

Thank you to everybody who has donated produce of any kind at our services today and to everybody who has helped to decorate the church. The food will be divided and distributed between the Stourbridge Foodbank and the St Basil's hostel for the homeless. Thank you for your generosity.

The next Mission Coffee morning will be on Saturday 28th October between 10.00am and 12 noon. £2 for coffee and cake with proceeds going towards the mission of St Mary's. Tickets are now on sale from members of the mission committee

### **A Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum**

is being organised for Saturday 18 November. The coach will leave here at 8.30am and return at 5pm. Cost £13 incl. tea/coffee on arrival. Please see the form at the back of Church for further details of the visit and packages available to pre-book. Bring friends/family/neighbours for a memorable visit.

### **Messy church news**

There will be a meeting in the Rectory on Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm for all those who currently help at Messy Church AND also for anyone who would like to in the future. Come along to discuss what themes and ideas we could follow in the coming year. We currently hold Messy church 5 or 6 times per year during half terms and holidays. If you think you would like to contribute do join us. Jean Agnew.

### **CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXHOLDERS 2017 CAMPAIGN**

If you haven't brought your Children's Society box for counting, please bring it to church within the next 2 weeks. If you would like the box collected please phone 371247.

Please send any notices or information for the pewsheet 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 1 October 2017** **Harvest Festival**



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) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).



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

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 26: 1—15, Luke 12: 16—30

**Sides:** Nick Harbach



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

**President:** Revd Alex French

**Preacher:** Revd Alex French

**Warden:** Tony Tatford

**Sides:** Sue Tatford & Jeremy Morgan

**Reader:** Peter Thomson **Intercessions:** Dawn Nex

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

**Communion Motet:** Thou visitest the earth – Greene

**Voluntary:** Prelude and Fugue in e minor BWV 533 – J S Bach



#### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Roger King

**Preacher:** Revd Alex French

**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Marilyn Thomson

**Readers:** Angela Price and Liz Fourness

**Intercessions:** Roger King

**Anthem:** Bless the Lord, us thy servants – P Maxim

**Voluntary:** Lehaft (from Sonata I) – P Hindemith



### Collect for this week:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 forever. Amen

### Readings for our 10.00am service.

#### The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26: 1—15

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your

We welcome the family of Joe Oliver Cox to our service this morning as he receives his certificate of baptism

#### 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 this child and uphold him in his 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.**

There will be a cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care following the 10.00am service next Sunday



#### **Animal Service 8th October 4pm - 4.45pm**

We will be celebrating the life, ministry and witness of Saint Francis by holding our first animal service. Please bring your pets along (or any animals that you can get your hands on) for this service of blessing.



**Encourage neighbours, friends and members of your family to bring their pets along to.**

It would be fantastic to get a church full of animals.

**Don't forget our Barn Dance- great night guaranteed**  
Organised by our social committee on Saturday 21st October in the Church Hall. The callers are Eve and John Evans. Cost £10.00 to include a hot supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.



## What's going on?

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

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

**October 8**

**Trinity 17**

8.00 am Communion  
(BCP)

10.00am Worship  
Together

4.00pm Pet service

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday 2

Parish Office closed

Alex's day off.

12 noon funeral service in church

#### Tuesday 3

7.00pm Messy Church meeting in the Rectory

#### Thursday 5

10.30am Holy Communion in church

12.45 pm funeral service in church

7.30pm Christmas tree festival meeting

#### Friday 6

Stephen's day off

#### Saturday 7

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

2.00pm Baptism in church

God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year (which is the year of the tithe), giving it to the Levites, the aliens, the orphans, and the widows, so that they may eat their fill within your towns, then you shall say before the Lord your God: "I have removed the sacred portion from the house, and I have given it to the Levites, the resident aliens, the orphans, and the widows, in accordance with your entire commandment that you commanded me; I have neither transgressed nor forgotten any of your commandments: I have not eaten of it while in mourning; I have not removed any of it while I was unclean; and I have not offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the Lord my God, doing just as you commanded me. Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel and the ground that you have given us, as you swore to our ancestors—a land flowing with milk and honey."

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

The next concert organised by the Friends of the Music will be on November 11th.

There will be a meeting of the Friends of the music after the 10.00am service in the Lady Chapel.

### THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSIC

#### AT ST MARY'S

Upcoming concerts at St. Mary's...

*The Stourbridge Chamber Orchestra plays*

### Haydn & Elgar

conducted by Keith Horsfall

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

7.30pm

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### The Gospel Reading

Luke 12: 16—30

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'"

So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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



### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

### **The World Church:**

The Diocese of Southern Philippines with Bishop Danilo Labacanacruz Bustamante.

### **Churches Together:**

Holy Trinity Amblecote

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

for Bishop Peter Selby as he celebrates his 50th anniversary of being ordained.

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

Simon and Xinxin Tatler whose marriage was blessed in St Mary's yesterday. For the families of Beryl Lawrence and Tony Cooper whose funeral will take place this week. For Thomas Agnew, who will be baptised in church next Saturday. Pray for his Parents and Godparents who will support him.

### **Those living in:**

Yarnborough Hill and Linden Close

### **Local Community:**

The CoachHouse and all who use it.

### **Among those who are ill:**

Joni Stainburn, Betty and Joe Chiswell, The Palmer family, Julie Read, Betty Shore, and Ian Moore.

### **We continue to pray for:**

Margaret Moulton, 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:**

Beryl Lawrence, Joan Chamberlain, Tony Cooper and Harold White

*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.*

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