



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 begins next Sunday. Electronic copies have been distributed by e mail. Hard Copies are available at the back of church. Please let the office know if you have to make a swap.

Please send any notices or information for the pewsheet 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 28th August 2016

Trinity 14



A warm welcome to Revd Michael Willows and any other 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 Michael Willows

Readings as shown on in the pewsheet

Sides: Meriel Harris

10.00am - Parish Communion

The choir are on their summer break.

President: Revd Michael Willows

Preacher: Revd Michael Willows

Warden: Tony Tatford

Sides: Pauline Pettet and Sue Tatford

Reader: Jeremy Morgan **Intercessions:** John Sutton

Children Together: Russ & Helen Fowler

Voluntary: Praeludium in D——D Buxtehude

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Roger King

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Alec Beevers *Isaiah 33: 13—22*

Marjorie Ferguson *John 3: 22—36*

Intercessions: Revd Alex French

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in G — F Mendelssohn

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 New Testament Reading

Hebrews 13: 1—8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

What's going on?

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on these pages.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

September 4

Trinity 15

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 29

Bank Holiday

Parish office open
Alex's day off.

Thursday 1

10.30am Holy Communion in church led by Revd Michael Willocks

Saturday 3

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.



Our next Messy Church Event will be on Saturday
24th September.
2.00pm—4.00pm in church.



The new prayer diaries have arrived. Please take a copy home with you to use and a second copy if you would like to give a copy to family, friends or a neighbour.



From Wednesday 31st August until Friday 23rd September inclusive the Parish Office will only be open on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 9.00am and 12 noon.

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 Sudan with Archbishop Daniel Yak.

Churches Together:

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church

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

all the Bishops in Peru as well as for Margaret Rutter, former Mission Development Officer, who is visiting Peru this September in support of our links.

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

For Paul Haydon and Sarahjane Archer, Richie Jones and Vicky Smith who were married at St Mary's yesterday.

Those living in:

Hall Street and Crauford Street

Local Community:

St Basil's Home for the homeless 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.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 14: 1,7- 14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostle's teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 33: 13—22

You who are far away, hear what I have done; you who are near, acknowledge my power! The sinners in Zion are terrified; trembling grips the godless: “Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning?” Those who walk righteously and speak what is right, who reject gain from extortion and keep their hands from accepting bribes, who stop their ears against plots of murder and shut their eyes against contemplating evil— they are the ones who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. Their bread will be supplied, and water will not fail them. Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar. In your thoughts you will ponder the former terror: “Where is that chief officer? Where is the one who took the revenue? Where is the officer in charge of the towers?” You will see those arrogant people no more, people whose speech is obscure, whose language is strange and incomprehensible. Look on Zion, the city of our festivals; your eyes will see Jerusalem, a peaceful abode, a tent that will not be moved; its stakes will never be pulled up, nor any of its ropes broken. There the Lord will be our Mighty One. It will be like a place of broad rivers and streams. No galley with oars will ride them, no mighty ship will sail them. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us.

The New Testament Reading

John 3: 22-36

John Testifies Again About Jesus

After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized. (This was before John was put in prison.)

An argument developed between some of John’s disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. They came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him.”

To this John replied, “A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.’ The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less.”

The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.