

You are invited to a **Fairtrade Breakfast** on  
**Saturday, 11 November 2017, 9.00-11.00 a.m.**  
at New Road Methodist Church (on the ring road)

Join reps from other churches to:

- examine the biblical basis for supporting Fairtrade
- get an update on the state of FT in the UK and
- **share ideas for promoting FT within our congregations**



RSVP to Jane (07799 965748  
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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


Our next Messy Church Event will be this Wednesday October 25th. 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

There are some copies of the latest Traidcraft brochure available to look through at the back of church. If any one wants to order items please let Maggie know ASAP if they are wanted for Christmas.

Also, we will have some "Real story of Christmas" chocolate advent calendars for sale at £3.99 and a few Christmas items available the last week of October and during November, as well as the usual Traidcraft stall

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.

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## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 22 October 2017 Trinity 19



A warm welcome to Bishop Michael and any other 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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).

Our services today are as follows:

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

**President:** Revd Alex French

**Readings:** Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 236

**Sides:** Eve Evans

### **10.00am - Parish Communion with Confirmation**

**President:** Bishop Michael Hooper

**Preacher:** Bishop Michael Hooper

**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts

**Sides:** David Cook and Pauline Pettet

**Reader:** Peter Jones    **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts

**Children Together:** Helen and Russ Fowler

**Voluntary:** Prelude and Fugue in D – Buxtehude

### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

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

**Readers:** Angela Price and Marjorie Ferguson

**Intercessions:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Voluntary:** Prelude on Abridge – T Adams

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

### Collect for this week:

O God, for as much as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

I Thessalonians 1: 1—10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*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 29**

**All Saints and All Souls**

8.00 am Communion  
(BCP)

10.00am  
Parish Communion

12.15pm Baptism

6.30pm Evensong

### **CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday 23**

Parish Office closed

2.00pm Funeral service in church

7.30pm Standing Committee meeting

#### **Tuesday 24**

1.30pm Pastoral Care Group meeting at the home of Judy Hall

#### **Wednesday 25**

11.00am—1.00pm Messy Church

11.30am Communion at Holly Lodge

#### **Thursday 26**

10.30am Holy Communion in church

2.00pm Funeral service in church

#### **Friday 27**

Stephen's day off

#### **Saturday 28**

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour with Stephen.

10.00am—12 noon Mission Coffee Morning in the narthex.

### **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:**

The Diocese of Temotu in Melanesia with Bishop Leonard Dawes. Also the Diocese of Vaxjo in Sweden with Bishop Fredrik Modeus.

**Churches Together:**

Riverside Christian Fellowship

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

for God's guidance for the Calling young Disciples Project. For the project Director Ruth Walker and the Mission Enablers: Anne Batchelor, Helen Laird, Adam Legge, James Oliver and Amy Stokes that God would sustain them and fill them with His Spirit of wisdom.

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

John and Claire Walters, Lewis, Luke and Kirsty Mills who are being confirmed today. The families of Muriel Wheler and Marcus Smith whose funerals are taking place this week at St Mary's. For all those involved in our Messy Church event on Wednesday. For our Director of Music and members of our choir as they take a break for half term.

**Those living in:**

Randle Road and The Parklands

**Local Community:**

Age Concern

**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:**

Muriel Wheeler, Joan Chamberlain, Harold White, Kathleen Richards, Olive Eley and Marcus Smith,

*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 22: 15—22

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

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Holy and Blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit; may we honour you, not only with our lips but in our lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## The Old Testament Reading

### Proverbs 4: 1—18

Listen, children, to a father's instruction,  
and be attentive, that you may gain insight;  
for I give you good precepts:  
do not forsake my teaching.  
When I was a son with my father,  
tender, and my mother's favourite,  
he taught me, and said to me,  
"Let your heart hold fast my words;  
keep my commandments, and live.  
Get wisdom; get insight: do not forget, nor turn away  
from the words of my mouth.  
Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;  
love her, and she will guard you.  
The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,  
and whatever else you get, get insight.  
Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;  
she will honor you if you embrace her.  
She will place on your head a fair garland;  
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."  
Hear, my child, and accept my words,  
that the years of your life may be many.  
I have taught you the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.  
When you walk, your step will not be hampered;  
and if you run, you will not stumble.  
Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;  
guard her, for she is your life.  
Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.  
Avoid it; do not go on it;  
turn away from it and pass on.  
For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;  
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.  
For they eat the bread of wickedness  
and drink the wine of violence.  
But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,  
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

## The New Testament Reading

### 1 John 3: 16—4:6

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.