



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.



We have a Facebook page. If you're a Facebook user and want to keep up to speed with events at St Mary's visit- www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.

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 4th September 2016

Trinity 15



A warm welcome to Revd Sarah Northall and Revd John Fitzmaurice 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 Sarah Northall

Readings as shown on in the pewsheet

Sides: Ian Nex

10.00am - Parish Communion

We welcome back our choir from their summer break today

President: Revd John Fitzmaurice

Preacher: Revd John Fitzmaurice

Warden: Tony Tatford

Sides: Merl and Colin Roberts

Reader: Ron Tranter **Intercessions:** Judith Nex

Children Together: Les Timms and Pauline Pettet

Communion Motet: Christ be with me – Irish trad

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on Richmond – H Willan

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Kanthi Ariaraj

Preacher: Revd Alex French

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

Readers: Gill Davies *Isaiah 43: 14-44.5*

Marjorie Ferguson John 5: 30—end

Intercessions: Revd Alex French

Anthem: God be in my head - Rutter

Voluntary: Voluntary in F – John Bennet

Collect for this week:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 8.00am and 10.00am service

The New Testament Reading

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

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

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 11

Trinity 16

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Worship Together

6.30pm
Choral Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 5

Alex's day off.

Tuesday 6

11.30am Holy Communion at Holy Croft

Wednesday 7

9.30am Full staff meeting

7.30pm Standing Committee meeting.

Thursday 8

10.30am Holy Communion in church.

Friday 9

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 10

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

3.00pm Wedding of James and April.

We are still collecting used postage stamps for the RNLI. Please place any stamps in the box at the back of 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.

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

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Turku in Finland with Archbishop Kari Makinen and Bishop Kaarlo Kalliala. Also the church in Tanzania with Archbishop Jacob Chimeledya

Churches Together:

Riverside Christian Fellowship

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

Margaret James as she starts her new role as Director of Education as well as the whole of the diocesan education team.

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

Martha Taylor, Jacob Thomas Jones and Freddie James Wyatt who will be baptised here today. Pray for their parents and their Godparents who will support them. For James Webster and April Wyatt who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday.

Those living in:

Yarnborough Hill and Linden Close

Local Community:

The Age Concern organisation who meet at the Mary Steven's Centre.

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, 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: 25– 33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Keep, O Lord, your church, with your perpetual mercy; and because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43: 14-44.5

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! You have not brought me your sheep for burnt-offerings, or honoured me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Accuse me, let us go to trial; set forth your case, so that you may be proved right. Your first ancestor sinned, and your interpreters transgressed against me. Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary, I delivered Jacob to utter destruction, and Israel to reviling. But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, 'I am the LORD's', another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, 'The LORD's', and adopt the name of Israel.

The New Testament Reading

John 5: 30—47

Jesus said, 'I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

'If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'