

CROSSING BARRIERS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-25 January 2017

Wednesday, 18 th	10.30 a.m.	Wollaston Methodist Church	Cobden Street
Thursday, 19 th	7.30 p.m.	St. Andrew's Church, Wollescote	Oakfield Road
Friday, 20 th	2.30-4.30 p.m.	Quaker Meeting House	Scotts Road
Saturday, 21 st	9.00 a.m.	Prayer breakfast at Hanbury Hill Church (no booking needed)	Hanbury Hill
Sunday, 22 nd	6.30 p.m.	Shared service at St. Mary's Church	Oldswinford
Monday, 23 rd	7.30 p.m.	Holy Trinity Church, service of healing and reconciliation	Amblecote
Tuesday, 24 th	7.30 p.m.	St. Michael's Church – with prayer for our shared initiatives - Street Pastors/Life Centre Debt Advice	Maynard Avenue, Norton
Wednesday, 25 th	7.30 p.m.	Chawn Hill Church	Chawn Hill, Pedmore

The first meeting of the new 'Friends of the Music at St Mary's' group will take place following morning Eucharist on 22nd January. The chairman of the group will be Peter Jones.

We are planning an away day as part of our Lent Course this year. The day will be at Holland House on Wednesday 15th March. Further details will follow as plans develop for this year's Lent Course.



We have a Facebook page. If you're a Facebook user and want to keep up to speed with events at St Mary's visit www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.

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 15th January 2017 Epiphany 2



A warm welcome to Revd Sarah Northall and Revd Michael Willows and any other 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 Sarah Northall

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Sides: Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Michael Willows

Preacher: Revd Michael Willows

Warden: Les Timms

Sides: John Evans & Andrew Scudamore

Reader: John Evans **Intercessions:** Mike Blaxland

Communion Motet: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day—*trad*

Voluntary: Wie Schon Leuchtet – G P Telemann

Children Together: Helen & Russ Fowler

6.30pm - Evensong

Officiant: Kanthi Ariaraj **Preacher:** Revd Alex French

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Richard Hall

Readers: Peter Thomson & Judith Nex

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: How brightly gleams the morning star! —*Nicolai*

Voluntary: Wie Schon Leuchtet – E F Richter

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

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Collect for this week:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way – in all your speaking and in all your knowledge – because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you.

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

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

January 22
Epiphany 3

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

6.30pm
Evening service as part of
Week of Christian Unity

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 16

Alex's day off.

Tuesday 17

2.00pm Tea in the Coach House
7.30pm Bishop's Certificate group meet.

Wednesday 18

10.00am Prayer group meeting at the home of Marjorie Ferguson

Thursday 19

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 20

Stephen's day off

Saturday 21

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

11.00am—12.30pm Open morning to welcome prospective new choir members.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

We are back and working hard in the warehouse this week organising lots of deliveries to go to our centres across the Black Country. We have had an amazing Christmas and our stock levels are looking good but it won't last a long time. We encourage you to keep donating and also consider raising funds for Black Country Foodbank by doing a sponsored walk, run, marathon, silence, whatever you like! We are happy to help with any sponsor forms :)

This week's shortages are:

UHT milk, fruit juice, coffee, hot chocolate, deodorants and shaving foam.

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 Diocese of Kyoto in Japan with Bishop Stephen Kochi. Also the Diocese of Kyushu in Japan and Bishop Luke Muto.

Churches Together:

St Michael and All Angels, Norton.

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

all who are involved in the Stourport Prayer Shawl Ministry—that it will continue to reach out and witness to God’s love and that people may find wholeness and healing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The work of St Mary’s.....

We pray for Scarlett May Taylor and Jack Thomas Westwood who will be baptised at St Mary’s today. All those involved in the organisation and running of the week of prayer for Christian Unity within Stourbridge.

Those living in:

Chawn Hill and Chawn Hill Close

Local Community:

For the work of Mary Steven’s Hospice.

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, Niamh McCormack, Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Jonathan Bryan, 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:

Barbara Sutherland, Jean Shillingford, Geoff Payton, Joan Holcroft and Sheila Sutton.

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

John 1: 29—42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him.

It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

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

Post Communion Prayer:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 2: 1—3: 4

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

But you, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe. He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey. He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them.

The New Testament Reading

John 12: 20—50

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much

fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. This was to fulfil the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said, “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they might not look with their eyes, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.”

Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him. Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God. Then Jesus cried aloud: “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.”