

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.



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 12th June 2016 Trinity 3



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

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

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P209

Sides: Ian Nex

10.00am - Worship Together

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Sally Frost & John Evans

Reader: Sally Frost

Music led by our music group.



6.30pm - Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex

Readers: Dawn Nex *Genesis 13* Ian Nex *Mark 4: 21—end*

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Responses: Statham **Setting:** Stanford in C

Anthem: Teach me O Lord—Attwood

Voluntary: Fugue in g minor - J S Bach



A Service of Thanksgiving for our Queen

Welcome and Notices

A Bidding Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



HYMN - 240 NHWS O God beyond all praising

The Collect

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, receive our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given her in these ninety years and for all that she has given to her people. Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her, and as you gather us together in celebration, unite us also in love and service to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 1: 32—40
(Solomon is anointed King) For the word of the Lord
Read by Sally Frost Thanks be to God.

HYMN - I rejoiced when I heard them say

New Testament Reading Luke 12: 22—31
(Trust in God) For the word of the Lord
Read by Christine Day Thanks be to God.

Memories of 90 years

Prayers of Thanksgiving

In response to each bidding we all say: 'We give thanks and praise'

George Nicholls
Organ recital

FREE ADMISSION
With a retiring collection

Saturday 30th July

5.00 pm

Great Witley Church,
WR6 6JT



Our next Messy
Church Event will be
on Saturday 2nd July.
2.00pm—4.00pm
in church.





A huge thank you to everybody who helped with our Queen's Birthday celebrations yesterday and particularly to Tony Tatford for co-ordinating things and ensuring everything ran smoothly. The church will be open all day today to allow visitors to come in and view the wonderful flower arrangements. Please invite friends and neighbours to come and take a look. Stewards will be on duty throughout the day.

Mary Steven's Hospice will be holding their usual Mid Summer Service on Monday 20th June in church at 7.00pm. Please note the time for this service is 7.00pm not 7.30 as advertised elsewhere.

FORMER CHORISTERS IN PERFORMANCE

Friday 17 June 1.10 – 2.15

Barber Institute, Birmingham University
Summer Festival Voices and Instrumentalists
Purcell's The Tempest
Conducted by Jack Apperley
Admission free.

Wednesday 22 June 7.30

Gloucester Cathedral
William Peart gives an Organ Recital
Admission free (retiring collection)

HYMN - O God, you search me and you know me

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Prayers of Intercession

*In response to the words: 'Lord, hear us'
all say: 'Lord, graciously hear us'*



Welcome the newly baptised

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God we will.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



HYMN — 204 NHWS Lord, for the years
(during which the collection will be taken)

The Blessing.

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all humankind,
peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing.....

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen



I rejoiced when I heard them say,

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"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.

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I Jerusalem, God's city,
built strong by the hand of the Lord.
To Jerusalem will the tribes go up,
the people of our God..

2 For the peace of Jerusalem we pray;
may peace come to your homes.
For the love of my relatives and friends,
may peace come to you.

3 For the love of the house of the Lord,
I will pray for you.
May the throne of justice
be restored in you.

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built strong by the hand of the Lord.
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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 19th Trinity 4

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 13

10.00am Open The Book Team
visit Oldswinford Primary School

Tuesday 14

11.30am Holy Communion at
Holly Croft

Wednesday 15

9.00am Morning Prayer
followed by full staff meeting.

Thursday 16

10.30am Holy Communion
K E VI College Charter Day
Service

Friday 17

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 18

10.00am Open Church and
vestry hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

Our shortages list is increasing as we head towards the summer holidays. Please be encouraged to have a copy of our list when you do your shopping and even if you can buy one item we'd be so grateful :)



Thank you everyone. This week's shortages are:

Sugar, Breakfast Cereal (Weetabix/Corn Flakes/Low Sugar), Biscuits Plain Rice, Savoury Rice, Mashed Potato, Tinned Fruit, Cooking Sauce Tinned Ready Meals (Spag Bol, Chilli, Macaroni Cheese), Tinned Tomatoes, Deodorant, Toilet Rolls, Shaving Foam

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 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland with Bishop Agnes Sigurdardottir and Bishops Kristjan Ingolfsson and Solveig Gudmundsdottir. Also the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church with Bishop Carlos Lopez Lozano and The Church of Nigeria with Archbishop Nicholas Okoh.

Churches Together:

St John's URC

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

those involved in the exhibition in Sedgley and for all those hosting birthday celebrations in honour of HM The Queen this weekend as well as for Her Majesty herself as she marks this milestone in her life.

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

For Alex French as he prepares for ordination. For Rickie Jones, Vicky Smith, Freya Jones and Finley Jones, who will be baptised here today.

Those living in:

Prescott Road and Woodward Place

Local Community:

Old Swinford Primary School

Among those who are ill:

Angela Viner, Niamh McCormack, Finley Rogerson, Paul Turner, Ray Drew, Denis Noakes, Brian Taylor, Emma Brown, Claire Walters and Maclys Cantius.

We continue to pray for:

William Bates, Lauren Simpson, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Anne May, Sally Nelson, Grace Jones, 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, Richard Aldred, Anne Davies and Derek Elton

The departed:

Percy Walters

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.

O God, you search me and you know me.

O God, you search me and you know me.

All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.

When I walk or lie down you are before me:

Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.

You discern my purpose from afar,

And with love everlasting you besiege me:

In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,

You have known its meaning through and through.

You are with me beyond my understanding:

God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,

Still I search for shelter from your light.

There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:

Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,

Gave me life within my mother's womb.

For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:

Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Bernadette Farrell

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 13

Abram and Lot Separate

So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.

Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. And quarrelling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarrelling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord.

The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."

So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the Lord.

The New Testament Reading

Mark 4: 21—40

A Lamp on a Stand

He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear."

"Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them."

The Parable of the Growing Seed

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Jesus Calms the Storm

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"

Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"