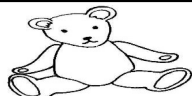


What's going on?

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.
Monday 30	Schools half term week
Saturday June 11	12 noon onwards—Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in and around church.
Monday 13	9.30am Open The Book Team visit Oldswinford Primary School.
Thursday 16	7.00pm Charter Day Service in church
Monday 20	7.30pm Mary Steven's Hospice Mid summer service in church.
Tuesday 21	2.00pm Tea at the Coach House
Thursday 23	Church hall being used for EU referendum
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.

Please ask if you would like to know more about any of these events.

Please place any donations of baby wool for the Mothers' Union appeal in the box at the back of church. The wool will be used to knit teddies for our baptism babies.



We are still collecting used postage stamps for the RNLI. Please place any stamps in the box at the back of church.



We have a Facebook page. If you're a Facebook user and want to keep up to speed with events at St Mary's visit—www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.

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 15th May 2016

Pentecost



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 P195 Sides: Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion with Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Readers

President: The Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Our Readers

Warden: Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Sally Frost & Jeremy Morgan

Reader: Joan Ram & Mike Blaxland **Intercessions:** Our Readers

Anthem: Veni Creator Spiritus - Plainsong tones

Children Together: Russ and Helen Fowler

Voluntary: Veni, Creator Spiritus—Dupre



6.30pm – Evensong

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

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

Readers: Dawn Nex *Exodus 33: 7—20*
Ian Nex 2 *Corinthians 3: 4—end*

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit—Hurford

Voluntary: Komm, Heiliger Geist—Buxtehude

Collect for this week:

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1—14

The Valley of Dry Bones

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

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 22nd Trinity Sunday

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 16

12 noon. Funeral Service in church

Tuesday 17

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House

Wednesday 18

10.00am Prayer Group meeting at the home of Marjorie Ferguson
11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

Thursday 19

10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 20

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 21

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.
Marriage preparation day in the Coach House.
4.00pm Licensing of Revd Sarah Northall at Wollescote Church

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

Thank you for all the support over the last week, we have had some lovely messages telling us about how you've been encouraging donations of fruit juice. Our shelves look better but it's going out as fast as it comes in so please keep going!

Long life Fruit juice, Breakfast cereals, Healthy snacks, savoury crackers, biscuits, plain rice, mashed potato, tinned meat pies, tinned tomatoes, tomato and brown sauce, jam/marmalade, tinned fruit, shampoo, toilet rolls, sanitary towels, shaving foam.

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 Västerås in Seden with Bishop Mikael Mogren. Also the Anglican Church of Melanesia with Archbishop David Vunagi.

Churches Together:

Our Lady and All Saints Church.

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

all our neighbours affected by floods and climate change. Pray for our neighbours who give up their time to collect during Christian Aid Week. Pray for our neighbours who live in fear and suffering. Pray for our neighbours who have the power and means to make a difference.

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

For our new curate Alex French as he prepares to move to Stourbridge. For all those who will be going out into our parish this week to collect on behalf of Christian Aid. For our readers and their ministry.

Those living in:

Swinford Road and Marlborough Drive

Local Community:

The Age Concern organisation who operate at the Mary Steven's Centre.

Among those who are ill:

William Bates, Lauren Simpson, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Anne May, Sally Nelson, Niamh McCormack, Finley Rogerson, Paul Turner, Richard Aldred, Ray Drew, Denis Noakes, Brian Taylor and Maclys Cantius.

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:

Robert James, Rachael Smith, Joan Franks, Margaret McGrath, Joan Willetts, Stanley Hingley, Florrie Perry, Joyce Preece and Colin Wilson.

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.

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The New Testament Reading

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?'

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

OLDSWINFORD CELEBRATES THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

SATURDAY 11 JUNE,

12.00 NOON – 4.00 pm

in the grounds of St Mary's Church

All welcome, free admission

**Bring and Share Lunch, King and Queen Fancy Dress,
Raffle Barn Dance**

Safe Children's Play Area and lots of activities for children

**Flower Festival...90 Years of Oldswinford and Her Majesty
Afternoon Tea**

Queen's Birthday Cake 'Bake Off'

Dancing Display by Spring Dance Academy

And lots more for all the family.

Proceeds in support of Mary Stevens Hospice

Contact 01384 441003, e-mail st.mary.os@btconnect.com, facebook
-facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswswinford, Text 07801 241114

Arrangements and planning are now well in hand for the event shown above. We hope to make this a real community event. A programme of activities has been put together for the afternoon to include music, dancing and children's activities. We are still in need of an electrician or at least somebody with the skills to be able to set up and operate a PA/music system. Could you help or do you know of anybody? The final planning meeting will take place on Sunday 5th June at 5.00pm. Please put the date in your diary and come along to support what will be a real Oldswinford celebration.

APPEAL

It's



The week we love
every neighbour

Helen Fowler is coordinating our collection again this year. Please give as much time as you can to help with our house to house collections but also with the counting of all the money we collect which will be done in the vestry following our 10.00am service on Sunday 22nd. 'Many hands make light work' so please help if you can.

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

The Gospel Reading

John 14: 8-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit that every tongue may tell of your glory, 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

Exodus 33: 7—20

The Tent outside the Camp

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tent. Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp; but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the tent.

Moses' Intercession

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live."

The New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 3: 4—18

Ministers of the New Covenant

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry of death, chiselled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory!

Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory!

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.