



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.

Please take a look at the architect's proposals and drawings for changes that we could make to our two porches in an effort to make them a more welcoming and attractive space. Please make any comments favourable or otherwise on the sheets provided.

The new service rota is now complete and has been distributed by e mail. Hard Copies are available at the back of church.

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 21st August 2016

Trinity 13



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 P225

Sides: Ian Nex

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: Revd Alex French

Warden: Maggie Abbotts

Sides: Stan and Avril Williams

Reader: Maggie Abbotts **Intercessions:** Revd Alex French

Children Together: Emma White & Pauline Pettet

Voluntary: Dialogue sur les Grand Jeux—N de Grigny

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Alex French

Warden: Joan Barwick **Sides:** Stan Williams

Readers: Stan Williams *Jeremiah 1: 4—10*

Angela Price *Luke 13: 10—17*

Intercessions: Roger King

Voluntary: Postlude on a ground—H Murrill

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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

Jeremiah 1:4—10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

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



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

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 13: 10– 17

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

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Espoo in Finland with Bishop Tapio Luoma. Also the Anglican Church of South America with Archbishop Hector Munoz.

Churches Together:

New Road Methodist Church

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

Suckley Church who are working on their SPACE project to enable their church to be more multi purpose and for all churches across the Diocese looking at innovative ways of using their church building.

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

Emily Rose Jaynes, Harley Ayda Vale, Evelyn May Grainger who will be baptised here today. Pray for their parents and their Godparents who will support them. For Paul Haydon and Sarahjane Archer, Richie Jones and Vicky Smith who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday.

Those living in:

Glasshouse Hill and Brook Road

Local Community:

Our Coach House and all those who use this facility.

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:

Baby Ellis Cunningham, May Roden, Richard Tatler, Janet Blaxland and Robert Pratt.

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 28th Trinity 14

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 22

Parish office closed

10.30am Funeral of Baby Ellis Cunningham

12 noon Funeral of Robert Pratt

Tuesday 23

2.30pm Tuesday tea in the narthex.

Alex's day off.

Thursday 25

10.30am Holy Communion in church led by Revd John Corker

Saturday 27

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

1.00pm Wedding of Paul and Sarahjane.

4.00pm Wedding of Richie and Vicky

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.

