

### Tuesday Tea on 26 July.

We shall be having a Cream Tea for this month's Tuesday Tea in the narthex, at the usual time of 2.30 - 4.00 pm. Do come and enjoy the afternoon and bring a friend - everyone welcome!

Stephen and Jean will also be inviting you to a cream tea in the Rectory in August. Make a note of Tuesday 2nd August for more cream teas.



*Our PCC will be meeting on Monday this week at 7.30pm in the rectory. Agenda, minutes and reports have been sent out by e mail.*

Please sign the rota at the back of church if you feel you are able to help steward at our open church on a Saturday morning. This is a really important part of our outreach when we invite visitors into our church for many different reasons. A warm welcome and the offer of a drink and a chat provides a wonderful introduction to St Mary's.

Beginning this week and continuing through the school holidays the Parish Office will be **closed on Mondays.** It will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 8.30am and 12.30pm and 9.00am—12 noon on Fridays.

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 17th July 2016

### Trinity 8



*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** P217  
**Sides:** Eve Evans

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Preacher:** Revd Alex French  
**Warden:** Tony Tatford **Sides:** John Evans & Sue Tatford  
**Reader:** Christine Day **Intercessions:** Judith Nex  
**Children Together:** Peter & Kathryn Hancox  
**Anthem:** If ye love me – Tallis  
**Voluntary:** Postlude on a ground —H Murrill

##### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Alec Beevers  
**Readers:** Marjorie Ferguson *Genesis 41: 1-16, 25-37*  
Peter Thomson *1 Cor 4: 8—13*  
**Intercessions:** Kanthi Ariaraj  
**Anthem:** My eyes for beauty pine – H Howells  
**Voluntary:** Psalm Prelude Set 1 no 11 – H Howells

### Collect for this week:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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

Colossians 1: 15—28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

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



# WANTED

## Community Support Volunteers

We are recruiting new Community Volunteers to visit patients and carers in the community, as part of an innovative project we are part of called Macmillan Specialist Care at Home based in Stourbridge at The Mary Stevens Hospice.

It is a two year project, aiming to transform end of life care for people in Dudley. One of the ways in which we are doing this, is through recruiting volunteers who are able to provide vital support to people with cancer and other life limiting conditions.

What Community Volunteers can provide:

- One-to-one companionship and support through weekly home visits
- A listening ear and time to engage in every day conversation
- Practical support with crafts, hobbies or interests
- Support for carers to take a short break out of the house

Community Volunteers will:

- receive full induction training for this role together with on-going support, supervision and training.

For more information please call:

Lynne Whyley, Community Volunteer Services Administrator

Tel: 01384 321523 | Email: [lynne.whyley@dgc.nhs.uk](mailto:lynne.whyley@dgc.nhs.uk)

The Mary Stevens Hospice, 221 Hagley Road, Oldswinford, Stourbridge DY8 2JR

w: [www.marystevenshospice.co.uk](http://www.marystevenshospice.co.uk) | Charity Registration Number: 517656



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## GOD'S BEAUTIFUL WORLD

on

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**at 7.30 pm**

**ALL WELCOME - FREE ADMISSION**

**Suggested minimum donation of £2 per adult  
to include refreshments**

**Further information: 01384 394226 / 01384 394057  
[www.holytrinityamblecote.org.uk](http://www.holytrinityamblecote.org.uk)**

### The Gospel Reading

Luke 10: 38—42

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

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

### Post Communion Prayer:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to your for ever.

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## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 41: 1—16, 25—37

#### **Pharaoh's Dreams**

When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.

He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted—thin and scorched by the east wind. The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream.

In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him.

Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, “Today I am reminded of my shortcomings. Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he imprisoned me and the chief baker in the house of the captain of the guard. Each of us had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he interpreted them for us, giving each man the interpretation of his dream. And things turned out exactly as he interpreted them to us: I was restored to my position, and the other man was impaled.”

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.

Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.”

“I cannot do it,” Joseph replied to Pharaoh, “but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.”

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the

## Monarchs and Saints of SCOTLAND



McCabe short break holidays

26 - 30 June 2017

### A GENTLE PILGRIMAGE

Would you be interested in joining a short break pilgrimage with McCabe Travel visiting Edinburgh, the Border Abbeys of Jedburgh, Dryburgh and Melrose, together with visits to Rosslyn Chapel, Inchcolm Island and Dunfermline Abbey in June of next year.

*This will be a new venture for McCabe and will be led by a minister who has served his ministry in the borders. It will run from 26 – 30 June 2017 and will cost £525. As always with McCabe this covers accommodation, (in Pollock Halls - University Halls near the centre of Edinburgh), breakfasts, dinners, lunches, fees, gratuities, guiding, coach and ferry. It does not cover the cost of getting to Edinburgh, there is car parking with the accommodation, though we are looking to travel by train.*

If you are interested in joining with us for this gentle pilgrimage (no searches, passports or shootings expected!) then get in touch with Stephen Agnew on 395410 or [st.mary.os.priest@btconnect.com](mailto:st.mary.os.priest@btconnect.com)





**Kingdom People**  
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Archbishop of Canterbury's visit  
7 - 9 October 2016

## The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will be visiting our diocese from 7 – 9 October

*There are three public events, which we hope as many people as possible will support*

**Friday 7 October, 7pm ~ Worcester Arena WR2 5JN**

**Archbishop Justin in conversation with BBC Radio 2's Jeremy Vine**

An opportunity to come and listen to the Archbishop talk about his life and faith 'in conversation' with the BBC journalist, Jeremy Vine. Audience members will have the chance to ask questions and there will be a performance from a choir put together from local church schools. Tickets: £5 available from:

[www.ticketline.co.uk/the-archbishop-of-canterbury-in-conversation](http://www.ticketline.co.uk/the-archbishop-of-canterbury-in-conversation)

*Please consider inviting your non-churchgoing friends to this event!*



**Saturday 8 October, 1.30pm ~ St Stephen's Church, Redditch B97 4DY**

**Craft, stories and refreshments for families**

Archbishop Justin will join this event for families, which will be based around the story of Jesus walking on water (Matthew 14: 22-36). Bring the children to have a go at the crafts, play on the bouncy castle, listen to the story told by the Archbishop, and enjoy tea and cake together.

**Sunday 9 October, 2.30pm ~ Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Dudley DY5 1QX**

**Prayer walk and Songs of Praise event**

Archbishop Justin will be walking around Merry Hill shopping centre, offering to pray for those visiting. We hope that lots of people from parishes will then join us for a short 'songs of praise' type event, with prayers, songs and a short reflection from the Archbishop.

*Come along and let's show that the Christian community is flourishing in Dudley and the surrounding areas!*

**More information from**  
[www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/archbishops-visit](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/archbishops-visit)



same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads of grain are seven years; it is one and the same dream. The seven lean, ugly cows that came up afterward are seven years, and so are the seven worthless heads of grain scorched by the east wind: They are seven years of famine.

"It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.

"And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine."

The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials.

## The New Testament Reading

**I Corinthians 4: 8—13**

Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have begun to reign—and that without us! How I wish that you really had begun to reign so that we also might reign with you! For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings. We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonoured! To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment.

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

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Moere Norway with Bishop Ingeborg Midttoemme. Also the Anglican Church in Rwanda with Archbishop Dr Onesphore Rwaje

**Churches Together:**

Wollaston Methodist Church

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

all those involved in organising the exhibition Tower to Town at St Anne's Bewdley and for those who will visit the church as a result.

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

Andrew and Jemma along with Craig and Sarah, who were married here yesterday. Sebastian Charles Kimberley Smith, Rowan Jack Greenfield and AJ David Jones who will be baptised at St Mary's today. Members of our PCC who will be meeting this week to discuss church matters.

**Those living in:**

Margaret Drive and The Furlongs

**Local Community:**

The residents and staff of Doveton House Care Home.

**Among those who are ill:**

Angela Viner, Niamh McCormack, Finley Rogerson, Denis Noakes, Brian Taylor, Emma Brown, Claire Walters, Harold White and Alexis Strong.

**We continue to pray for:**

Lauren Simpson, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Anne May, Sally Nelson, Grace Jones, Dianne Smith, 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:**

Paul Turner and Brian Norgrove

**In memoriam:**

Kenneth Willocks (23.7.15)

*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.*

## 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 24th Trinity 9

8.00 am  
Communion (BCP)

10.00am  
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday 18**

Parish office closed

Alex's day off

7.30pm PCC meeting

**Tuesday 19**

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House

**Wednesday 20**

7.00pm Oldswinford Primary

School Leavers' service

**Thursday 21**

10.30am Holy Communion in church

**Friday 22 July**

Stephen's day off

**Saturday 23**

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

Love Stourbridge event organized by CTiS in Mary Steven's Park.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

Thank you for all the donations of food over the past week. Please remember that we also require financial donations to help us keep our vans on the road, to light our Warehouse and to pay our rent etc. If you feel led to support us this way please email [admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk) and we'd be happy to let you have one of our donation forms. Alternatively you can donate through our just giving page [www.justgiving.com/blackcountryfoodbank](http://www.justgiving.com/blackcountryfoodbank).

Thank you for all that you do :)

This week's shortages are:

Breakfast Cereal (Low Sugar) Jam/Marmalade Biscuits Plain Rice (only a few bags left) Mashed Potato Tinned Fruit Tinned Tomatoes Deodorant Shampoo Shower Gel Shaving Foam/Gel Adult Toothbrushes Washing Up Liquid

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.

