

Replenish, Stourbridge Food Bank

Food Banks have become national news. Almost all are run by churches, a practical example of Christ's teaching and ministry re-enacted in local communities across the UK.

Replenish, the Stourbridge Food Bank, operates every Tuesday and Friday from 10 am-12.30 pm from St John's Church (in between the Train/Bus Station and Fire Station). Whilst donations of non-perishable/basic food items are always needed, of even greater need at the moment is the donation of time. We need more people to join the friendly and fun team so as to sustain it's Christian ethos and presence in Stourbridge.

There's a choice of potential roles, including:

- receiving & sorting food donations
- welcoming and serving service users
- making up food boxes
- serving in the kitchen
- liaising with food donor churches/ organisations
- proving service users with a 'listening ear'
- setting-up before each session
- clearing away after each session.

Choose between Tuesday or Friday sessions. Volunteer as a regular (most weeks) or as an occasional 'stand-in'. Try it out first before deciding whether or not it's for you.

To find out more, contact Joy Moss t: 01384 377346

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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 22nd May 2016

Trinity Sunday



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 P201 **Sides:** Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Les Timms **Sides:** David Cook & John Evans

Reader: Audrey Tranter **Intercessions:** John Sutton

Anthem: Ave verum - Mozart

Children Together: Emma and Pauline

Voluntary: Fugue in Bb—St Anne—Bach



6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Joan Barwick **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Alec Beevers *Exodus 3: 1—15*

Tina Timms *John 3: 1—17*

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Anthem: Behold the tabernacle of God—Harris

Voluntary: Allegro Moderato Maestoso—Mendelssohn

Collect for this week:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 New Testament Reading

Romans 5: 1—5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to 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 29th Trinity 1

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 23

9.30am Open The Book Team
visiting Oldswinford Primary School

Tuesday 24

2.15pm Tuesday Tea in the
narthex

Wednesday 25

7.00pm Holy Communion for
members of the PCC

7.30pm PCC meeting

Thursday 26

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm CTIS meeting

Friday 27

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 28

10.00am Open Church and
vestry hour.

1.00pm Organ recital by Will Peart
at St Thomas' Church Stourbridge

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

As society changes we at BCFB cannot always foresee the challenges that will arise but what we do know is that the services BCFB provide are as vital as ever. We could not provide all that we do without the support of our donors. We are so thankful for all the donations of food, non food, finances and the prayers that keep us going.

Thank you everyone. This week's shortages are:

Long Life Fruit Juice, Breakfast Cereal (Weetabix/Corn Flakes/Low Sugar), Healthy Snacks (small packets of raisins, apricots), Biscuits, Plain Rice, Mashed Potato, Tinned Tomatoes, Tomato & Brown Sauce, Jam/Marmalade, Tinned Fruit, Toilet Rolls Sanitary Towels Shaving Foam Size 5 nappies

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 Viborg in Denmark with Bishop Henrik Stubkjaer. Also the Anglican Church of Mexico with Archbishop Francisco Moreno.

Churches Together:

The Riverside Christian Fellowship

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

all in St Mary's Pickersleigh and their link parish of St Joseph, Msambu, Morogoro. Sarah Northall as she is licensed as Priest in charge of St Andrew's Wollescote and St Peter's Pedmore.

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

For those who attended our marriage preparation day on Saturday and are preparing to be married at St Mary's. For the members of our PCC who will be meeting this week.

Those living in:

Joyberry Drive and Gainsborough Hill

Local Community:

The work of Mary Steven's Hospice. All those who use it and those who work there including its Chaplain David Knight

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:

Joan Franks, 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.

The Gospel Reading

John 16: 12-15

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love; hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3: 1—15

Moses and the Burning Bush

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’”

The New Testament Reading

John 3: 1—17

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.