

There is a very short questionnaire included with the pewsheets today asking your views on having a Fair Trade stall again in church. Please complete and return to the box at the back of church so that we can gauge opinion and act accordingly.

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.

Our annual All Souls Service, when we remember those that we have loved and lost, will be on Sunday 30th October at 6.30pm. If you would like the name of somebody to be read at this service please add the name to the list which is at the back of church.

We will be holding a bucket collection in church today to enable people to contribute to the Mission Aviation Fellowship Hurricane Matthew relief fund. Thank you for any donation you are able to give to help the people of Haiti.



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.

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 16th October 2016

Trinity 21



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
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Sides: Meriel Harris

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew
Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj
Warden: Malcolm Frost
Sides: Avril and Stan Williams
Reader: Liz Fourness **Intercessions:** Judith Nex
Children Together: Peter and Kathryn Hancox
Communion Motet: Thou knowest Lord – H Purcell
Voluntary: Dialogue sur les Grand Jeux – N De Grigny

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Alex French
Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew
Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Stan Williams
Readers: Stan Williams *Nehemiah 8: 9—end*
Judy Hall *John 16: 1—11*
Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew
Anthem: Jesu joy of man's desiring – J S Bach
Voluntary: Litanies – J Alain

Collect for this week:

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people, pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 Old Testament Reading

Psalms 121

- I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
2 My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
4 He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
8 The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

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 October 23 Bible Sunday Trinity 22

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptism

6.30pm
Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 17

Alex's day off

Tuesday 18

10.00am The Open The Book Group visit Oldswinford primary School.
2.00pm Tea at the Coach House
2.30pm Mothers' Union Deanery service at Wollescote
7.30pm Bishop's Certificate Group meeting in the Coach House

Wednesday 19

10.00am Prayer Group meet at the home of Marjorie Ferguson
2.00pm Visit to church by the Cherry Tree Learning Centre.

Thursday 20

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 21

2.30pm OSH Founders Day Service

Saturday 22

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

Could you make your Big Shop

BIGGER?

 **Food Bank Shortages...**

	Fruit Juice & UHT Milk	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cereal & tinned custard	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cooking Sauce & plain rice	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tinned meat & tinned veg	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ready meals & can openers	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Children's toothpaste	<input type="checkbox"/>

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The Storehouse: Black Country Foodbank, Albion Street, Brimley Hill, DY9 3BB. Tel: 01844 671212. Email: admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk



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

Vines Healthy Social Friendly Community

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Join us at Stourbridge for our all day event on
Saturday 22nd October
for the launch of Vines Catering Ltd

**Contemporary
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We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Tonsberg in Norway with Bishop Per Arne Dahl. Also the Diocese of Strangnas in Sweden with Bishop Johan Dalman. Also the Diocese of Colombo & Kurunagala in Ceylon with Bishop Dhiloraj Canagasabay.

Churches Together:

St Thomas' Church in Stourbridge.

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

the staff and volunteers at Youth Support Services and for the many vulnerable people which the charity supports.

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

Amelie Chambers, who will be baptised at St Mary's today. For her parents and Godparents who will support her. Those who attended our Messy Church yesterday. For our Open The Book Team who will be visiting school this week.

Those living in:

Shaftesbury Avenue and Halfcot Avenue

Local Community:

The pupils and staff of Oldswinford Hospital 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.

In memoriam:

Theo Luxton (16.10.15) and as her ashes are interred Janet Blaxland.

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 18: 1—8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8: 9—18

Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

On the second day the heads of ancestral houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to the scribe Ezra in order to study the words of the law. And they found it written in the law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the people of Israel should live in booths during the festival of the seventh month, and that they should publish and proclaim in all their towns and in Jerusalem as follows, 'Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written.' So the people went out and brought them, and made booths for themselves, each on the roofs of their houses, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim. And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in them; for from the days of Jeshua son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing. And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the book of the law of God. They kept the festival for seven days; and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

The New Testament Reading

John 16: 1—11

Jesus spoke to the disciples: 'I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.