged to donate this week as we have run out of long life fruit juice. This is the time of year that we struggle for donations so please support us if you can.



Long life fruit juice goes in everyone's emergency food parcel as it is a good way of providing nutrients especially for children. It is classed as one of our essential items so we'd be so grateful if you could help replenish our stock and fill our shelves :)

Long life *Fruit juice, Healthy Snacks (small packets of raisins and apricots) Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toilet rolls, Toothpaste, 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 distribution each week. Thank you for your support.

**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Gothenburg in Sweden and Bishop Per Eckerdal. Also the Anglican Church of Kenya with Archbishop Eliud Wabukala.

**Churches Together:**

Holy Trinity Amblecote and their Priest Alan Williams

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

all the Readers within our Diocese as we celebrate 150 years of Reader Ministry and pray blessing on their future.

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

For our new curate Alex French as he prepares to move to Stourbridge. For the ministry of Kanthi as our Reader, for Roy and the ministry he gave as Reader and for Roger who is offering himself for reader training. Joshua Timothy Fowkes who will be baptised here today, for his parents and God parents who will be supporting him.

**Those living in:**

Stepping Stones and Bedcote Place

**Local Community:**

The work of St Basil's and their hostels for the homeless.

**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:**

Alex Hix, Robert James, Rachael Smith, Margaret McGrath, Joan Willetts, Stanley Hingley, Colin Wilson and Ian Chamberlain.

**In memoriam:**

Lilian Waldron (25.4.15) Nicholas Pike (30.4.15)

*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 14: 23-29

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life; may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **Readings for our 6.30pm service.**

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Zephaniah 3: 14—20

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

On that day they will say to Jerusalem,

“Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

“I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you.

At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you.

I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles.

I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame. At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the LORD.

### **The New Testament Reading**

Matthew 28: 1-10, 16—20

#### **Jesus Has Risen**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them.

“Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

#### **The Great Commission**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”