

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.*

**Monday is the copy date for our November magazine. If you have any articles you would like to be considered for publication please submit them to the editor as soon as possible. The October edition of the magazine is currently for sale at the back of church. Either leave articles in the box at the back of church, or send to [stmary.parishmagazine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmary.parishmagazine@hotmail.co.uk)**

Thank you to everybody who collected money through our Children's Society boxes. The final sum raised was £1030.44. Thanks also to Maggie Abbotts for co ordinating this appeal.



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](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).

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

## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

### Sunday 9th October 2016

### Trinity 20



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) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).

**Collect: O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the child-like and lowly of heart; grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**Our services today are as follows:**

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
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**Sides:** Meriel Harris

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Warden:** Judy Hall **Sides:** Pauline Pettet and Betty Parsons  
**Readers:** Judy Hall & Janet Hampson  
**Music led by our Music Group.**



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

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Warden:** Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex  
**Readers:** Ian Nex *Nehemiah 6: 1—16*  
Dawn Nex *John 15: 12—27*  
**Intercessions:** Revd Alex French  
**Responses:** Ayleward **Setting:** Harwood in A flat  
**Anthem:** I will sing with the spirit—Rutter  
**Voluntary:** Fugue on the Magnificat - J S Bach

This pew sheet is also available at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)



## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

HYMN NHWS 35 Brother, sister, let me serve you

**Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

This is the day which the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## WHO WAS FRANCIS?

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

*In response to the words: 'In your mercy'*

*All say: 'Forgive us and help us'*

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **AMEN**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *is said followed by:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

HYMN NHWS 193 Let love be real in giving and receiving

**READING** Luke 12: 22—34 (Trust in God for all that you need)

## ADDRESS

HYMN SHEET For all the saints who showed your love

## 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 16 Trinity 21

8.00 am  
Communion (BCP)

10.00am  
Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptism

6.30pm  
Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday 10

Alex's day off  
Magazine copy date for November magazine

#### Tuesday 11

2.00pm Mothers' Union meet in the Coach House  
7.30pm Bishop's Certificate Group meeting in the Coach House

#### Wednesday 12

9.30am Full staff meeting.

#### Thursday 13

10.30am Holy Communion in church

#### Friday 14

Stephen's day off

#### Saturday 15

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.  
2.00pm—4.00pm Messy Church

## MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

It's getting very chilly in the Warehouse as October moves in. Please keep all our volunteers busy by donating lots of much needed food and toiletry items. Thank you :)



This week's shortages are:

Fruit Juice, Hot Chocolate/Coffee, Biscuits, Tinned Custard, UHT Milk, Cooking Sauce, Tinned Meat, Plain Rice, Tinned Ready Meals, Tinned Fruit, Can Openers, Children's Toothpaste and Children's Toothbrushes

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 Diocese of Hadersley in Denmark with Bishop Marianne Christiansen. Also the Church in the West Indies with Archbishop John Holder.

**Churches Together:**

St Peter's Church Pedmore

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

all those involved in the Germinate learning communities and for those attending the conference next weekend.

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

Amelie Chambers, Jack Hunter and Matilda Lee who are preparing for baptism. Those who will be leading and attending our messy church next Saturday.

**Those living in:**

White Close and Brockmoor Close

**Local Community:**

The pupils and staff of Oldswinford Primary 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.

*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.*

**PRAYERS**

*Response:* Lord, hear us: **help us to follow you.**

**The Lord's Prayer** set to music by Julian Wiener  
NHWS 264



**Welcome to 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**

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



HYMN NHWS 78 For the fruits of his creation  
(during which the collection will be taken)

**A PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

**THE BLESSING**

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you with all that we have and all that we are. May we generously give out of our riches to those in need. May we not hold on to what we think might bring us wealth or happiness. May we trust you to provide us with all that we need. And may the blessing.....

**THE DISMISSAL**

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



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

### **The Old Testament Reading**

**Nehemiah 6: 1—16**

Now when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah and to Geshem the Arab and to the rest of our enemies that I had built the wall and that there was no gap left in it (though up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, ‘Come and let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono.’ But they intended to do me harm. So I sent messengers to them, saying, ‘I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it to come down to you?’ They sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. In it was written, ‘It is reported among the nations – and Geshem also says it – that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall; and according to this report you wish to become their king. You have also set up prophets to proclaim in Jerusalem concerning you, “There is a king in Judah!” And now it will be reported to the king according to these words. So come, therefore, and let us confer together.’ Then I sent to him, saying, ‘No such things as you say have been done; you are inventing them out of your own mind’ – for they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, ‘Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.’ But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

One day when I went into the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his house, he said, ‘Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, tonight they are coming to kill you.’ But I said, ‘Should a man like me run away? Would a man like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in!’ Then I perceived and saw that God had not sent him at all, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. He was hired for this purpose, to intimidate me and make me sin by acting in this way, and so they could give me a bad name, in order to taunt me. Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.

So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem; for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.

### **The New Testament Reading**

**John 15: 12—27**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’

‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world – therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, “Servants are not greater than their master.” If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, “They hated me without a cause.”

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.’