



Away From It All or AFIA for short is a Mothers' Union fund which helps anyone who has been through a difficult time to enjoy a break away. Recently, a young family in the parish, who have had a really difficult year due to illness, were given the opportunity to go away for a family holiday supported by AFIA. Our Mothers' Union Branch has decided to support AFIA as part of the 140 year celebrations. We will be holding a coffee morning in September.

Wednesday 14th September 2016

from

10.00 am till 12.00 pm

in

The Narthex, St Mary's Church, Oldswinford

Coffee and Cake, Cake Stall, Jams and Preserves, Books, Raffle

We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXHOLDERS

Once again It is time for the Children's society box contents to be counted so if you do have a box could you please either:-

1. Wait for your usual collector to visit and count the contents or
2. Bring your box into church and leave it for counting (by the end of September at the latest please).

Your box will be returned to you after counting

Thankyou so much for being a box holder. Every penny you collect really does make a difference and the society ensures that the money is invested in services which directly impact children's lives.

The funeral of Janet Blaxland will take place on Thursday 18th August at 2.30pm in church.

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.

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

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 14th August 2016

Trinity 12



*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*

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P224

Sides: Meriel Harris

10.00am - Worship Together

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** John Evans & Toni Evans

Readers: Judy Hall & Christine Day

Organist: Richard Hall



6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Gill Davies

Readers: Gill Davies *Isaiah 28: 9 – 22*

Marjorie Ferguson *2 Corinthians 8: 1 - 9*

Intercessions: Revd Alex French

Voluntary: Trio Sonata in Eb (1st Movt)—J S Bach

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

'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus'



INTRODUCTION *A focus on the Olympic games*

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN 99 God is working his purpose out

This is the day which the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In response to the words: We are your people, we give you thanks
We respond: **We praise your holy name**

READING Hebrews 11: 29—12: 2

(A reminder of the faith of people of old times)

At the end of the reading: For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HYMN 432 O Jesus I have promised

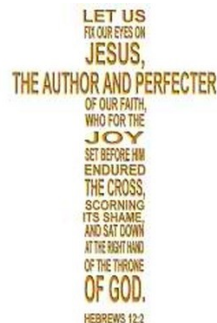
ADDRESS

CONFESSION *(As part of the confession we think of the things which slow us down from following Jesus and reflect on words from our reading: 'Let us throw off everything which hinders and let us fix our eyes on Jesus'.)*

In response to the words: Father, forgive us
We pray: **Save us and help us**

We hear words which assure us that God forgives us

HYMN 120 Have faith in God my heart



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 21st

Trinity 13

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 15

Parish office closed

Alex's day off.

Tuesday 16

1.00pm Funeral of Richard Tatler in church.

7.30pm Magazine editorial meeting

Thursday 18

10.30am Holy Communion in church

12 noon Burial of ashes—Alexina Hix

2.30pm Funeral of Janet Blaxland

Friday 19

Stephen's day off

Saturday 20

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

Your donations are making us smile and keeping our volunteers busy during these summer weeks. Thank you for continuing to surprise and bless us with all the items arriving at the Warehouse.

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 Can openers Toilet roll Tins of custard

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.



We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Aarhus in Denmark with Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen. Also the Diocese of Stockholm in Seden with Bishop Eva Brunne. Also the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Churches Together:

Holy Trinity Church Amblecote

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

churches and parishes to take seriously the challenge and call to action and adopt the Eco Church project. Pray also for the work of Arocha UK, the environmental charity behind Eco Church and all those working towards environmental sustainability, including Christian Aid.

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

All those who will be attending funeral services at St Mary's during the next week. For the families and friends of all loved ones who we mourn at this time.

Those living in:

Birmingham Street and Mount Street

Local Community:

All those who work at and those who use The Corbett Hospital.

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, Janet Blaxland, Robert Pratt and as her ashes are interred Alexina Hix.

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.

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PRAYERS

Response: God our Father: **hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer set to music by Julian Wiener
NHWS 264



Welcome to the newly baptised

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God we will.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

PEACE

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



HYMN 101 God of grace and God of glory
(during which the collection will be taken)

THE BLESSING

We bless one another with the words printed on the cross and as we leave the church we take with us the cross as a reminder that we are God's people and that we are called to fix our eyes on Jesus in the coming week and throughout our lives.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen



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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 28: 9 – 22

‘Whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from milk, those taken from the breast? For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.’

Truly, with stammering lip and with alien tongue he will speak to this people, to whom he has said, ‘This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose’; yet they would not hear. Therefore the word of the LORD will be to them, ‘Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little’; in order that they may go, and fall backwards, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem. Because you have said, ‘We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter’; therefore thus says the Lord GOD, See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: ‘One who trusts will not panic.’ And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plummet; hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the shelter. Then your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through you will be beaten down by it. As often as it passes through, it will take you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be sheer terror to understand the message. For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on it, and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in it. For the LORD will rise up as on Mount Perazim, he will rage as in the valley of Gibeon to do his deed – strange is his deed! – and to work his work – alien is his work! Now therefore do not scoff, or your bonds will be made stronger; for I have heard a decree of destruction from the Lord GOD of hosts upon the whole land.

The New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 8: 1 – 9

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints – and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

