

### 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 are also extending an invitation to a cream tea in the Rectory in August. Make a note of Tuesday 2nd August for more cream teas and sign the list at the back of church if you would like to attend.



*A decision was made at the recent PCC meeting that we should trial leaving our church open during the day. This is part of our ongoing efforts to make our church more accessible and encourage people to call in and visit. The church will be open between 9.00am and 5.30pm during weekdays. The trial will be reviewed at the next PCC meeting. Do pop in and enjoy the space and peace.*

Please place any donations of baby wool for the Mothers' Union appeal in the box at the back of church. The wool will be used to knit teddies for our baptism babies.



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



During 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 24th July 2016

### Trinity 9



*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:** Meriel Harris

#### 10.00am - Parish Communion

*The choir are now on their summer break. We will be using the same readings at our morning and evening services.*

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts

**Sides:** Andrew Scudamore & Jeremy Morgan

**Reader:** Peter Jones **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts

**Children Together:** Russ & Helen Fowler

**Voluntary:** Wir glauben all' an einen Gott—J S Bach

#### 6.30pm – Evensong

**Officiant:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Joan Barwick **Sides:** Alec Beevers

**Readers:** Alec Beevers *Genesis 18: 20—32*

Angela Price *Luke 11: 1—13*

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Voluntary:** Prelude in G—A Dvorak

## Collect for this week:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 and 6.30pm service.

### The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18: 20-32

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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



**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)



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# 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)

## The Gospel Reading

Luke 11: 1—13

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

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

## Post Communion Prayer:

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Skara in Sweden with Bishop Ake Bonnier.

**Churches Together:**

Amblecote Methodist Church

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

the Grave Talk sessions at St Peter's Cradley and for other parishes thinking about using it as an evangelism tool.

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

Jess Venmore and Joseph Hardy who will be married in St Mary's on Thursday this week. Those who organise and those who attend our Tuesday Tea.

**Those living in:**

Winchester Drive and Eton Drive

**Local Community:**

The What? Centre

**Among those who are ill:**

Angela Viner, Niamh McCormack, Finley Rogerson, Denis Noakes, Brian Taylor, Emma Brown, Claire Walters, Rob Franks, Harold White, Joe Yeates 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 and Anne Davies.

**The departed:**

Paul Turner and May Roden

*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 31st

Trinity 10

8.00 am

Communion (BCP)

10.00am

Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### **Monday 25**

Parish office closed

Alex's day off

#### **Tuesday 26**

2.30pm Tuesday Tea

#### **Thursday 28**

10.30am Holy Communion  
in church

3.00pm Wedding in church

#### **Friday 29 July**

Stephen's day off

#### **Saturday 30**

9.30am Walking group  
meet.

10.00am Open Church and  
vestry hour.

### 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.

