

Our APCM meeting this year is next Sunday 23rd April at 7.30pm in the church hall. This is when we elect our churchwardens 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.

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

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.

Our Mission Committee are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th May in the narthex 10.00am until 12 noon. Tickets are on sale at £2.

We are still collecting used postage stamps for the RNLI. Please place any stamps in the box at the back of church.



If you don't normally carry any cash with you you are now able to donate to St Mary's using text. To make a donation text FOSM29 + the amount you would like to donate to 70070. Thank 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 16th April 2017** **Easter 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:

7.45am—Lighting of the Holy Fire

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

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10.00am - Parish Communion for Easter Day

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

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

Reader: Joan Ram **Intercessions:** John Sutton

Anthem: This joyful Eastertide—Ledger

Children Together: Peter and Kathryn Hancox

Voluntary: Toccata in F —C M Widor



6.30pm – Choral Evensong

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

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Alec Beevers and Marjorie Ferguson

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Responses: West **Setting:** Brewer in D

Anthem: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem —Stanford

Voluntary: Entrée Pontificale - E Bossi

Collect for this week:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Colossians 3: 1—4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.



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

The Gospel Reading

John 20: 1—18

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two

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 23

Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am Parish
Communion

12 noon Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

**The Church Office is closed
all this week.**

Tuesday 18

2.00pm Tea in the Coach House

Wednesday 19

10.00am Prayer Group meeting at the home of Marjorie Ferguson

Thursday 20

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 21

Stephen's day off

Saturday 22

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

We must say a massive thank you for all the donations of toilet rolls. We have been bowled over by the generosity of individuals, families, Churches, businesses, schools and other organisations who have donated. 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 Aalborg in Denmark with Bishop Henning Toft Bro

Churches Together:

The Quaker Society in Stourbridge

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for all who will be celebrating Easter today.

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

Noah James Boughton and Elliot William John Haden who will be baptised at St Mary's later today. Also Rupert George Cokaj and Olive Beth Cokaj who will be baptised at St Mary's tomorrow. Pray for their parents and Godparents who will be supporting them.

Those living in:

Drew Road and Carlton Avenue

Local Community:

Russells Hall Hospital

Among those who are ill:

Angela Viner, Emma Brown, Margaret Moulton, Michael McCullagh, Bosilka Lazic, Grace Jones, Muriel Watson, Maureen Parmee, Matthew Baynes 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

Hilary Newton

In memoriam:

Rachael Smith (16.4.16)

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.

were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.



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

Post Communion Prayer:

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

Song of Solomon 3: 2-5; 8: 6-7

“I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.”
I sought him, but found him not.
The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
“Have you seen him whom my soul loves?”
Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go
until I brought him into my mother’s house,
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one’s house,
it would be utterly scorned.

The New Testament Reading

Revelation 1: 12—18

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades