

Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to attend Alex's ordination service in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 24th June. There will be a coach from St Mary's which will be leaving at 12 noon on the day.

A Hustings has been arranged for 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 31 May at Chawn Hill Church. All candidates are being invited. If you would like to attend you need to apply for a ticket using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/general-election-2017-stourbridge-hustings-tickets-34501317369>

**Love Stourbridge - can you spare an hour?** On Saturday 22nd July the annual Love Stourbridge event will be taking place in Mary Stevens Park. We have secured a tent in the park for St Mary's so that we can be part of the hustle and bustle. The plan will be to offer all who come into the tent the opportunity to make an Origami Crane (as in the bird, which in Japanese culture symbolises happiness and luck). We will have our tent 'staffed' from 11am - 5pm. If you could offer an hour (or more) please can you sign up at the back of church. Ideally we will have at least four people on every hour. If you have any questions or would like further information please speak to Alex.

#### **Mission Coffee Morning:**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mission Coffee Morning last Saturday. It was well attended with everyone chatting and enjoying delicious cakes. Thank you also to the committee members who had been busy baking. A total of £400 was raised, a significant sum to be donated to those who really need our help. It will help to make a real difference to their lives. **Thank you for your valuable support.**

Our 'Friends of the Music' will be launching during the weekend of 17th and 18th of June. There will be a concert on the Saturday evening at 7.30pm and a Festival Evensong on the Sunday at 6.30pm. There will also be special displays of flowers in church during the weekend and choir memorabilia will be displayed. Past choir members will be joining us for this special service. Please make a note of this date in your diary.

A number of people have expressed an interest in preparing for Confirmation. This is open to adults and children of 10 years or over. The course will consist of six sessions and is likely to take place over the summer. If you would like to know more please speak to Stephen or Alex.

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](mailto:st.mary.os@btconnect.com) or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

## **The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford**

### **Sunday May 21 2017**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### **Rogation 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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)*

#### **Our services today are as follows:**

##### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
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**Sides:** Meriel Harris

##### **10.00am - Parish Communion**

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Merl & Colin Roberts  
**Reader:** Christine Day **Intercessions:** Mike Blaxland  
**Communion Motet:** Day by Day —M How  
**Organ Voluntary:** Carillon —L Vienne  
**Children Together:** Les Timms & Pauline Pettet

##### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Warden:** Joan Barwick **Sides:** Stan Williams  
**Readers:** Alec Beevers & Tina Timms  
**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Anthem:** O for a closer walk with God—C V Stanford  
**Voluntary:** Pastorale – L Vienne

## Collect for this week:

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples; help your church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the father. Amen

## Readings for our 10.00am service.

### The New Testament Reading

Acts 17: 22—31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

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## What's going on?

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

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

May 28

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension

8.00 am Communion  
(BCP)

10.00am Parish  
Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday 22

Alex's day off.

#### Tuesday 23

2.30pm Tea in the narthex.

7.30pm Bishop's Certificate Group meeting.

#### Wednesday 24

7.00pm PCC meeting preceded by Holy Communion in church.

#### Thursday 25—Ascension Day

10.30am Holy Communion in church

#### Friday 26

Stephen's day off

#### Saturday 27

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour. Revd Stephen Agnew

9.30am Church Walking group

meet for a walk at Himley.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

#### Hi Everyone

If you came and supported us at Tesco, Dudley then Thank You! We had a great time and had some lovely conversations with some amazing people. We heard stories from people who have used Foodbank, people who have never really understood Foodbank and people eager to donate and find out ways of supporting us.

Thank you to Tesco for allowing us to be there and come away with a van full of donations :) Thank you.

This week's shortages are:

UHT MILK, FRUIT JUICE (CARTONS FROM CONCENTRATE), SQUASH/ CORDIAL, PACKETS/TINS CUSTARD, TINNED MEAT READY MEALS (CHILLI/BOLOGNESE), TINNED RICE PUDDING TINNED FRUIT, TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNER BEEF), SAVOURY RICE, JAM/MARMALADE, DEODORANT, SPONGES/FLANNELS, BUBBLE BATH.

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.

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**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Ngbo in Nigeria with Bishop Christian Ebisike. Also the Diocese of Viborg in Denmark with Bishop Henrik Stubkjaer.

**Churches Together:**

Hanbury Hill Baptist Church

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

for all the farmers across the Diocese.

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

For Louise Golby and Darren Cope who were married in St Mary's yesterday. For Louie James Fellows and Oliver Jay Banks who are being baptised here today. For Alex French as he prepares for ordination.

**Those living in:**

Joyberry Drive and Gainsborough Hill

**Local Community:**

Age Concern centres in Stourbridge.

**Among those who are ill:**

Angela Viner, Emma Brown, Margaret Moulton, Michael McCullagh, Bosilka Lazic, Grace Jones, Joni Stainburn, Estelle Court, Maureen Parmee 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:** Lilian Cartwright, June Allen, Rachel Ryan and Kit Long

*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.*

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**The Gospel Reading**

John 14: 15—21

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

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life; may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

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## **Readings for our 6.30pm service.**

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Zechariah 8: 1—13

The word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the Lord: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the Lord of hosts? Thus says the Lord of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Let your hands be strong—you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the Lord of hosts. For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the Lord of hosts. For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.

### **The New Testament Reading**

Rev 21: 22—22.5

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.