

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese Yola in Nigeria with Bishop Markus Ibrahm. Alos the Diocese of Oslo in Norway with Bishop Ole Kvarme.

Churches Together:

Chawn Hill Christian Centre

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for the Kidderminster Advent window displays that they have helped people to think about God's love at Christmas and will point people towards the church's festive season.

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

For our Churchwardens Judy and Tony who give so much time to the care of St Mary's. For all our ministry team who will be leading worship during the Christmas Season.

Those living in:

Priory Road and Woodthorpe Drive

Local Community:

Residents and staff of Oriel House Care Home.

Among those who are ill:

Betty and Joe Chiswell, The Palmer family, Judy Taylor, Geoff Skelding, Rosie, Becki Henley, Lilian Bunny, Lucy Rennie 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, Penny Webb, Jennie Web and Denis Noakes.

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed:

Tim Bradley, Sheila Westwood, Kenneth Roden, Norma Dunn and as his ashes are interred David Browning.

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 Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford
Sunday 24 December 2017
Christmas Eve



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 or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

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Sides: Meriel Harris

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Maggie Abbotts

Sides: Marilyn Thomson & Jeremy Morgan

Reader: Sally Frost **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts

Organ Music: Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her – J S Bach



4.00pm – Crib service

Leader: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Tony Tatford **Sides:** Sue Tatford



10.00pm – First Communion of Christmas

President: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Tony Tatford **Sides:** Andrew Scudamore & Sue Tatford

Reader: Tony Tatford **Intercessions:** Judith Nex

Communion Motet: Carols sung by the choir

Organ Music: In dulci jubilo—BWV 729—J S Bach



Collect for this week:

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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 on Christmas Eve

The New Testament Reading

Romans 16: 25—27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

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The Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 1—14

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”

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

Post Communion Prayer:

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

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8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew & Revd Alex French

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Sides: Ian Nex

10.00am – Christmas Day Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Alex French

Warden: Judy Hall

Reader: Judy Hall **Intercessions:** John Sutton



Collect for today:

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 on Christmas Day

The New Testament Reading

Titus 2: 11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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The Gospel Reading

Luke 1: 26 –38

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Post Communion Prayer:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for our 10.00pm service on Christmas Eve

The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 1: 1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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The Gospel Reading

John 1: 1-14

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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