

### Fairtrade Stall

The dates when the Fairtrade stall will be open in church are Sunday 20th August, Thursday 24th August, 10th and 14th of September.



John is beginning to prepare the next service rota which will run from Sunday Sept 10 through to Sunday 31st December 2017. Please let him know by Wednesday 16 of any dates when you will be unavailable during this time. New rotas will be available in church on Sunday 20. Thank you.

### CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXHOLDERS 2017 CAMPAIGN

Once again it is time for the contents of Children's Society boxes to be counted. However, this year we have had to make some changes to collection of the boxes as one of our stalwart collectors is unable to undertake the visits. Also, we need to have all box contents counted and paid in by the second week in October as the old £1 coin is being withdrawn on 15th October.

So arrangements will be as follows:-

1. If Sue usually collects your box I will call and collect this year, if I have not contacted you or collected the box by 28th September please give me a ring to arrange collection on 01384 371247 ( There is a voicemail facility on this line so if I am out please leave a message)
2. For all other boxes - If you can please bring boxes to any service on a Sunday or Thursday in August and September and leave it with a warden or sides person. Please do not leave any boxes in church without alerting someone to the fact it is there.

I will make sure boxes are returned to you after counting.

Thank-you so much for being a box holder. Every penny you save really does make a difference with the money collected being invested in services which directly impact children's lives Thankyou -  
Maggie Abbotts

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 August 13 2017 Trinity 9



*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)*

**Collect:** Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace, 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

### Our services today are as follows:

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

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**Sides:** Eve Evans

#### **10.00am - Worship Together**

**Leader:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Tony Tatford

**Sides:** Sue Tatford & Betty Parsons

**Readers:** Jean Agnew & Tony Tatford



#### **6.30pm - Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Gill Davies

**Readers:** Angela Price & Marjorie Ferguson

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Voluntary:** Postlude on a ground —H Murrill

*'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus'*



## INTRODUCTION

**Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

This is the day which the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN 504** Summoned by the God who made us

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*In response to the words:* Father in heaven

*We respond:* **We give you thanks and praise**

## CONFESSION

*Response:* Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## SOME BIBLE READINGS WHICH TEACH US ABOUT TRUST

**1 Kings 19: 9–16**

*(Elijah, at the point of despair meets with God)*

*At the end of the reading:* For the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**HYMN 328** Behold, behold I make all things new

**Matthew 14: 22–33**

*(Jesus meets the disciples on the Sea of Galilee)*

*At the end of the reading:* For the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## ADDRESS

**HYMN 330** Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you

## PRAYERS

*Response:* Almighty Father: **we trust in you.**

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



## 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 20**

**Trinity 10**

8.00 am Communion  
(BCP)

10.00am Parish  
Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday 14**

Parish Office closed

**Tuesday 15**

2.00pm Tea in the Coach House

**Wednesday 16**

11.00am—1.00pm Messy

Church in the church hall

2.00pm Confirmation class

Evening Canal Boat Trip

**Thursday 17**

10.30am Holy Communion in church.

**Friday 18**

Stephen's day off

**Saturday 19**

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour with Judy Hall

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

**Hi Everyone**

Thank you for the continued support with our donations. We are so thankful to all of you who support us week in and week out. Deliveries from supermarkets have been arriving, individuals have been dropping carrier bags off and we have had wonderful support from a corporate donor. Please keep going as we journey through the last few weeks of the summer holidays. Thank you everyone! :) *Thank you*



**This week's shortages are:**

**HOT CHOCOLATE, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE, TINNED FRUIT, UHT MILK, FRUIT JUICE, BREAKFAST CEREAL, TINNED READY MEALS (CHILLI / CURRY / RAVIOLI / MEATBALLS), JAM / MARMALADE, JARS OF COOKING SAUCE, PACKETS OF DRIED NOODLES, TINNED CUSTARD, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED SPONGE PUDDING, MALE SHAVING GEL / FOAM, ADULT TOOTHBRUSHES, DEODORANT, WASHING UP LIQUID SMALL BOXES OF WASHING POWDER**

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.

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 Diocese of Stockholm with Bishop Eva Brunne. Also the Diocese of Remo in Nigeria with Bishop Michael Fape.

**Churches Together:**

St Peter's Pedmore

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

for the new 6.30pm service in Droitwich and for all those working in churches to bring different styles of worship to a range of different people.

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

For all those people taking holiday at this time. Violet Rose White and Jak Harris who are preparing for baptism. For all those who will be leading and attending our Messy Church event on Wednesday.

**Those living in:**

Birmingham Street and Mount Street

**Local Community:**

The Ark Centre in Stourbridge

**Among those who are ill:**

Margaret Moulton, Michael McCullagh, Joni Stainburn, Becky Henley, The Palmer family, Julie Read and Gill Franks.

**We continue to pray for:**

Rory Macintosh, Joe and Ros Yeates, Elian Irvine-Boden, Maureen Parmee, Anne May, 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, Bosilka Lazic, Grace Jones, Enid Clarke, Angela Viner and Denis Noakes.

**Those in nursing home care:**

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

**The departed:**

Stevie Ashley, Derek Sutton, Raymond Perry, John Wilcox, Revd Canon David Rogers and Margaret Savage.

*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.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.



**Welcome to the newly baptised**

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

**With the help of God we will.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;**

**we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

**PEACE**

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



**HYMN 592** As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs  
after you (during which the collection will be taken)

When we struggle with hard times and difficulties, we can put our trust in Jesus.

**God will bless us.**

When we cry out to Jesus we can be sure his strength is with us.

**God will bless us.**

All this week we can trust God in everything. **God will bless us.**

**THE BLESSING**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God..**

**HYMN 480** God be with you till we meet again.

**FIX  
YOUR  
EYES  
ON JESUS**

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## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### **The Old Testament Reading**

**1 Kings 11:41—12:20**

Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, all that he did as well as his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the Acts of Solomon? The time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. Solomon slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam succeeded him.

Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, “Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you.” He said to them, “Go away for three days, then come again to me.” So the people went away. Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, “How do you advise me to answer this people?” They answered him, “If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever.” But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. He said to them, “What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, ‘Lighten the yoke that your father put on us?’” The young men who had grown up with him said to him, “Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us’; thus you should say to them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s loins. Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.’”

So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had said, “Come to me again the third day.” The king answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.” So the king did not listen to the people, because it was a turn of affairs brought about by the Lord that he might fulfill his word, which the Lord had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.

When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king,

“What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, O David.”

So Israel went away to their tents. But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah. When King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labor, all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam then hurriedly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed the house of David, except the tribe of Judah alone.

### **The New Testament Reading**

**Acts 14: 8—20**

In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And the man sprang up and began to walk. When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, “Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.” Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them. But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.