

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](mailto: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.

We have received a request from the organisation 'Loaves n Fishes', who are a Christian based charity who operate in Blackheath. Over the past few weeks they have been helping refugees/asylum seekers who have been moved up from London to try and set up a new home. They need toys, bedding, toiletries, clothes, shoes, cutlery, bowls & saucepans. Anything that might help somebody to set up a new home from absolutely nothing. This is not a normal cry for help. This is an emergency as they are rapidly running out of things to give out. The address of the depot to take things to is 55a Vicarage Road, Blackheath. B62 8HU Tel: 0121 559 7443



We will be holding a Bring and Share lunch on Sunday 3rd July in the church hall to formally welcome our new curate Alex French. Please make a note in your diaries. Further details to follow.

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](mailto:st.mary.os@btconnect.com) or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 19th June 2016 Trinity 4



*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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)*

### Our services today are as follows:

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Collect, Epistle and Gospel** P210  
**Sides:** Meriel Harris

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Toni Evans & Mike Blaxland  
**Reader:** Peter Jones **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts  
**Children Together:** Peter & Kathryn Hancox  
**Anthem:** Ave verum corpus –Mozart  
**Voluntary:** Choral Song—S S Wesley

#### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Alec Beevers  
**Readers:** Alec Beevers *Genesis 24: 1—27*  
*Liz Fourness Mark 5: 21—end*  
**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Anthem:** Cantate Domino –*Pitoni*  
**Voluntary:** Trumpet Voluntary – *J Stanley*

### Collect for this week:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 3: 23—29

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*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 26th**

**Trinity 5**

8.00 am

Communion (BCP)

10.00am

Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### **CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday 20**

7.00pm Hospice Mid Summer Service in church.

#### **Tuesday 21**

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House.

#### **Wednesday 22**

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge.

#### **Thursday 23**

10.30am Holy Communion  
Church hall being used for EU referendum voting all day.

#### **Friday 24**

Stephen's day off.

#### **Saturday 25**

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

9.30am Walking group meet for a walk at Martley.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi All

We were honoured to be able to send one of our volunteers to the Patrons Lunch held in the Mall outside Buckingham Palace in celebration of the Queen's Birthday on Sunday 12th June. Sue Richens has volunteered with BCFB for many years and we were delighted that she and her husband could experience such a wonderful event. Sue represented all of our volunteers across our 19 centres. Sue and her husband thoroughly enjoyed the day and managed to shake hands with William and Kate!

Thank you Sue and all of our volunteers who make the work that BCFB do possible. 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/Gel, Shampoo (totally run out of), Sanitary Towels, Adult Toothbrushes

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 Diocese of Lolland-Falster in Denmark with Bishop Steen Skovsgaard.  
Also the church of North India with Archbishop Pradeep Samantaroy.

**Churches Together:**

St Michael and All Angels Norton.

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

all those coming to Worcester for the Institute of Historic Building Conservation Annual Summer School and particularly for Andrew Mottram as he leads the event.

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

For Alex French as he prepares for ordination. For members of our Pastoral Care Team who visit those in need and share Communion.

**Those living in:**

Old Ham Lane and Mountain Ash Drive.

**Local Community:**

Old Swinford Hospital School.

**Among those who are ill:**

Angela Viner, Niamh McCormack, Finley Rogerson, Paul Turner, Denis Noakes, Brian Taylor, Emma Brown, Claire Walters, Alex Strange and Janet Blaxland.

**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, Ray Milner and Sandra Clulow.

**In memoriam:**

John Foxley (20.6.15)

*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 8: 26-39

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the Kingdom of your Son 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 24: 1—27

##### Isaac and Rebekah

Abraham was now very old, and the Lord had blessed him in every way. He said to the senior servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh. I want you to swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.”

The servant asked him, “What if the woman is unwilling to come back with me to this land? Shall I then take your son back to the country you came from?”

“Make sure that you do not take my son back there,” Abraham said. “The Lord, the God of heaven, who brought me out of my father’s household and my native land and who spoke to me and promised me on oath, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give this land’—he will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there. If the woman is unwilling to come back with you, then you will be released from this oath of mine. Only do not take my son back there.” So the servant put his hand under the thigh of his master Abraham and swore an oath to him concerning this matter.

Then the servant left, taking with him ten of his master’s camels loaded with all kinds of good things from his master. He set out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor. He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water.

Then he prayed, “Lord, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a young woman, ‘Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,’ and she says, ‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels too’—let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master.”

Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham’s brother Nahor. The woman was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again.

The servant hurried to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water from your jar.”

“Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

After she had given him a drink, she said, “I’ll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink.” So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels. Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful.

When the camels had finished drinking, the man took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka and two gold bracelets weighing ten shekels. Then he asked, “Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?”

She answered him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son that Milkah bore to Nahor.” And she added, “We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night.”

Then the man bowed down and worshiped the Lord, saying, “Praise be to the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey to the house of my master’s relatives.”

## The New Testament Reading

### Mark 5: 21—43

#### Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

“You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?” Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha kum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.