

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Oslo in Norway with Bishop Ole Kvarme. Also the Diocese of Kitale in Kenya with Bishop Stephen Kewasis

Churches Together:

All those people in the churches of Stourbridge celebrating the Good News of Christmas today.

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

Pray for all those on their own on Christmas day and those giving up their time to ensure others are not.

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

For all those people who have led or contributed to our worship during the Christmas season. That their efforts in sharing the Good News may have touched lives and brought happiness and joy.

Those living in:

Osmaston Road and Links Drive

Local Community:

The Corbett Hospital

Among those who are ill:

Angela Viner, Elizabeth Gale, , Betty Taylor, Emma Brown, Margaret Moul, Jack Richards, Michael McCullagh and Enid Clarke.

We continue to pray for:

Rory Macintosh, Joe and Ros Yeates, Elian Irvine-Boden, Anne May, Grace Jones, Angela Dixon, Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Jonathan Bryan, Niamh McCormack, Noah Cantius, Michael Woodall, Finley Rogerson and Denis Noakes.

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed:

Gerald Hale, Barbara Sutherland, Jean Shillingford, Geoff Smith, Annie Harris, Harry Molineux and Sally Taylor.

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 Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford
Sunday 25th December 2016
Christmas Day



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



Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

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Sides: Nick Harbach

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Alex French

Warden: Judy Hall

Sides: Alec Beevers

Reader: Judy Hall **Intercessions:** John Sutton

There is no evening service today.

On Sunday 1st January at 18:30 there will be a service focused on celebrating the New Year. During this service we will prayerfully commit ourselves to be used by God during 2017.

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 New Testament Reading

Titus 2: 11–14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 1—14

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family

of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.