

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

We apologise for the disruption caused due to the breakdown of the church boiler. The boiler is likely to be out of action for a few more weeks as the problem is sorted. In the meantime services will either be held in the church hall or the narthex.

The Christmas Market this year is on Saturday December 3rd and we are beginning to make preparations and collect items for stalls. At the moment we are asking for bottles for the bottle stall and items for the Christmas hamper. Because the church is open during the week we ask that donations are only brought in on Sundays or at other service times so that they can be stored safely while the church is open.

Advance notice that the next PCC meeting is on Monday 14th November which is a change from the original date.

Bill Freeston's funeral will be held in church on Monday 21st November at 12.45pm

Christmas cards will be sold after our morning service today with all proceeds going to our mission work.

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 6th November 2016

Trinity 24—Third Sunday before Advent



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 or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion *Service held in the church hall*

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

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Sides: Meriel Harris

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

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj

Warden: Judy Hall

Sides: John Evans & Betty Parsons

Reader: Judy Hall **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

Children Together: Russ & Helen Fowler

Communion Motet : Day by day —M How

6.30pm – Evensong *Service to be held in the narthex.*

Officiant: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex

Readers: Ian & Dawn Nex

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect for this week:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The Old Testament Reading

Job 19: 23– 27

‘O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

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

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 13

Remembrance Sunday

Trinity 24

8.00 am

Communion (BCP)

(Service held in the church hall)

10.00am

Worship Together

(Service held in the church hall)

6.30pm Evensong

(Service held in the narthex)

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 7

Alex's day off.

2.00pm Pastoral committee meeting

Tuesday 8

9.30am Open The Book group visit

Oldswinford Primary School

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Croft

2.15pm Mothers' Union meet in the Coach House.

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

Wednesday 9

7.30pm Baptism Preparation

Thursday 10

10.30am Holy Communion in the narthex.

7.30pm Coach House Committee meeting

December magazine copy date.

Friday 11

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 12

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

RSCM choirs festival in Worcester

Cathedral with Evensong at 5.30pm

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

We are so grateful for all the support over Harvest. We have met dozens of donors and given tours of our Warehouse to some lovely primary school children. It's almost November and Christmas discussions have started. We'll keep you updated as much as possible :)

What and When can I donate over for Christmas?

You are welcome to donate Selection Boxes until Friday 18th November

You are welcome to donate Christmas food items such as mince pies until Friday 2nd December.

We have the cut off date so we can deliver the items to the centres in plenty of time.

This week's shortages are:

UHT milk, fruit juice, coffee, hot chocolate, tinned custard, packets of mash, can openers.

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 Lusitanian Church in Portugal with Bishop Jose Cabral. Also the Diocese of Agder and Telemark in Norway with Bishop Stein Reinertsen.

Churches Together:

Amblecote Methodist Church

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

all those involved in the concerts to commemorate World War I being held in Feckenham.

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

Jack Javier Hunter and Matilda Rose Lee who will be baptised here this afternoon. We pray for their parents and Godparents who will be supporting them.

Those living in:

The Woodlands and Willow Park Drive

Local Community:

The residents and staff of Oriel House 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, Bill Freeston

In memoriam:

Josie Capewell (10.11.15)

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 20: 27—38

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world and by your healing power make whole both people and nations, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3: 1—15

Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt; he took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem. The people were sacrificing at the high places, however, because no house had yet been built for the name of the LORD.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do

according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

The New Testament Reading

Romans 8: 31—end

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.