

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.

The church will be open every day this week between 9.00am and 5.30pm Do call in and enjoy the space and peace.

The funeral of Richard Tatler will take place on Tuesday 16th August at 1.00pm in church. The family would also like to invite you to join them afterwards in the Great Hall of Oldswinford Hospital School.

The additional flowers that are in church today are to celebrate 140 years of the Mothers' Union and Mary Sumner Day on Tuesday of this coming week.

John is beginning to prepare the next service rota which will run from 4th September 2016 —1st January 2017. Please let him know of any dates that you are unavailable during this time either by e mail st.mary.os@btconnect.com or phone 01384 441003 or text 07956675990 Please let him know by Monday 15th August so that the new rota can be ready by Sunday 21st August.

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 7th August 2016

Trinity II



*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: Nick Harbach

10.00am - Parish Communion

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

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Sides: Betty Parsons & Sally Frost

Reader: Janet Hampson **Intercessions:** Dawn Nex

Children Together: Peter & Kathryn Hancox

Voluntary: Holy, Holy, Holy—M McKelvey

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Alec Beevers *Genesis 15: 1—6*

Judy Hall *Luke 12: 32-40*

Intercessions: Revd Alex French

Voluntary: Trio Sonata in E flat (1st Mov) - J S Bach

Collect for this week:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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. Amen

Readings for our 10.00am and 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15: 1—6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

*For where your
Treasure
is, there will your heart be also*

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



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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

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



The Gospel Reading

Luke 12: 32– 40

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Helsinki in Finland with Bishop Irja Askola and the Church of South India with Archbishop Dr Govada Dyvasirvadham.

Churches Together:

Gig Mill Methodist Church

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

all those who live and work on the UK's network of canals and rivers and for those who support them as chaplains.

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

Evie Rose Pickering and Isobel Lily Booth who will be baptised here at St Mary's today. We pray for their parents and Godparents who will support them.

Those living in:

Doctors Hill and Meon Rise

Local Community:

The patients and those who work at Russells Hall Hospital including their team of Chaplains.

Among those who are ill:

Angela Viner, Niamh McCormack, Finley Rogerson, Denis Noakes, Brian Taylor, Emma Brown, 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, and Michael Woodall.

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed:

Paul Turner, Derek Johnson, Baby Ellis Cunningham, May Roden, Richard Tatler and Janet Blaxland

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 14th Trinity 11

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Worship Together

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 8

Parish office closed

Tuesday 9

11.00am Funeral of May Roden in church.

Wednesday 10

Copy date for September magazine.

Thursday 11

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 12

Stephen's day off

Saturday 13

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

3.00pm—4.00pm Visiting bell-ringers will be ringing our bells.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

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 Savoury rice/pasta
Mashed Potato Jars of cooking sauce Tinned Fruit Tinned ready meals
Tinned meat Tinned tomatoes Fruit juice Coffee Shaving Foam/Gel
Sanitary Towels Can openers Toothbrushes Shampoo Shower gel

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.

