

### Are you good with children and animals?

(yes they come together)

We are looking to form a small group to help organise our first **Pet Service on Sunday 8th October 2017**. We are hoping to advertise this service more widely in the community and invite children to come along from our local schools, with their pets. There isn't anything too arduous that will need doing rather it's any opportunity to share the organisation of this event more broadly within church. If you are interested in helping or would like further information please speak to Stephen or Alex. You don't really need to be good with children and animals, support will be given!

### Messy Church

Our next messy church will be on Wednesday 16th August 11.00am—1.00pm. The theme will be bible seashores. If you would like to book a place please send a text to 07762250749

### Love Stourbridge (rearranged event)

On Saturday 26th August the cancelled events from last weekend will be re-scheduled. As part of the festival we will have our tent in Mary Stevens park and will be making origami cranes with members of the public. If you could spare an hour of your time to help staff the tent (no paper folding experience is necessary) there is a sign up sheet by the north door. Thank you for your support.

### Canal trip

Thanks to everybody who signed up to go on the canal trip with fish and chip supper. We now have 42 people which is the maximum the boat can accommodate. If you have reserved a space please collect your letter (from the North porch board) which gives further details including how to pay

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

## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday July 30 2017 Trinity 7



*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:** Eve Evans

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

*The choir are taking their well deserved summer break.*

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

**Warden:** Judy Hall **Sides:** David Cook & Pauline Pettet

**Reader:** Christine Day **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

**Organ Voluntary:** Nun danket —S Karg Elert

**Children Together:** Les Timms & Pauline Pettet

#### **6.30pm – Evensong**

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

**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Gill Davies

**Readers:** Maggie Abbotts & Gill Davies

**Intercessions:** Revd Alex French

**Voluntary:** Allegro in D – C P E Bach

### Collect for this week:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same: 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 8: 26—39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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

August 6

Trinity 8

8.00 am Communion  
(BCP)

10.00am Parish  
Communion

3.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

## CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

### **Monday 31**

Parish Office closed

Alex's day off.

### **Wednesday August 2**

2.00pm Confirmation  
class

### **Thursday 3**

10.30am Holy Communion  
in church.

### **Saturday 5**

10.00am Open Church  
and vestry hour. Revd  
Stephen Agnew

### **Cream Teas**

Our Mission Cream Tea on 25 July was such a lovely afternoon. More than 50 people came to enjoy tea with jam and cream scones whilst chatting to friends and family, and there was a very lively, happy atmosphere. Generous donations were given for St Mary's Mission Giving, totalling £169.05, so **thank you to everyone** who came and donated, and **thank you to the Mission Committee** for the delicious cream teas. We all enjoyed it!

### **Dates for your diary:**

Make a note in your diary that we will be holding our harvest supper on Saturday September 30th and we will be holding a barn dance on Saturday 21st October—both in our church hall. Invite friends, family and neighbours for what will be excellent evenings.

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

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

**The World Church:**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania with Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis. Also the Diocese of Pennsylvania USA with Bishop Clifton Daniel and Diocese of Pittsburgh USA with Bishop Dorsey McConnell

**Churches Together:**

St James' Church Wollaston

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

for all those involved in running the coffee morning at St Oswald's Church in Broadwaters Kidderminster and for other parishes exploring becoming a Place of Welcome.

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

For all those people taking holiday at this time. For those involved with our confirmation classes over the summer and for Alex and Stephen who will be leading them.

**Those living in:**

Sheraton Grange and Albemarle Road

**Local Community:**

Residents and staff of Doveton House.

**Among those who are ill:**

Angela Viner, Emma Brown, Margaret Moulton, Michael McCullagh, Bosilka Lazic, Grace Jones, Joni Stainburn, Maureen Parmee, Becky Henley, Gill Franks 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:**

David Moss and Stevie Ashley.

**In memoriam:**

Janet Blaxland (30.7.16)

*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.*

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**The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live; may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

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## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### **The Old Testament Reading**

1 Kings 3: 5—12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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