

#### 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.

## Harvest supper on Saturday 1st October.

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](mailto:st.mary.os@btconnect.com) or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 11th September 2016 Trinity 16—Education Sunday



*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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)*

**Collect:** O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

#### Our services today are as follows:

##### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel P231

**Sides:** Meriel Harris

##### **10.00am - Worship Together**

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Sally Frost & Pauline Pettet

**Readers:** Christine Day and Sally Frost

Music led by our music group.



##### **6.30pm - Choral Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Judy Hall **Sides:** Alec Beevers

**Readers:** Alec Beevers *Isaiah 60*

Judy Hall *John 6: 51-69*

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Responses:** Ayleward **Setting:** Sumsion in G

**Anthem:** Earth fragile beauties - *Kingsfold*

**Voluntary:** Ave Maris Stella – *De Grigny*



*What might it feel like to be lost and then found?*

### Welcome and Notices

#### Call to worship

We meet in the presence of God who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.

#### Opening prayer

Lord, speak to us that we may hear your word.  
Move among us that we may behold your glory.  
Receive our prayers that we may learn to trust you.  
[silence] Amen.

**HYMN — (SHEET)** Let us build a house

**PSALM 14** Read by Christine Day



#### Prayer of thanksgiving

In response to the words: 'A city on a hill cannot be hidden.' please say  
**'We are the light of the world'.**

#### Prayers of Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

In a dark and disfigured world we have not held out the light of life:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world we have failed to share our bread:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world we have kept the love of God to ourselves:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

#### Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself and cleanse us from all our sins, that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We say together the collect (see front page)

**HYMN — NHWS 186** Jubilate everybody

**READING** Luke 15. 1-10 Read by Sally Frost  
(The Lost, the Found, and the Never Lost)

O Lord, your word gives us life; it **sets us free to live as your loved children.**



## 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 18**  
**Trinity 17**

8.00 am  
Communion (BCP)

10.00am  
Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptisms  
4.30pm ATC Battle of  
Britain Parade

6.30pm Evensong

### **CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Tuesday 13**

10.00am The Open The Group meet in the Rectory

#### **Wednesday 14**

10.00am MU Coffee morning in the narthex  
7.30pm Baptism preparation evening.

#### **Thursday 15**

10.30am Holy Communion in church

#### **Friday 15**

1.00pm Wedding of Phillip and Samantha.

#### **Saturday 3**

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

1.00pm Wedding of Christopher and Rebecca

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

**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

***The World Church:***

The Diocese of Ribe in Denmark with Bishop Elob Westergaard. Also the Church of Uganda with Archbishop Stanley Ntagali with Assistant Bishop of Kampala Hannington Mutebi.

***Churches Together:***

The Quaker Church in Stourbridge

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

Andy Green and Andy Hewines as they are licensed as Readers, for those involved in the service and for all our Readers across the Diocese.

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

For James Webster and April Wyatt who were married at St Mary's yesterday. For Phillip Macdonald and Samantha Calvert who will be married at St Mary's on Friday and Christopher Ellis and Rebecca Robinson who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday.

***Those living in:***

Grange Lane and Sandyacre Way

***Local Community:***

The Mary Steven's Hospice. Those who work there and those who use this wonderful facility. Also for the team of chaplains who work there led by revd David Knight.

***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:***

Robert Burrows

*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.*

**ADDRESS**

**HYMN** - NHWS 84 From the Sun's rising

**Prayers:** In response to the words: 'Father, by your Spirit' all say: '**bring in your kingdom**'.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us....

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



**Welcome 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**

God calls us to peace:

**in God's justice is our peace.**

Christ calls us to be God's people:

**in Christ is our peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**HYMN** - NHWS 368 Will you come and follow me  
(during which the collection will be taken)

**The Blessing**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing..... **Amen**

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



## **Readings for our 6.30pm service.**

### **The Old Testament Reading**

#### **Isaiah 60**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you down, but in my favour I have had mercy on you. Your gates shall always be open; day and night they shall not be shut, so that nations shall bring you their wealth, with their kings led in procession. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste. The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will glorify where my feet rest. The descendants of those who oppressed you shall come bending low to you, and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet; they shall call you the City of the LORD, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic for ever, a joy from age to age. You shall suck the milk of nations, you shall suck the breasts of kings; and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Saviour and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron. I will appoint Peace

as your overseer and Righteousness as your taskmaster. Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land for ever. They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands, so that I might be glorified. The least of them shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the LORD; in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

### **The New Testament Reading**

#### **John 6: 51-69**

Jesus said: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'