

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday July 31st 2022

The Seventh Sunday After Trinity



Our services this week are as follows:

10.00am - A Service of the Eucharist

Lead: Rev'd John Flitcroft **Preacher:** Rev'd John Flitcroft

Warden: Stan Williams

Stewards: Avril Williams and Ian Perks

Reader: Stan Williams

Intercessions: Mike Blaxland

6:30pm - A Taizé Style Service

Leader: Mary Flitcroft

Reader: Marjorie Ferguson

Readings: Psalm 107 1-9 and Ephesians 3. 1-14

10.30am - Thursday 4th August - Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader: Rev'd John Flitcroft **Preacher:** Rev'd John Flitcroft

Stewards: Nigel Tonks with Chris McCullagh

Reader: Nigel Tonks

Please Help if you can!



We are still able to make contributions to the Stourbridge food bank through the donation of food which can be left at the back of church or you may still wish to give financially in lieu of food.

SUPPORT US FINANCIALLY

If you would like to give financially to the work of Black Country Food Bank...

TEXT BCFOODBANK TO 70085 TO DONATE £5 (PLUS STANDARD NETWORK CHARGES)

Our bank details are:

HSBC
ACCOUNT NAME: BLACK
COUNTRY FOOD BANK LIMITED
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 30116548
SORT CODE: 40-11-55

If you need a receipt, would like to let us know you're giving
or can offer us gift aid please contact:
finance@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk

We also have created a page where you can donate online
with JustGiving:

Donate - Donation amount - JustGiving



From everyone at the Black Country Food Bank, thank you!

Collect for this week:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same: 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. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18 - 23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 12.13 - 21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich

man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live; may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Notices:

4 O'Clock Church

**At St Mary's, Old Swinford
Sunday 7th August 2022**

'Loving God's Creation'



Shelter



We will love to welcome you to our service for families. Come along from 4 o'clock to enjoy activities, food, friendship and music. Our theme this month is shelter and we will holding the service outside. This special time is for families to enjoy together, there are no age restrictions for children.

4 O'Clock Church is on the first Sunday of each month,

www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk

Rectory Rd, Old Swinford, DY8 2HA

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church: Churches Together: Helsinki (Finalnd): Bishop Teemu Laajasalo
The Church of the Province of West Africa: Archbishop Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart.

Churches Together: Brickworks Church Plant.

From our Diocesan Prayer Diary.....Commonwealth Games

The Commonwealth Games, currently taking place in Birmingham, is bringing together 72 nations to play 19 different sports over 11 days of competition. Often referred to as the Friendly Games, athletes are involved from the Commonwealth of Nations and will take part in sports ranging from athletics to wrestling. The Commonwealth Paraplegic Games, involving athletes with a disability will also be taking place at the same time. This year's event will feature more para-sports than any previous Commonwealth Games, with sports such as wheelchair basketball included alongside the standard sports like para-athletics, and para-triathlon.



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

For those who will visit St Mary's this week to find sanctuary and peace. For the national Scout and Guide symphony orchestra that will be taking part in a bell ringing activity here on Wednesday. For the 4 O'Clock team as they prepare for the August service. For those who have left prayers on our prayer board.

Those Living in: Sheraton Grange / Albemarle Road.

Local Community: King Edward VI College.

Among those who are ill: Sheila Myers, Albert Cox, Deborah Scofield and Abby Baker

We continue to pray for: John Charnock, Eve Evans, Ian Moore, Stephen Webb, Harold Swithenbank, Peter & Angela Viner, Helen Hunt, Susan Haskew, Natalie Jones, David Johnson, Colin Millward, Pamela & Roy Peacock, Josh Raffan, Judy Taylor, Elian Irvine-Boden, Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Jonathan Bryan, Noah Cantius, the May family and the Rogerson family.

Those in nursing home care:

John Brothers, Roy Kirton, Norma Wren, Melitta Ling, Meriel Harris, Betty Shore and Betty Taylor.

The departed: Sue MacIntosh and David Aston

