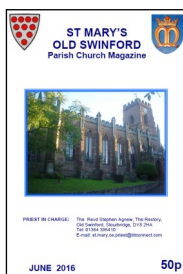


The new prayer diaries have arrived. Please take a copy home with you to use and a second copy if you would like to give a copy to family, friends or a neighbour.



The June edition of our Parish Magazine is on sale in church today. Why not take a copy for a new neighbour that's moved into your street recently or a friend that might be interested in what's going on in the parish.



ORDINATION OF DEACONS SERVICE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

This service will take place at 2.30 pm on Sunday 26 June, when Alex French, who will join us for his curacy, will be ordained Deacon. If you would like to join the party from St Mary's attending this service to support Alex please sign the list at the back of church. Lifts available and offers of lifts appreciated.

Thank you again to everybody who helped with our Christian Aid collection this year and to Helen Fowler for coordinating this for us. The total collected was £2130.33 which is absolutely fantastic.

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 29th May 2016 Trinity I



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 P204 **Sides:** Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

The choir are on holiday today

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Roger King

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Mavis Kynaston & Betty Parsons

Reader: Ron Tranter **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

Children Together: Russ and Helen

Voluntary: Prelude in C—BWV 545—Bach

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Stan Williams

Readers: Angela Price *Genesis 4: 1—16*

Marjorie Ferguson *Mark 3: 7—19*

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Voluntary: Chorale prelude on Croft's 136th—Parry

Collect for this week:

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Galatians 1:1—12

Paul an apostle – sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead – and all the members of God's family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

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 June 5th Trinity 2

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Schools half term week

Monday 30

Bank Holiday—Parish Office open

Tuesday 31

Parish Office open

Wednesday June 1

Parish Office closed

7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting

Thursday 2

Parish Office closed

10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 3

Parish Office closed

Saturday 4

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

We've have been overwhelmed at the support Halesowen College have shown us over the last few weeks. The students decided to run a collection point for two weeks hoping to collect 1000 food items. They managed to collect 1050 items and we are so proud of them :) They arrived on Friday afternoon with their donation. They took lots of photos and were looking forward to reporting back to the other students. What an amazing achievement.

This is one of the many examples of how you can support Black Country Foodbank. Please be encouraged that young people in our local community are making use of their time, effort and money to support Black Country Foodbank. Isn't that wonderful!

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, Savoury Rice, Mashed Potato, Tinned Fruit, Cooking Sauce, Shaving Foam, Size 5 nappies, Deodorants

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 Anglican Church in Rome. The Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland in Norway with Bishop Per Oskar Kjoelaas.

Churches Together:

The Quaker Church in Stourbridge

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

all our curates currently in Germany and for the families with whom they are staying.

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

For Alex French as he moves to Stourbridge. For our pastoral care team and for those who take communion into the homes of those who are not able to attend church.

Those living in:

Rectory Road and Rectory Close

Local Community:

Our local secondary schools and all students who are sitting important exams at this time.

Among those who are ill:

William Bates, Angela Viner, 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

Luke 7: 1-10

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

Jesus entered the town of Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go," and he goes, and to another, "Come," and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this," and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4: 1—16

Cain and Abel

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

But the Lord said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. So Cain went out from the Lord’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

The New Testament Reading

Mark 3: 7—19

Crowds Follow Jesus

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him.

Jesus Appoints the Twelve

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons. These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means “sons of thunder”), Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.