

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.



We have obtained a Parish Pass for Westminster Abbey. This pass allows six free entries during the year with up to 4 adults allowed entry on each visit. If you would like to make use of our Parish Pass please speak to John in the Parish Office. 01384 441003 st.mary.os@btconnect.com or Text 07956675990

### 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.

The diocese has prepared some readings and prayers for the Battle of the Somme and is encouraging their use for commemorating the first day, Friday, 1 July, of this long and devastating campaign. It lasted four months and on its first day more than 19,000 British soldiers died. We plan to hold a short service in church with talk starting at 7.30 am on Friday 1 July to coincide with the opening of the battle on that devastating day. We are inviting other churches to join us.



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 5th June 2016 Trinity 2



*A warm welcome to Revd Tom Fish and Revd David Knight and any other 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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)*

### Our services today are as follows:

#### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Tom Fish

Collect, Epistle Philippians 4: 10—23 and Gospel P207

**Sides:** Ian Nex

#### **10.00am - Parish Communion**

**President:** Revd David Knight

**Preacher:** Revd David Knight

**Warden:** Tony Tatford **Sides:** Sue Tatford & Marilyn Thomson

**Reader:** Tony Tatford **Intercessions:** Dawn Nex

**Children Together:** Les Timms and Pauline Pettet

**Anthem:** Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake —*Farrant*

**Voluntary:** Festal Flourish—*G Jacob*

#### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Roger King

**Preacher:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Warden:** Judy Hall **Sides:** Gill Davies

**Readers:** Gill Davies *Genesis 8: 15—9: 17*

Judy Hall *Mark 4: 1—20*

**Intercessions:** Roger King

**Anthem:** Teach me, O Lord —*Attwood*

**Voluntary:** Lobe den Herren—*M Reger*



### Collect for this week:

Lord, you have taught us that in all our doings without love are nothing worth; send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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**

Galatians 1:11—24

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.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.' And they glorified God because of me.

*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 12th**

**Trinity 3**

*In all of our services today we  
will be giving thanks for our  
Queen and her service  
to our Nation.*

8.00 am  
Communion (BCP)

10.00am  
Worship Together

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### **Monday 6**

7.30pm Admission of Wardens service at St George's Kidderminster.

#### **Wednesday 8**

7.30pm Parish Share meeting at St Michael's Norton

#### **Thursday 9**

10.30am Holy Communion led by Revd Martin Soar

7.30pm Coach House Committee Meeting

#### **Friday 10**

Church being decorated in preparation for tomorrow.

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#### **Saturday 11**

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

12 noon onwards . Oldswinford Celebrates the Queen's 90th birthday.

### **CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY**

#### **OLDSWINFORD CHURCH AND COMMUNITY BRING AND SHARE LUNCH**



**SATURDAY 11 June 2016**  
**Starting at 12.00 noon**



Entertainment, Activities, Fancy Dress, Music,  
Cake baking competition and  
Involving residents of the Parish of Oldswinford, local  
community groups, St Mary's congregations, local schools,  
and businesses.

In church a flower festival with illustrations of Oldswinford  
during the past ninety years.

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**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

**The World Church:**

The Lusitanian Church in Portugal with Bishop Jose Cabral. Also the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad with Archbishop Lauma Zusvica. Also the Church of the Province of Myanmar in Burma with Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo.

**Churches Together:**

St James' Church Wollaston

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

Peter Atkinson as he completes his challenge to cycle 1000km throughout Normandy and recruit 1000 new Friends of Worcester Cathedral.

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

For Alex French as he settles into his new home. For all those who work with young people within our church, sharing their faith and encouraging others.

**Those living in:**

Lutley Drive and Chawn Park Drive

**Local Community:**

Ham Dingle Primary School

**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, Emma Brown 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

**In memoriam:**

Jan Sutton (10.6.15)

*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: 11-17

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

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

This pew sheet is also available at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### **The Old Testament Reading**

#### **Genesis 8: 15—9: 17**

Then God said to Noah, “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.” So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

“But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being.

“Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind. As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.” Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

### **The New Testament Reading**

#### **Mark 4: 1—20**

#### **The Parable of the Sower**

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water’s edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.”

Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that “they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!”

Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”