

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

Work will be starting this week to replace the boiler which will include scaffolding being erected on the east end of the church to enable access to the flue. The installation is expected to take about 10 working days.

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.

Next Sunday Maggie Abbotts will be running a Fairtrade stall at our morning and evening services in the church hall. She is also hoping to run the stall at our Tuesday tea and Thursday morning services. This has come about as a result of the survey that she carried out a few weeks ago. We hope you will be able to support this initiative. Please speak to Maggie if you feel you are able to give her a hand to run the stall.



Our next Messy Church Event will be next **Saturday 26 November** 2.00pm—4.00pm in church. Please let us know if you would like to come 07762250749



Living in the light—an advent course being held at Wollaston Methodist Church, Cobden Street. Friday mornings at 10.00am on 2,9,16,23 December. For more information contact Revd Rachel Wood 01384 345626 rachelvalestour@aol.com

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 20th November 2016

Sunday before Advent—Christ The King



A warm welcome to any visitors who are worshipping with us today. Due to our ongoing heating issues in the church all 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: Nick Harbach

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

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Les Timms

Sides: David Cook & Marilyn Thomson

Reader: Ron Tranter **Intercessions:** Dawn & Ian Nex

Children Together: Emma White & Pauline Pettet

Communion Motet : Above all praise and majesty —Mendelssohn

6.30pm – Evensong *Service to be held in the church hall*

Officiant: Kanthi Ariaraj

Preacher: Roger King

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Angela Price & Marjorie Ferguson

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: Cantate Domino—Pitoni

Collect for this week:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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 New Testament Reading

Colossians 1: 11—20

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 27
Advent Sunday

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)
(Service held in the church hall)
10.00am
Parish Communion
(Service held in the church hall)
6.30pm Evensong
(Service held in the church hall)

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 21

12.45 Funeral of Bill Freeston in church

Tuesday 22

9.30am Open The Book group visit Oldswinford Primary School
2.00pm Tea at the Coach House
7.30pm Bishop's Certificate Course meeting in the Coach House.

Wednesday 23

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

Thursday 24

10.30am Holy Communion in the narthex.

Friday 25

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 26

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

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

We had a wonderful time at a fundraising evening on Saturday night for BCFB. The event was held at Arise Church, Kingswinford and Chantez Choir plus others were led by Vie Watson. They sang their hearts out and the guests donated 153.3Kgs of food and 24.5Kgs of toiletries. How amazing! We had some lovely conversations about the work that BCFB do and hopefully encouraged more people to donate. Thank you Vie!

This week's shortages are:

UHT milk, fruit juice, coffee, hot chocolate, tinned veg curry, tinned custard, tinned sponge pudding, 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.

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



We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church with Archbishop Urmas Villma and Bishops Einar Soone, Tilt Salumae, Joel Luhamets & Andres Taul.

Churches Together:

Gig Mill Methodist Church

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

the bonds of friendship & fellowship with Morogoro will continue to grow, for all in Chamwino parish and for more parish links with people of the Diocese of Morogoro.

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

Harry Thomas Meade who will be baptised here today. We pray for his parents and Godparents who will support him. The family of Bill Freeston who will coming to church for his funeral on Monday.

Those living in:

Oldfield Drive and Robins Close

Local Community:

The Staff and students of King Edward VI College.

Among those who are ill:

Angela Viner, Elizabeth Gale, Niamh McCormack, Betty Taylor, Emma Brown, and Enid Clarke.

We continue to pray for:

Rory Macintosh, Joe and 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 and Alexis Strong.

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed:

Margaret Griffiths and Bill Freeston.

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 23: 33—43

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people: that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 8: 4—20

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only – you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your

male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.'

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

The New Testament Reading

John 18: 33—37

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'