

The new service rota is now complete and has been distributed by e mail. There are hard copies available at the back of church.



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.

Our APCM meeting this year is on Sunday 23rd April at 7.30pm in the church hall. This is when we elect our church-wardens and PCC members for the year and report on the work of the church during the previous 12 months. As members of St Mary's please support this meeting if you can.

BISHOP JOHN'S APPEAL FOR HELP IN PERU.

In the light of the devastation, death and homelessness caused by extreme weather and flooding in Peru, Bishop John has invited those who are able to contribute to his appeal for funds to be sent to Bishop Jorge of Peru to help those in need. If you are able to help please make your contribution via our bucket collection and we will ensure the funds reach Bishop John's appeal promptly. Thanks you.

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 9th April 2017

Palm Sunday



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: Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion for Palm Sunday

The service this morning will begin in the church hall.

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Sally Frost & Jeremy Morgan

Intercessions: Judith Nex

Communion Motet: —Hosanna to the Son of David - *Hutchings*

Children Together: Russ & Helen Fowler

Voluntary: Valet will ich dir geben – *J S Bach*



6.30pm - Evensong

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

Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex

Readers: Ian & Dawn Nex

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Anthem: When the Lord entered Jerusalem – *G Malcolm*

Voluntary: Hosanna Filio David – *J Demessieux*

Collect for this week:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

As we are currently in the part of the church year known as Passiontide we hear again today the story of the passion of Our Lord according to Matthew read by members of the congregation. This takes the place of our normal readings and sermon.



What's going on?

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

April 16
Easter Day

- 7.45am Lighting of the Holy Fire
- 8.00 am Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am Parish Communion
- 3.00pm Baptisms
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 10

Parish Office closed today
6.30pm Meditation and Compline

Tuesday 11

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Croft
2.00pm Mothers' Union
6.30pm Meditation and Compline

Wednesday 12

11.00am—1.00pm Messy Church in the Church Hall
6.30pm Meditation and Compline

Thursday 13

10.30am Holy Communion in church
7.00pm Agape Supper in the Church Hall

Friday 14

10.00am Walk of witness in Stourbridge
2.00pm Devotions at the foot of the cross

7.30pm Service of music and readings

Saturday 15

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

Thank you for the continued support over the last few weeks. In light of Mother's Day we have been remembering all the calls we have had from Moms who have run out of food for their children. The donations help so many we can't stress enough how important they are. Thank you :)

This week's shortages are:

FRUIT JUICE, CORDIAL/SQUASH BREAKFAST CEREAL (LOW SUGAR/SMALL BOXES), COOKING SAUCE, MEAT READY MEALS (MEATBALLS), CUSTARD, SAVOURY RICE, PLAIN RICE (SMALL BAGS), SANITARY TOWELS, WASHING POWDER (SMALL BOXES) WASHING UP LIQUID, ADULT SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES TOILET ROLL

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.



We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Jerusalem with Bishop Suheil Dawani. Also the Diocese of Uppsala in Sweden with Archbishop Antje Jackelen and Bishop Ragnar Persenius.

Churches Together:

For all who will be attending the walk of witness this Friday in Stourbridge and for all those who will be moved by what they see.

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for the small group of prayer-walkers who pray on the Malvern Hills every Thursday evening and for other similar ideas around the Diocese.

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

for all our acts of Worship during Holy Week as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

Those living in:

Siskin Road and Chaffinch Road.

Local Community:

The Ark centre in Stourbridge

Among those who are ill:

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

We continue to pray for:

Rory Macintosh, Joe and Ros Yeates, Elian Irvine-Boden, Anne May, 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:

Vera Derby.

In memoriam:

Joan Willetts (11.4.16) Stanley Hingley (13.4.16) Robert James (8.4.16)

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.



HOLY WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Father in heaven, as your people prepare once more to follow the events of this Holy Week, may we be led by your spirit to deeper insights into your love and saving grace; that we may love you more and serve you better, for the sake of him who died for us and rose again, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday 9 April PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion to include a reading of the Passion narrative.

This service begins in the Church Hall with palm procession into Church.

6.30pm Evensong with sermon

10,11,12 April

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

6.30pm Meditation in church with Compline.

Wednesday 12

11.00am—1.00pm Lent Messy Church for children.

Thursday 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.30am Holy Communion.

7.00pm Agape Meal in the Church Hall

Friday 14 GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Walk of witness from St John's.

2.00pm Devotions at the foot of the cross.

7.30pm Service of readings and music in church.

Saturday 15 HOLY SATURDAY

9.00am Church decoration.

10.00am Open church and vestry hour.

Sunday 16 EASTER DAY

7.45am Holy Fire. The lighting of the Easter Candle.

8.00am Holy Communion.

10.00am Parish Communion.

6.30pm Choral Evensong with sermon.



O Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, who on a Cross with wood and nails has wrought our salvation, wield well your tools in the workshop of your world, so that we, who come to you rough-hewn, may by you be fashioned according to your will; for the sake of your tender mercy. Amen

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5: 1—7

The Song of the Vineyard

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:

My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it. When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;

for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 21: 33—46

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.