

Our bellringers, with the help of some visitors will be ringing a quarter peal on Sunday beginning at 5.15pm. The ringing will last for about 55 minutes and will be a method known as Grandsire Triples. The quarter peal is being rung to mark three events: 1. The 100th anniversary of the death of Private Hugh Chapman Nash who died in service and was a bellringer at St Mary's. 2. To mark the launch of the Friends of the Music 3. To congratulate Revd Alex French on being ordained Priest next Saturday.



We hope you enjoy the ringing.

Alex will be ordained Priest on Saturday 24th June at 2.00pm in Worcester Cathedral. Many people from St Mary's will be attending the service in Worcester Cathedral to support Alex and his family. Alex will be celebrating his first communion at Oldswinford at the 10.00am service on Sunday 25th June. We will be holding a bring and share lunch following this service beginning at 12 noon. Everybody is welcome to attend the lunch which will be in the church hall.

Unfortunately the church walk that should have taken place on Saturday 24th June has had to be cancelled. There will be no walk this month.

The parish office hours have changed. The opening times are now 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.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday June 18 2017 Trinity I



*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: Nick Harbach

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Alex French
Warden: Les Timms **Sides:** Andrew Scudamore & Betty Parsons
Reader: Janet Hampson **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts
Communion Motet: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake—*Farrant*
Organ Voluntary: Festal Flourish — *G Jacob*
Children Together: Emma White & Alison Jones

6.30pm - Festival Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew
Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex
Readers: Ian & Dawn Nex
Intercessions: Revd Alex French
Responses: B Rose **Setting:** Stanford in C
Anthem: Sing we merrily unto God our strength—*S Campbell*
Voluntary: Finale from Sonata in D — *A Guilman*

Collect for this week:

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Romans 5: 1—8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

If you look up towards the balcony you will see a new hanging. This is a piece of work commissioned by Richard Harris in memory of his wife Jane. It has been designed by Dawn Nex and Doreen Ryan and stitched by Dawn Nex. As you can imagine this has taken hours of work but we hope you will agree that it provides a real enhancement to our building.

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 June edition of our Parish Magazine is on sale. Copies are available at the back of church. The magazine includes a variety of different articles about things that are happening or have happened at St Mary's as well as news and a children's page with activities for children to complete. The back page of the magazine contains adverts from local businesses who support our magazine financially. Please support them if you feel able.

Our next Messy Church event will be on Wednesday August 16th between 11.00am and 1.00pm in the church hall. Please make a note of the date in your diary.



Please let us know if you change your address. We like to keep our records up to date particularly for those on the electoral roll. Thanks

Fancy a cup of tea with a refugee?



Cup of Tea with a Refugee

Date : Tuesday 4th July 2017

Place: Wellington Road Community Centre, Wellington Road, DY1 1RB

Time: 12 noon - 2pm

With increasing anti - refugee and anti - migrant rhetoric,
this is an opportunity to come together & say Dudley Welcomes refugees.

All are welcome

RSVP: admin@cfed.org.uk or 01384 456166

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The Gospel Reading

Matthew 9: 35—10.8

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts; may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

The Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 6: 11– 19

The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

It was told King David, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Love Stourbridge - can you spare and

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.



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.



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.

The Great Get Together

A Bring and Share Picnic Lunch

on

Sunday June 18th 12.30-3pm

at

Quaker meeting House

37, Scotts Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1UR

We take inspiration from Jo Cox's quote

*'We have more in common than that
which divides us'*

**We apologise for the extremely short notice but
it has been arranged very quickly.**

In Peace and Friendship

Lynn Morris

(on behalf of Stourbridge Quakers)

Saturday Open Church:

Are you able to help with staffing our open church on a Saturday morning? This is a very important time when we welcome visitors to the church who may be booking a wedding or a baptism. There is a rota at the back of church for people to sign if they are able to help make coffee and provide a welcome between 10.00am and 12 noon on a Saturday morning.

The New Testament Reading

Colossians 3: 12—17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GIVE *Thanks*
with a
GRATEFUL *Heart*

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Lolland-Falster in Denmark with Bishop Steen Skovsgaard. Also the Diocese of Northern Territory in Australia with Bishop Greg Anderson.

Churches Together:

Gig Mill Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for all those being ordained next weekend as they begin the next phase of their faith journey.

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

For Alex French as he prepares for ordination next Saturday

For Georgie Eliza Judith Kerfoot who is being baptised today. For her parents and godparents who will be supporting her.

Those living in:

Old Ham Lane and Mountain Ash Drive

Local Community:

Students and staff of Ham Dingle School

Among those who are ill:

Angela Viner, Emma Brown, Margaret Moulton, Michael McCullagh, Bosilka Lasic, Grace Jones, Joni Stainburn, Maureen Parmee, Mike Blaxland, Becky Henley 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, Peter and Lydia Wilkinson and Denis Noakes.

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed: John Jeavons-Fellows, Pierce and Tracey Wilkinson, 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 25

Trinity 2

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am Parish
Communion
Rev'd Alex French presiding

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 19

Parish Office closed.

Alex's day off.

10.30am Y1 Children from Oldswinford Primary School visiting church

Tuesday 20

10.00am Open The Book Team visit Oldswinford Primary School

2.00pm Tea in the Coach House

Wednesday 21

2.30pm MU Diocesan Festival at St James' Wollaston

7.00pm Hospice Midsummer service in church

Thursday 22

10.30am Holy Communion in church.

1.30pm Y1 Children from Oldswinford Primary School visiting church

Friday 23

Stephen's day off

Saturday 24

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

2.00pm Alex's Ordination in Worcester Cathedral

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hi Everyone

Thank you for all the donations over the last week. Our volunteers are busy delivering stock requests to our 19 centres across the Black Country. We are rationing the items we can send out as we are very low on lots of things. Please remember us as you shop and encourage others to donate.

Thank you

This week's shortages are:

UHT MILK, FRUIT JUICE (CARTONS FROM CONCENTRATE), SQUASH/CORDIAL, HOT CHOCOLATE, PACKETS OF MASHED POTATO, TINNED FRUIT, DEODORANT, SHAVING GEL,

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.

