

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

National Memorial Arboretum 18th November

Unfortunately we have not been able to generate enough interest in our planned trip to the National Memorial Arboretum to make it viable. Therefore we have had to take the decision to cancel it. Thank you to everyone who had initially signed up.


Thank you very much to everyone who has collected cardboard tubes over the last few weeks for the Christmas tree festival. We now have plenty for the project. If you have any French Knitting trees or pieces please will you let me have them as soon as possible or at the latest by Sunday 5th November. Thanks- Sally Frost

Our next Messy Church Event will be on Wednesday October 25th which is half term week. 11.00am—1.00pm in the church hall. Please let us know if you'd like to come so that we can provide enough food. Text us on 07762250749

Please add to the list at the back of church the name of anybody who you wish to be remembered at our annual All Souls Service on Sunday 29th October at 6.30pm

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.



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. This pewsheets is printed on recycled paper. 

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford **Sunday 15 October 2017** **Trinity 18**



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. If you would like to find out about any of the activities associated with church please visit our website at www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Readings: Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 234

Sides: Meriel Harris

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Les Timms

Sides: Stan & Avril Williams

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

Children Together: Peter & Kathryn Hancox

Communion Motet: Ave verum corpus – E Elgar

Voluntary: Wir glauben all – J S Bach

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Roger King

Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex

Readers: Dawn & Ian Nex

Intercessions: Revd Alex French

Anthem: Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy people – W Crotch

Voluntary: Plein Jeu Du Troisieme Ton – A Guilain

Collect for this week:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

Philippians 4: 1—9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

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 22

Trinity 19

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion with
confirmation led by Bishop
Michael Hooper

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 16

Parish Office closed

Alex's day off.

9.30am Visit to church by OSH
students

10.30am Mission Committee meeting
at the home of the Scudamores

Tuesday 17

2.00pm Tea in the Coach House

2.30pm MU Deanery Festival at
Amblecote

Thursday 19

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 20

2.30pm OSH Founders Day Service
in church.

Saturday 21

10.00am Open Church and vestry
hour with Stephen.

7.00pm Barn dance in the Church
Hall

Experience Advent : 27th - 29th November

During these three days groups of children will be coming into church from Old Swinford and Ham Dingle Primary Schools to 'Experience Advent'. Around the church will be six different activity stations focusing on a key part of the Christmas story. In small groups the children will spend about 10 minutes at each station before moving onto the next, gradually piecing together the Christmas story.

Could you help by running one of the stations? No experience of working with children is needed, all resources are provided and instruction will be given. It's also great fun!

Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like further information please speak to Stephen or Alex or one of the many church members who helped with Experience Easter earlier in the year.

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

Swaziland in Southern Africa with Bishop Ellinah Ntombi Wamukoya. The Diocese of Tonsberg in Norway with Bishop Per Arne Dahl and the Diocese of Strangas in Sweden with Bishop Johan Dalman.

Churches Together:

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for a church which bears witness to a vision of health and wholeness for all in society.

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

For our mission committee who will be meeting this week. For the students and staff of Oldswinford Hospital School who will be visiting church to celebrate their Founders Day this week. John and Claire Walters, Lewis, Luke and Kirsty Mills who will be confirmed next Sunday.

Those living in:

Mount Road and Burnt Oak Drive

Local Community:

Those who work in Old Swinford shops.

Among those who are ill:

Joni Stainburn, Betty and Joe Chiswell, The Palmer family, Julie Read, Judy Taylor, Lilian Bunny 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, Peter and Angela Viner and Denis Noakes.

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed:

Beryl Lawrence, Muriel Wheeler, Joan Chamberlain, Marcus Smith, Tony Cooper and Harold White

In memoriam:

Alan Pearson (16.10.16)

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.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22: 1—14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast; for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

The Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 3: 1—18

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.
Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favor and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.
Honor the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.
My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
for the Lord reproves the one he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.
Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

The New Testament Reading

1 John 3: 1—15

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters.

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.