

Cream Tea on 2 August

Stephen and Jean invite you to a cream tea in the Rectory this Tuesday 2 August. Please 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.

Bishop's Certificate Course 2016—2017

This is a diocesan study course which is offered in different places each year and run by volunteer tutors. It's designed to help you learn more about the bible and the great themes of Christian faith and life, and to relate these to your own experience and locality. It will encourage you to explore and reflect as you learn with, and from, the other people on your course. It's a great way to get to know people from neighbouring churches and different Christian traditions.

Stephen Agnew, Alex French and Mary German will be leading a course at the Coach House on Tuesday evenings beginning on 27th September.

Please speak to Stephen or Alex if you are interested or would like to know more or visit the Diocesan website <http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/mission-and-ministry/your-christian-calling/bishops-certificate/>

Application forms and further details are available 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 or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 31st July 2016 Trinity 10



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

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P221

Sides: Eve Evans

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: Roger King

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Sides: Sally Frost & Marilyn Thomson

Reader: Sally Frost **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

Children Together: Les Timms

Voluntary: Prelude in C (The Great)—J S Bach

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Roger King

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

Readers: Dawn Nex *Eccles 1, 2: 12-14; 2: 18-23*
Ian Nex *Luke 12: 13—21*

Intercessions: Roger King

Voluntary: Fugue in C (The Great)—J S Bach

Collect for this week:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

Ecclesiastes 1, 2: 12—14; 18—23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

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

Mr Selfridge costumes come to Worcester Cathedral

This August Worcester Cathedral presents a new and specially designed event for visitors.

Dressed for Drama an exhibition of period costumes from British television and film, including *Mr Selfridge*, *Downton Abbey*, *The Hollow Crown*, *Wolf Hall* and *Poldark* to name just a few and will include some beautiful outfits worn by stars such as Benedict Cumberbatch, Maggie Smith, Eddie Redmayne and many others.

The exhibition will be displayed in the stunning early 12th Century Chapter House – thought to be the first round chapter house in the world – and visitors will be able to get up close to the costumes to see the designs and craftsmanship that they have enjoyed on screen.

Certain of the displays are not endorsed by the relevant intellectual property rights holders.



Far From the Madding Crowd



Opening Times

Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm
Sunday, 11am - 4pm

Ticket prices

Adult £6.50. Under 18's £4.50, under 5's free.
Family: (2 adults & 2 children) £15.00.
Tickets are available on the door,
online or in advance.



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To pre-book (especially recommended for groups), telephone 01905 732900.
For further information visit the cathedral website at worcestercathedral.co.uk

This pew sheet is also available at www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk

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

The Gospel Reading

Luke 12: 13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania with bishop Mindaugas Sabutis.
Also the Church of the Province of South East Asia with Bishop Bolly Lapok.

Churches Together:

Chawn Hill Christian Centre

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

all those involved in the Cathedral's costume exhibition and pray that it will help enable more people to experience the beauty and tranquility of our Cathedral.

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

Jess Venmore and Joseph Hardy who were married in St Mary's last week.
Those who will be attending our baptism preparation evening on Wednesday and will be bringing their children to baptism.

Those living in:

Sheraton Grange and Albemarle Road

Local Community:

The Ark Centre in Stourbridge

Among those who are ill:

Angela Viner, Niamh McCormack, Finley Rogerson, Denis Noakes, Brian Taylor, Emma Brown, Claire Walters, Rob Franks, Harold White, Joe and Ros 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, Noah Cantius, Janet Blaxland, and Michael Woodall.

Those in nursing home care:

Sheila Westwood, June O'Brian, Richard Aldred and Anne Davies.

The departed:

Paul Turner, May Roden, Richard Tatler and as his ashes are interred, Robert James

In memoriam:

Andrew Chamberlain (30.8.15)

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

August 7th

Trinity 11

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 1

Parish office closed

Alex's day off

2.00pm Funeral of Paul Turner in church.

Tuesday 2

2.30pm Cream Teas in the Rectory.

Wednesday 3

9.30am Full staff meeting

7.30pm Baptism preparation evening

Thursday 4

10.30am Holy Communion in church

12 noon burial of ashes - Robert James

Friday 5

Stephen's day off

Saturday 6

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

Thank you for the donations over the last week. We struggle this time of year for donations so everything we receive is vital. Please keep going!

Please check out our website for opening times of the main storehouse and we have included a shortages page too. This will be updated when we can but rest assured every item donated from our shopping list is important to us so please be encouraged to continue to donate over the summer.

Thank you for all that you do :)

This week's shortages are:

Breakfast Cereal (Low Sugar) Jam/Marmalade Plain Rice (only a few bags left)
Mashed Potato Tinned Fruit Tinned meat Tinned ready meals Fruit juice
Coffee Shaving Foam/Gel Sanitary Towels

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.

