The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday August 14th 2022 The Ninth Sunday After Trinity The Blessed Virgin Mary



Our services this week are as follows:

10.00 am - A Service of the Eucharist
Lead: Rev'd John Flitcroft Preacher: Rev'd John Flitcroft
Warden: Mark Fussell
Stewards: Stan and Avril Williams
Reader: Peter Jones
Intercessions: Judith Nex
Organ Voluntary: Wir glauben all' (The 'Giant' Fugue) - J S Bach

6:30pm - Evensong Leader: Rev'd John Flitcroft Reader: Angela Price Readings: Song of Solomon 2. 1-7 and Acts 1. 6-14 Organ Voluntary: Invention in D - H N Gerber

10.30 am - Thursday 18th August - Holy Communion (BCP)
Leader: Rev'd John Flitcroft Preacher: Rev'd John Flitcroft
Stewards: Chris McCullagh with Sue Wakeley
Reader: Andrew Ling

Open Church: Tea, Coffee and Cake plus Work with the Wardens!

There are many small tasks around church and in the grounds which, when done regularly, keep St Mary's looking at its best. On the basis that 'many hands make light work', we are going to hold a new kind of Saturday Open church once a month from September. The first will be on September 17th at 10 am to 12. We'll let you know nearer the time exactly how you can help but please put the date in your diaries! Judy and Mark



Tea at the Coach House Tuesday 16t^h August between 2-4pm. Everyone is welcome so please do come along. Sue Wakeley



Collect for this week:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace, 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: Isaiah 61. 10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my whole being shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

New Testament Reading: Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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The Gospel Reading: Luke I. 46-55

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

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away eampty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church: Churches Together: Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Ireland): Bishop Ferran Glenfield Aarhus (Denmark): Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen The Extra-Provincial Churches.

Churches Together: Amblecote Wordsley Methodist Church.

From our Diocesan Prayer Diary.....International Youth Day.

International Youth Day is commemorated every year on 12 August and is a chance to celebrate young people and to draw attention to the challenges they face around the world. The idea was proposed in 1991 by the young people who were gathered in Vienna, Austria, for the first session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations. In our diocese we have a children's and youth council which aims to listen to, understand, and learn from their experiences.

Please pray for young people known to us, that we might seek to remove barriers that inhibit them. Help us to enable all young people to realise their potential and play a full and active part in our churches and community. We remember those who have exam results coming up this week, in thankfulness for those whose results will reflect the hard work that they have endured and praying for peace and guidance for any who are disappointed.

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

For those who will visit St Mary's this week to find sanctuary and peace. Please pray for our Parish Administrator, Emma, as she takes a well earned break with her family. For those who have left prayers on our prayer board.

Those Living in: Birmingham Street / Mount Street.

Local Community: The Ark.

Among those who are ill: Carole Banks, 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, Jennifer & Colin Millward, Pamela & Roy Peacock, Josh Raffan, Judy Taylor, Elian Irvine-Boden, Martin Aston, 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: Mike McConville and Ruth Hardy.

