

Work is well underway to replace the boiler so we hope to have heat in the church again very soon.

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



Christmas Market - Cake Stall

We shall be very grateful for all your kind donations of the usual delicious cakes, sponges, mince pies etc for our Christmas Market on 3 December, raising funds for Church. Thank you, as always, for your support.

We have a collection of books for Advent which are borrowed from the Robin Woods Library. Please complete a lending slip if you would like to borrow one.

Maggie Abbotts is running a Fairtrade stall at our morning and evening services in the church hall today. 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.



The new prayer diaries have arrived. Please take a copy home with you to use and a second copy if you would like to give a copy to family, friends or a neighbour.



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 27th November 2016 Advent Sunday



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: Meriel Harris

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

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Kanthi Ariaraj

Warden: Maggie Abbotts

Sides: Andrew Scudamore & Mike Blaxland

Reader: Audrey Tranter **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts

Children Together: Peter & Kathryn Hancox

Communion Motet : Wake! O wake! —J S Bach

6.30pm – A service of light for Advent Sunday

Service to be held in the church hall

Officiant: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Revd Alex French

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Dawn Nex

Readers: Dawn Nex and Maggie Abbotts

Anthem: Creator of the stars of night

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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

Romans 13: 11 –14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.



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

Please feel free to take this pew sheet away and recycle. 



Proudly presents

'WINTER WONDERLAND' CONCERT

AN EVENING OF SONGS AND CAROLS

Saturday 10th December 2016 ~ 7.30pm : Doors Open 7pm
Christmas Jumpers Welcome!

St Mary's Church • Church Road • Old Swinford • Stourbridge • DY8 2HA

Admission by ticket only Adult : £8.00 ~ Under 16s : £5.00

FOR TICKETS CALL: 03330 146 164 or E-MAIL office@got2sing.co.uk *or from church*

Don't forget our:-

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, 3rd December from 10.00 am - Noon

This has always proved to be a great occasion and with your support this happy state of affairs should continue. As always any contributions to the Market are always welcome and can be left at the back of church. Contributions of wine etc. to the bottle stall will encourage even more people to 'have a go' on the day. Contributions to the cake stall, please bring to the Church Hall on Friday evening or early Saturday morning to enable the stall holders to have time to price them. Use this opportunity to DECLUTTER for Christmas by letting us have those bits and pieces which are now looking for a good home.

We have stalls for books, bric-a-brac, cakes, jigsaws, craftwork, gifts, Christmas Hamper Raffle, Tombola and other games. If you have an idea for a stall, game or fundraiser and/or would like to be one of the band of helpers (get in free!) then I look forward to hearing from you.

Katey Fletcher - 01384 378182 or kateyfletcher@btinternet.com

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

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 24: 36-44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

Post Communion Prayer:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord: that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

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Get in the Picture
helping us think about
Christmas and its meaning

download your
photo from
www.getinthepicture.org.uk

Location: **Tesco, Stourbridge, DY8 1YD**
(opposite the main exit)
Saturday 3rd December 2016
at 10.00am to 2.00pm

Come along, dress up and have your
photograph taken for **FREE** in a traditional
Nativity Scene provided by Churches
Together in Stourbridge.

**Download the photo and then share
with your friends and family.**



**BRIERLEY HILL
CHORAL
SOCIETY**
presents

**A CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

Choral Works by John Rutter
and other Seasonal Music
and
Carols for All!

Conductor : Roy Freckleton

**St Michael's Church
Brierley Hill**

Saturday December 3rd 2016
at 7.30 pm

Tickets: £10.00 From members of the Society
or telephone 01384 376354

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We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Kansas (USA) with Bishop Dean Wolfe

Churches Together:

Holy Trinity Church Amblecote

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

All those involved in the Christmas Tree Festival at Sedgley, for all those who will visit and for everyone across the Diocese planning community events in the run up to Christmas.

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

For our churchwardens and all those who help to take care of our church building and churchyard environment for all to enjoy.

Those living in:

Pebble Close and Rufford Road

Local Community:

The Staff and students of Stourbridge 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:

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.

What's going on?

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on these pages.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

December 4

Advent 2

8.00 am

Communion (BCP)

(Service held in the church hall)

10.00am

Parish Communion

(Service held in the church hall)

4.00pm

Christingle Service

6.30pm Evensong

(Service held in the church hall)

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 28

Alex's day off

Tuesday 29

2.00pm Tea in the narthex

Thursday December 1

10.30am Holy Communion in the narthex led by Revd Martin Soar

Friday 2

Stephen's day off.

Saturday 3

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

10.00am Christmas Market in the church hall.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

Thank you for all the donated Selection Boxes and Advent Calendars. We have started to circulate them around our Distribution Centres in time for Christmas.

The cut off date for donating any other Christmas food is Friday 2nd December.

Please can you just check that everything donated is alcohol free. Thank you!

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.

