



Our next All Age Worship will be on March 26th when we will celebrate Mothering Sunday. Small posies of flowers will be distributed to parents of all ages!! We hope you will be able to join us.



EASTER LILIES

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 15 April from 9.00am. Anyone wishing to contribute towards the cost of the lilies in memory of loved ones can do so by putting donations in an envelope with the name of the person to be remembered and giving it to one of the Church Wardens or to Sally Frost. Donations can also be put in yellow gift aid envelopes. Please mark these "For Flower Guild". Thank you very much.

Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to volunteer to help in the reading of the Passion Story on Palm Sunday, 9th April.

Lent Course - five remarkable biblical women

Our Lent courses began last week. There is no requirement to attend all five sessions so if you would like to join a group for one or more of the remaining sessions then please ask Stephen or Alex. Groups are running on a Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

There is a collection of books at the back of church which have been borrowed from the Robin Woods Library for Lent. Please complete a lending slip if you would like to borrow a book.

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 12th March 2017 The Second Sunday of Lent



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

Collect: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

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Sides: Eve Evans

10.00am - Worship Together

President: Revd Alex French & Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Tony Tatford **Sides:** Tony & Sue Tatford

Readers: Tony and Sue Tatford

Music led by our music group.

6.30pm - Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Alex French

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Angela Price and Alec Beevers

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Responses: Byrd **Setting:** Tallis Short Service

Anthem: In the cross of Christ I glory

Voluntary: Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist (BWV 671) – J S Bach

Journey into Faith'

INTRODUCTION

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!



HYMN 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us: **Save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us: **Save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;

Father, forgive us: **Save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us: **Save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us: **Save us and help us.**

SONG Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison

ABSOLUTION

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessed is the Lord, **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

and in our song will we praise our God.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving is said followed by:

Blessed be God for ever.



Collect for the day

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

March 19

Lent 2

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

12 noon Baptism
3.00pm Baptism

6.30pm
Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 13

Alex's day off.

1.15pm Funeral service in church

Tuesday 14

10.00am The Open The Book Team visit
Oldswinford Primary School

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Croft

2.15pm Mothers' Union meeting in the
Coach House

7.30pm Bishop's Certificate group meet-
ing in the Coach House

Wednesday 15

Parish quiet day at Holland House

Thursday 16

10.30am Holy Communion in church led
by Revd Martin Soar

1.00pm Funeral service in church

Friday 17

Stephen's day off

Saturday 18

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

11.00am Visiting bellringers

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

Please keep donating our two main shortages fruit juice and UHT milk. These items go into everyone's food parcel and are classed as our 'vital items'. Thank you :)

This week's shortages are:

fruit juice, UHT milk, cordial/squash, small jars of coffee, deodorants, sanitary towels, washing up liquid, small boxes of non bio washing powder, adult toothbrushes.

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. Any donations of bags to help carry the donations from the large boxes at the back of church to the collection station would be greatly appreciated.

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:

The Diocese of Maseno South in Kenya with Bishop Francis Abiero. Also the Diocese of Maseno West in Kenya with Bishop Joseph Wasonga. Also the Diocese of Karlstad in Sweden with Bishop Sören Dalevi.

Churches Together:

Holy Trinity Amblecote

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for Karen Surrall and her team as they work to establish the Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust and for those schools who will join.

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

for Oscar Macdonald, Teagan Green, Edie Evans and Finley Aries who are preparing for baptism. For the leaders of our Lent Courses. For all those attending our Parish quiet day at Holland House this week.

Those living in:

The crescent and Grange Road

Local Community:

Staff and residents of Doveton House Care Home.

Among those who are ill:

Angela Viner, Emma Brown, Margaret Moulton, Michael McCullagh, Jean Rolfe, Bosilka Lazic, Muriel Watson and Enid Clarke.

We continue to pray for:

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

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed:

Elizabeth Wassell, Dean Shakespeare, Jason Pearson and Vera Derby.

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.

HYMN 122 From ashes to ashes

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 3: 1–17

After the reading is said: For the word of the Lord
We reply: **Thanks be to God.**

Exploration of the reading for the day

HYMN 774 Safe in the shadow of the Lord

PRAYERS Loving Father **Lead us**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us....

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Welcome the newly baptised

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ? **With the help of God we will.**
There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN— 818 To God be the glory
(during which the collection will be taken)

The Blessing

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

I Samuel I

There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli

answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord."

The New Testament Reading

Luke 14: 27—33

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.