

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. We will be holding a bring and share lunch to celebrate Alex's Priesting on Sunday 25th June from 12 noon in the church hall. Further details to follow.

The new diocesan prayer diaries begin this week. Please take a copy home with you to use and take one for a friend if you would like to.



We have a large funeral service taking place at St Mary's on Wednesday 7 June which is likely to see the church filled to capacity. Because of the numbers of people attending there is likely to be disruption and congestion in roads around the church. The church car park will be closed for parts of the day to allow the funeral corteges to take precedence. If you live near the church please communicate this information to your neighbours so that they are aware.

We have obtained a Parish Pass for Westminster Abbey. This pass allows six free entries during the year with up to 4 adults allowed entry on each visit. If you would like to make use of our Parish Pass please speak to John in the Parish Office. 01384 441003 st.mary.os@btconnect.com or Text 07956675990

**The parish office hours are changing. As of this week the opening times will be Monday—closed, Tuesday—Thursday 9.00am—1.00pm, Friday 9.00am—12 noon**

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.

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



## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday June 4 2017 Pentecost



*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:** Ian Nex

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Kanthi Ariaraj  
**Warden:** Les Timms **Sides:** Marilyn Thomson and David Cook  
**Reader:** Jean Agnew **Intercessions:** John Sutton  
**Communion Motet:** Come, Holy ghost—T Attwood  
**Organ Voluntary:** Veni Creator — D Bedard  
**Children Together:** Peter and Kathryn Hancox

### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Gill Davies  
**Readers:** Marjorie Ferguson & Gill Davies  
**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Anthem:** O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace—C Tye  
**Voluntary:** Chorale Variation on Veni Creator – M Dupre

This pew sheet is also available at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

### **Collect for this week:**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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**

**Acts 2: 1—21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.



A huge thank you to everybody who helped with our Christian Aid collection and to Helen Fowler for Co ordinating this again this year. The final total we have for the amount collected is: £4434.93 This includes the proceeds of the collection at Oldswinford Primary School and also money collected from their sponsored walk. They collected £2915.44 towards the total which is brilliant. Thank you everybody for your generosity and for those who gave their time to collect.

#### **Holiday at home**

We will be offering a four day 'holiday at home' (14th August - 17th August) for those people in our parish (they don't have to come to St Mary's) who are on their own and don't get chance to get away. Each day will start at 10am and end at 4pm and will be filled with activities, fellowship and food. More information will follow but put the dates in your diary and think about whether any of your friends might be interested in joining in. Places will be limited to 25. If you would like any further information please speak to Stephen or Alex.

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.



THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSIC  
AT ST MARY'S OLD SWINFORD,  
Stourbridge, DY8 2HA



## INAUGURAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

**A warm welcome is extended to all**

**SATURDAY 17th JUNE**  
at 7.30pm

### A CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR VOICES AND STRINGS

Featuring the Choir of St Mary's,  
The Chamberlain Singers and The Amicus Trio led by Will Croft  
with conductor Jack Apperley  
and organist Graham Davies.

Admission Free — Retiring Collection in aid of The Friends

**SUNDAY - 18th June**  
at 6.30 p.m.

### FESTIVAL EVENSONG

In church there will be special displays  
of choir memorabilia and flowers.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

### The Gospel Reading

John 20: 19—23

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

### Post Communion Prayer:

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal; open our lips by your Spirit that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### The Old Testament Reading

Joel 2: 21—end

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green, the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

# MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 9am

The Talbot Hotel, High Street, Stourbridge

Cost: £6 (payable on the day)

Men from any church or none are welcome! Come and enjoy a chat.

***Bring you sons and grandsons!!***

***An all age special!!***

Please book in advance.

Alan Sanders  
Hanbury Hill Baptist Church

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phone: 01562 888137

SPEAKER:

***Tony Maidment***

***Including  
Quite a bit of magic for....***

***Lads, Dads and Grandads***

## GUIDELINES

The Guidelines group meet together once a month to study the Bible. In preparation for this meeting we read through notes produced by the Bible Reading Fellowship. We will be starting a new course of study this Monday at 3pm in the Rectory – if you would like to join us you would be very welcome, just have a word with Stephen and come along.

The June edition of our Parish Magazine is on sale in church today. Why not take a copy for a new neighbour that's moved into your street recently or a friend that might be interested in what's going on in the parish.



**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.



## The New Testament Reading

Acts 2: 14—21

Ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

**Praying for Dudley**

**Sun 4 June**  
**2.30-3.30PM**  
**Priory Park**  
**DY1 4EU**

**Come to worship and to pray together for the Borough of Dudley**

The Methodist Church  
 Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District  
 DIOCESE OF WORCESTER

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Archdiocese of Birmingham

**Love Dudley**  
**#dudleypray**

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

**The World Church:**

The Lusitanian Church in Portugal with Bishop Jose Jorge Pina Cabral. Also the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church with Archbishop Lauma Zusvica. Also the Diocese of North East India with Bishop Michael Herenz

**Churches Together:**

Amblecote Methodist Church

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

that many young people will be encouraged, challenged and respond to the call of Jesus on their lives through the mission and 'One' event this week.

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

For Alex French as he prepares for ordination. For our wardens Judy and Tony who will be licensed this week.

**Those living in:**

Lutley Drive and Chawn Park Drive

**Local Community:**

Pedmore Technology College

**Among those who are ill:**

Angela Viner, Emma Brown, Margaret Moulton, Michael McCullagh, Bosilka Lazic, Grace Jones, Joni Stainburn, Estelle Court, Maureen Parmee, Mike Blaxland 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, Rachel Ryan, John Jeavons-Fellows, Pierce and Tracey Wilkinson, June Allen 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.*

## What's going on?

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

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

June 11

Trinity Sunday

8.00 am Communion  
(BCP)

10.00am Worship  
Together

6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday 5**

Parish Office closed.  
Alex's day off.

**Tuesday 6**

10.00am The Open The Book Team visit Oldswinford Primary School  
7.30pm Admission service for churchwardens at St Thomas'

**Wednesday 7**

11.00am Funeral service in church

**Thursday 8**

Church hall being used as a polling station  
10.30am Holy Communion in church.

**Friday 9**

Stephen's day off

**Saturday 10**

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour. Revd Stephen Agnew

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

#### Hi Everyone

The generous customers and staff at Tesco, Town Gate Retail Park, Dudley, donated 890Kgs of food and toiletries. Amazing! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported BCFB.

This week's shortages are:

UHT MILK, FRUIT JUICE (CARTONS FROM CONCENTRATE), SQUASH/CORDIAL, BREAKFAST CEREALS (small boxes low sugar) PACKETS/TINS CUSTARD, TINNED RICE PUDDING/CUSTARD, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED MEAT READY MEALS (CHILLI/BOLOGNESE), TINNED RICE PUDDING TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNER BEEF), SAVOURY RICE, JAM/MARMALADE, DEODORANT, SPONGES/FLANNELS, SHAVING GEL, TOOTH-BRUSHES, WASHING UP LIQUID, WASHING POWDER (small boxes)

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.

