

Thank you to everybody who has donated produce of any kind at our services today and to everybody who has helped to decorate the church. The food will be divided and distributed between the Stourbridge Foodbank and the St Basil's hostel for the homeless. Thank you for your generosity.

Our next Messy Church event will be on Saturday 15th October between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in church. Please text 07762250749 if you would like to come as we need to know numbers to be able to provide enough food.



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

Christmas Market Planning meeting.

There will be a planning meeting for the Market on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Narthex area of the church. We are always looking for new ideas and help in the running of this event and welcome all the support you are able to give. Perhaps an idea for a stall or a game? Help in setting up the hall? Chance to show your talent at decorating the hall? If you have any ideas, even if you are unable to attend this first meeting, please call Katey Fletcher on 01384 378182 or e mail kateyfletcher@btinternet.com

There are some 2017 diaries at the back of church. These are generously donated to us at no cost. Please help yourself if you would like one.

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 2nd October 2016

Trinity 19 – Harvest Festival



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 or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.



Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Readings: Same as for 10.00am service

Sides: Ian Nex



10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Sides: David Cook and Sally Frost

Reader: Jeremy Morgan **Intercessions:** Dawn Nex

Children Together: Emma White and Pauline Pettet

Communion Motet: Thou visitest the earth – Greene

Voluntary: Minuet Gothique – L Boellman



6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Roger King

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Joan Barwick **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Angela Price *Deut 8: 7—18*
Alec Beevers *Luke 12: 16—30*

Intercessions: Roger King

Anthem: Lord, I trust thee – G F Handel

Voluntary: Nun Danket – S Karg-Elert



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Collect for this week:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 forever. Amen

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Philippians 4: 4—9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

October 9

Trinity 20

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Worship Together

6.30pm
Choral Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 3

Alex's day off

Tuesday 4

10.00am The Open The Book Team visit
Oldswinford Primary School

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Croft
7.30pm Bishop's Certificate Group meeting
in the Coach House

Wednesday 5

3.00pm Holy Communion at Oriel
House.

7.30pm Christmas Market Planning
meeting.

7.30pm Deanery Synod meeting at
Hagley.

Thursday 6

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 7

Stephen's day off

Archbishop Justin's visit to the Diocese
begins

Saturday October 8

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour..

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

We are getting ready for a busy season at Black Country
Foodbank.

Harvest is nearly upon us and we are very excited to be able to share with you our animation aimed at primary school children. This animation is designed to encourage children in schools to donate over Harvest time and beyond. We all think the animation is brilliant and we want as many people to see it as possible!

Click on the link below to view the animation.

<https://vimeo.com/182295593/c7ca6f5585>

This week's shortages are:

Fruit Juice, Hot Chocolate/Coffee, Biscuits, Tinned Custard, Milk, Cooking Sauce, Tinned Meat, Plain Rice, Tinned Ready Meals, Tinned Fruit, Deodorant, Bubble Bath, Can Openers, Shaving Foam

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 Church in West Africa with Archbishop Daniel Sarfo

Churches Together:

St Michael and All Angels Church Norton.

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

Archbishop Justin as he comes to the Diocese of Worcester and for the staff who will come with him. Pray for all those organising the events during his visit and for those who will attend, that new people will come to faith and others will have their faith refreshed and strengthened as a result.

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

Ava Louise Priest, Sebastian Jack Massey and Freddie Jason Robert Davies who will all be baptised at St Mary's today. We pray for their parents and Godparents who will be supporting them. Stacey Tromans and Richard Lander who were married at St Mary's yesterday.

Those living in:

Hillville Gardens and Field Cottage Drive

Local Community:

The students and staff of Ham Dingle School.

Among those who are ill:

Angela Viner, Niamh McCormack, Emma Brown, Joe and Ros Yeates and Enid Clarke.

We continue to pray for:

Lauren Simpson, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Anne May, Sally Nelson, Grace Jones, Angela Dixon, Sally Taylor, Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Jonathan Bryan, Noah Cantius, and Michael Woodall, Finley Rogerson, Denis Noakes, Harold and Hazel White and Alexis Strong.

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed:

Robert Burrows and as his ashes are interred Richard Tatler.

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

John 6: 25—35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through 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

Deuteronomy 8: 7—18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The New Testament Reading

Luke 12: 16—30

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 toward God.”

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.