

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



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 will be holding a Bring and Share lunch next Sunday 3rd July in the church hall to formally welcome our new curate Alex French. Please bring your own glasses and drink and of course some food to share.

We are still collecting used postage stamps for the RNLI. Please place any stamps in the box at the back of church.



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 26th June 2016

Trinity 5



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

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Sides: Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj

Warden: Les Timms **Sides:** Andrew Scudamore & David Cook

Reader: Liz Fourness **Intercessions:** Mike Blaxland

Children Together: Russ and Helen Fowler

Anthem: He that shall endure to the end –F. Mendelssohn

Voluntary: Grand Jeu—D Bedard

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Kanthi Ariaraj

Preacher: Roger King

Warden: Joan Barwick **Sides:** Gemma Sutton

Readers: Marjorie Ferguson *Genesis 27: 1—40*

Gemma Sutton *Mark 6: 1—6*

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: Be thou my vision –B Chilcott

Voluntary: Sonata II(ii&iv) – F. Mendelssohn

Collect for this week:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 5: 1, 13—25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

Please feel free to take this pew sheet away and recycle. 

What's going on?

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on these pages.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

July 3rd

Trinity 5

8.00 am

Communion (BCP)

10.00am

Parish Communion

3.00pm Rotary Club
service

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 27

10.00am Open The Book Team
visit Oldswinford Primary school.

Tuesday 28

2.15pm Tuesday Tea in the
narthex.

Wednesday 29

10.00am Visit by Y1 pupils from
Oldswinford Primary School.

Thursday 30

10.30am Holy Communion

1.30pm Visit by Y1 pupils from
Oldswinford Primary School.

Friday 1 July

7.30am Prayers to commemorate
100 years since the Battle of the
Somme led by Roy Peacock

Saturday 2

10.00am Open Church and vestry
hour.

12 noon Wedding in church.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

It's a bit wet at the Storehouse today. Our drivers have their umbrellas in their vans and are ready to deliver lots of food to our centres across the Black Country. We are struggling to fulfill our orders and we are rationing the amount of tins and packets we are sending to our centres. Please keep donating as this is our most difficult time of year for stock levels.

Thank you :) This week's shortages are:

Biscuits, Plain Rice, Savoury Rice, Mashed Potato, Tinned Fruit, Cooking Sauce Tinned Ready Meals (Spag Bol, Chilli, Macaroni Cheese), Tinned Tomatoes, Deodorant, Toilet Rolls, Tissues, Shaving Foam/Gel, Adult Toothpaste, 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.



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We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Visby in Sweden with Bishop Sven-Bernhard Fast. The Diocese of Copenhagen in Denmark with Bishop Peter Skov-Jakobsen. The Church of Pakistan with Archbishop Samuel Azariah.

Churches Together:

St Peter's Pedmore with St Andrew's Wollescote and their new Priest in Charge Revd Sarah Northall.

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

all those being ordained today as they begin the next phase of their faith journey.

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

For Alex French being ordained Deacon today in Worcester Cathedral. For our choir and all they contribute to our worship under their leader Graham Davies. Joseph Gaytten and Ana Formusatii who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday.

Those living in:

Junction Road and Coney Green.

Local Community:

The residents and staff of Holly Lodge Care Home.

Among those who are ill:

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

We continue to pray for:

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, Janet Blaxland, 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.

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 9: 51-62

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that thy church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 27: 1—40

When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.” “Here I am,” he answered. Isaac said, “I am now an old man and don’t know the day of my death. Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.”

Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, ‘Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the Lord before I die.’ Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.”

Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing.”

His mother said to him, “My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me.” So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it. Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made. He went to his father and said, “My father.” “Yes, my son,” he answered. “Who is it?” Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.” Isaac asked his son, “How did you find it so quickly, my son?” “The Lord your God gave me success,” he replied. Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not.” Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him. “Are you really my son Esau?” he asked. “I am,” he replied. Then he said, “My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing.” Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank. Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come here, my son, and kiss me.” So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, “Ah, the smell of my son is like the

smell of a field that the Lord has blessed. May God give you heaven’s dew and earth’s richness— an abundance of grain and new wine. May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed.”

After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father’s presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, “My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.” His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?” “I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.” Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!” When Esau heard his father’s words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me—me too, my father!” But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.” Esau said, “Isn’t he rightly named Jacob? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my birth-right, and now he’s taken my blessing!” Then he asked, “Haven’t you reserved any blessing for me?” Isaac answered Esau, “I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?” Esau said to his father, “Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!” Then Esau wept aloud. His father Isaac answered him, “Your dwelling will be away from the earth’s richness, away from the dew of heaven above. You will live by the sword and you will serve your brother. But when you grow restless, you will throw his yoke from off your neck.”

The New Testament Reading

Mark 6: 1—6

A Prophet Without Honour

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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