

The new prayer diaries have arrived. Please take a copy home with you to use and a second copy if you would like to give a copy to family, friends or a neighbour.



### SAVE THE DATE

We shall be hosting a performance of 'Jesus My Boy' on Saturday 24 March 2018.

This is a stunning one-man play, the story of Jesus seen through the eyes of Joseph, an ordinary and down-to-earth man, dismayed about how his image is later portrayed in Christian artwork! Jesus My Boy is extremely humorous, incredibly moving, and beautifully and cleverly written by John Dowie.

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**JINGLE ALL THE WAY...**  
AN EVENING OF SONG & CAROLS

**Sat 9th December, 7.30pm**  
(Doors open 7.00pm)  
St Mary's Church, Church Road  
Oldswinford, Stourbridge DY8 2HA

*Christmas Jumpers Welcome!*  
Adults £8.00 Under 16s £5.00  
Available at choir or...  
Tel: 03330 146164 / e-mail [sing@got2sing.co.uk](mailto:sing@got2sing.co.uk)

Tickets available in the Parish Office

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. This pewsheet is printed on recycled paper.

## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

### Sunday 26 November 2017

### Christ The King—Sunday before Advent



A warm welcome to any visitors who are worshipping with us today. Please join us for a chat over a cup of coffee after our 10.00am service. 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 Alex French

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**Sides:** Meriel Harris

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

**President:** Revd Alex French

**Preacher:** Kanthi Ariaraj

**Warden:** Malcolm Frost

**Sides:** Stan and Avril Williams

**Reader:** Christine Day **Intercessions:** John Sutton

**Communion Motet:** Let all mortal flesh keep silence

**Organ Music:** Grand Choeur in G – T Salome

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

##### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Alex French

**Preacher:** Roger King

**Warden:** Judy Hall **Sides:** Richard Hall

**Readers:** Alec Beevers & Judy Hall

**Intercessions:** Roger King

**Anthem:** O thou whose all redeeming might – D Blackwell

**Voluntary:** Praeludium in – D Buxtehude

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## Collect for this week:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Readings for our 10.00am service.

### The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1: 15—23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*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 December 3 Advent Sunday

8.00 am  
Communion (BCP)

10.00am  
Parish Communion

6.30pm Advent Carol  
Service

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday 27

Parish Office closed  
Experience Advent School groups in church am + pm

#### Tuesday 28

10.00am Open The Book Group visit OCEPS  
Experience Advent School groups in church am + pm

#### Wednesday 29

Experience Advent School groups in church am + pm

#### Thursday 30

10.30am Holy Communion in church

#### Friday 1

Christmas Tree Festival  
Stephen and Alex day off

#### Saturday 2

10.00am Christmas Market  
Christmas Tree Festival

**Next weekend we have two major events at church:**

**Friday 1—Monday 4 Christmas Tree Festival in church. Opening times are:**

**Friday 11.00am—4.00pm,**

**Saturday 11.30am—4.00pm & 6.00pm—8.00pm**

**Sunday 12 noon—4.00pm,**

**Monday 11.00am—4.00pm. Free entry.**

**Refreshments served**

**Also next Saturday 10.00—12 noon**

**Christmas Market in the Church Hall.**

**Stalls, Raffles, Games, Coffee,**

**All proceeds to church funds.**

**Please support these fund raising events and invite others to join us.**



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

**The World Church:**

The Diocese of Wad Medani in Sudan with Bishop Saman Farajalla Mandi

**Churches Together:**

St Thomas' Stourbridge

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

for all individuals who serve as mission partners in other countries and cultures. Pray that they may find love and support in the churches they support, develop or plant. Pray that their vision and experience may help the Christians and churches they work with to be more critical of their own culture, and how to serve God within it.

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

For all those children and who will be visiting our church this week to learn something of Advent. For the opportunity that we have through our Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Market to welcome our community to church. Grace Barrett who will be confirmed in the Cathedral today.

**Those living in:**

The Woodlands/Willow Park Drive

**Local Community:**

Pupils and Staff of Oldswinford Primary School

**Among those who are ill:**

Betty and Joe Chiswell, The Palmer family, Judy Taylor, Tim Bradley, Geoff Skelding, Rosie, Colin Roberts, Lilian Bunny and Ian Moore.

**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, Grace, Enid Clarke, Julie Read, Angela Viner, and Denis Noakes.

**Those in nursing home care:**

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

**The departed:**

Vyvyan Hobby, Brenda Wootton, Joni Stainburn and Brian Pickersgill.

**In memoriam:**

Gerald Hale (28.11.16)

*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 25: 31—46

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

### **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people: that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 23: 1—7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

2 The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.

3 The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,

4 is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

5 Is not my house like this with God?  
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?

6 But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

7 to touch them one uses an iron bar  
or the shaft of a spear.  
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot

## The New Testament Reading

Matthew 28: 16—20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

