

### Heating issues at St Mary's Oldswinford

Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience you may experience whilst the heating in the church is not operating fully. Be assured that everyone involved with this challenge is doing all they can to resolve the difficulties. In the meantime we will locate services to the best of our ability to provide a suitable, comfortable and functional environment. This will include use of the narthex, the church hall and possibly, other locations for some services.

The PCC has been working towards the replacement of the aged and inefficient boiler for several months with clergy, churchwardens, the Master of Fabric, the Diocesan Heating Advisor, the Diocesan Advisory Committee and Heating engineers and contractors playing their part. An original plan for everything to be agreed for the installation of a new boiler during the recent summer months failed to materialise due to the complexity of the installation. There has been much debate and investigation by the various experts involved and the process has taken longer than originally hoped due to various unfortunate but unavoidable delays.

Unfortunately, despite regular servicing and our best hopes, the existing boiler failed to light when it was first needed this autumn and attempts to seek a remedy currently suggest the boiler is beyond repair.

In the next week we hope to determine the details of the final installation specification and to appoint a contractor to supply and fit the new installation at the earliest opportunity. We hope all to be complete by the end of November but it is too early to make any promises in this regard.

Details progress in this respect and the location of services will be published on the website, in pewsheets, on noticeboards and at services throughout the next few weeks.

Thank you for your understanding.

The Church Wardens

There are some 2017 diaries available. These are generously donated to us at no cost. Please help yourself if you would like one.

**Please sign the list if you would like to be involved in in our worship and liturgy planning review group. The first meeting will be on Sunday 13th November at 3.00pm**

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 30th October 2016

### Trinity 23—All Saints'



*A warm welcome to any visitors who are worshipping with us today. Due to our ongoing heating issues in the church some of our services today will be held in the church hall.*

*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](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).*

#### Our services today are as follows:

**8.00am - Holy Communion** *Service held in the narthex*

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

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**Sides:** Ian Nex

**10.00am - Parish Communion.** *Service held in the church hall*

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Les Timms

**Sides:** Toni Evans & Mike Blaxland

**Reader:** Jean Rolfe **Intercessions:** Mike Blaxland

**Children Together:** Peter and Kathryn Hancox

**Communion Motet :** Holy is the true light—*H Harris*

**6.30pm – An All Souls' Evensong for the commemoration of the faithful departed.** *Service to be held in the narthex.*

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** Revd Alex French

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

**Readers:** John Sutton & Marjorie Ferguson

**Intercessions:** Revd Alex French & Revd Stephen Agnew

### Collect for this week:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

### Readings for our 10.00am service.

#### The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1: 11—23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*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

November 6

Trinity 24

8.00 am

Communion (BCP)

(Service held in the church hall)

10.00am

Parish Communion

(Service held in the church hall)

3.00pm Baptisms

(Service held in St Andrew's  
Church Wollescote.)

6.30pm

Evensong

(Service held in the narthex)

Could you make your Big Shop



BIGGER?

 **Food Bank Shortages...**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Tinned meat & tinned veg	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ready meals & can openers	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Children's toothpaste	<input type="checkbox"/>

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The Foodbank, Black Country Foodbank, Albion Street, Brinsford Hill  
DY9 9BB. Tel: 01825 344 617/2022  
Email: admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk



### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday 31

Clergy attending a study day all day.  
7.30pm PCC Standing Committee meeting.

#### Tuesday 1

7.30pm Bishop's Certificate Course meeting in the Coach House.

#### Wednesday 2

Alex's day off

7.30pm Baptism Preparation

#### Thursday 3

10.30am Holy Communion in the narthex.

3.00pm Guidelines Bible Study Group meeting.

#### Friday 4

Stephen's day off.

#### Saturday 5

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

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.

If you have not already done so then please complete the short questionnaire with regard to re introducing the sale of Fairtrade produce in church.

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

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

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Stavanger in Norway with Bishop Erling Pettersen.  
Also the Diocese of Bermuda with Bishop Nicholas Dill.

**Churches Together:**

Wollaston Methodist Church

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

employees that struggle to get by on low pay ( and sometimes uncertain hours) and for employers that fear their businesses will find it hard to adapt to the rise in the living wage and for a fair deal for all.

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

Those who will be attending our evening service today to remember loved ones. The standing committee of the PCC who will be meeting this week.

**Those living in:**

St Mary's Lane and Rectory gardens

**Local Community:**

The residents and staff of Holly Croft residential home.

**Among those who are ill:**

Angela Viner, Elizabeth Gale, Niamh McCormack, Emma Brown, Joe Yeates and Enid Clarke.

**We continue to pray for:**

Rory Macintosh, Ros Yeates Elian Irvine-Boden, Anne May, Grace Jones, Angela Dixon, Sally Taylor, Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Jonathan Bryan, Noah Cantius, and Michael Woodall, Finley Rogerson, Denis Noakes, Harold White and Alexis Strong.

**Those in nursing home care:**

Sheila Westwood, June O'Brian, Richard Aldred, Hazel White and Anne Davies.

**The departed:**

Alan Pearson.

*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 6: 20—31

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

God, the source of all holiness, and giver of all good things; may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 2: 1-11

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! For you have forsaken the ways of your people, O house of Jacob. Indeed they are full of diviners from the east and of soothsayers like the Philistines, and they clasp hands with foreigners. Their land is filled with silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; their land is filled with horses, and there is no end to their chariots. Their land is filled with idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their own fingers have made. And so people are humbled, and everyone is brought low— do not forgive them! Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust from the terror of the Lord, and from the glory of his

majesty. The haughty eyes of people shall be brought low, and the pride of everyone shall be humbled; and the Lord alone will be exalted on that day.

### **The New Testament Reading**

Luke 14: 25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; 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.