



7—9 October in Worcester and Dudley

Friday 7 October, 7pm Worcester Arena WR2 5JN

Archbishop Justin in conversation with BBC Radio 2's Jeremy Vine

This is a great opportunity to bring friends to hear the Archbishop speak about his life and his faith. Tickets £5 from 0844 888 9991

Craft, stories and refreshments for families

Saturday 8 October, 1.30pm St Stephen's Church, Redditch B97 4DY

Archbishop Justin will join with families to think about the story of Jesus walking on the water.

All families are welcome—just come along.

Prayer walk and Songs of Praise event

Sunday 9 October, 2.30pm

Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Dudley DY5 1QX

Archbishop Justin will be walking around

Merry Hill Shopping Centre, offering to pray for those visiting.

We will then join in a 'Songs of Praise' event.

Come along and join in.

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 25th September 2016

Trinity 18



A warm 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

Readings: Collect, Epistle and Gospel P234

Sides: Ian Nex

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Alex French

Warden: Maggie Abbotts

Sides: Andrew Scudamore and Mike Blaxland

Reader: Joan Ram **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts

Children Together: Russ & Helen Fowler

Communion Motet: O, taste and see – Vaughan-Williams

Voluntary: Sortie – M Dupre

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

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

Readers: Gill Davies *Nehemiah 2*

Marjorie Ferguson *John 8: 31—38, 48—end*

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: I will thank thee – D Purcell

Voluntary: Chorale (Suite for organ) – M Archer

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Collect for this week:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 service.

The New Testament Reading

I Timothy 6: 6- 19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

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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 2

Trinity 19—Harvest

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 26

Alex's day off

3.00pm Guidelines bible study group meeting.

Tuesday 27

2.30pm Tea in the narthex

7.30pm Bishop's Certificate Group begins

Wednesday 28

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

Thursday 29

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 30

Stephen's day off

Saturday October 1

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

12.30pm Wedding of Stacey and Richard

7.30pm Harvest supper in the church hall.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

Your donations are making us smile and keeping our volunteers busy . Thank you for continuing to surprise and bless us with all the items arriving at the Warehouse.



This week's shortages are:

Plain Rice Jars of cooking sauce Tinned Meat Tinned Fruit Tinned ready meals
Fruit juice Coffee Hot chocolate Long life milk Biscuits
Shaving Foam/Gel Can openers Tinned Custard
Shampoo Bubble bath Soap Deodorant

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.

**From Monday 26th September the Parish Office
will be back to normal opening hours.
9.00am—12 noon Monday—Friday.**

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

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Church of Greenland with Bishop Sofie Petersen. Also the Church in Wales with Archbishop Barry Morgan.

Churches Together:

St John's URC

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

all the members of the Mothers' Union, across the Diocese and worldwide.

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

Members and leaders of our Mothers' Union here at St Mary's. Those who will be beginning the Bishop's Certificate Course this week. Stacey Tromans and Richard Lander who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday.

Those living in:

Randle Road and The Parklands

Local Community:

The students and staff of Red Hill 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

In memoriam:

Brenda Cadwallader (25.9.15)

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 16: 19—31

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

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

Post Communion Prayer:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign.

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 2

In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was served to him, I carried the wine and gave it to the king. Now, I had never been sad in his presence before. So the king said to me, 'Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This can only be sadness of the heart.' Then I was very much afraid. I said to the king, 'May the king live for ever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors' graves, lies waste, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?' Then the king said to me, 'What do you request?' So I prayed to the God of heaven. Then I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favour with you, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors' graves, so that I may rebuild it.' The king said to me (the queen also was sitting beside him), 'How long will you be gone, and when will you return?' So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a date. Then I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may grant me passage until I arrive in Judah; and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, directing him to give me timber to make beams for the gates of the temple fortress, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy.' And the king granted me what I asked, for the gracious hand of my God was upon me.

Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent officers of the army and cavalry with me. When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel.

So I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days. Then I got up during the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal I took was the animal I rode. I went out by night by the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool; but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. So I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest that were to do the work.

Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burnt. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace.' I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, 'Let us start building!' So they committed themselves to the common good. But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they mocked and ridiculed us, saying, 'What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?' Then I replied to them, 'The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building; but you have no share or claim or historic right in Jerusalem.'

The New Testament Reading

John 8: 31-38, 48-59

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?'

Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.'

The Jews answered him, 'Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?' Jesus answered, 'I do not have a demon; but I honour my Father, and you dishonour me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge. Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.' The Jews said to him, 'Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never taste death." Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?' Jesus answered, 'If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, "He is our God", though you do not know him. But I know him; if I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.' Then the Jews said to him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?' Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.' So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.