

We invite you to offer prayers for

The World Church:

The Diocese of Zululand in Southern Africa with Bishop Monument Makhanya

Churches Together:

Gig Mill Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

that at the turn of the year, we pray particularly for those who can see no hope in the future. Pray that they will feel God's love and presence alongside them.

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

For members of our standing committee who will be meeting this week
For all our ministry team, lay and ordained who lead our worship.

Those living in:

Heath Lane and Crofters Close

Local Community:

Residents and staff of Doveton House Care Home.

Among those who are ill:

Betty and Joe Chiswell, The Palmer family, Judy Taylor, Geoff Skelding, Rosie, Becki Henley, Lilian Bunny and Ian Moore.

We continue to pray for:

Rory Macintosh, Joe and Ros Yeates, Elian Irvine-Boden, 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, Lucy Rennie, Maureen Parmee and Norma Dunn

In memoriam:

Geoff Payton (2.1.17)

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 31 December 2017
First Sunday of Christmas



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 Alex French

Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 104

Sides: Ian Nex

10.00am - Parish Communion

Our choir are taking holiday today

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Alex French

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Sides: Sally Frost & Andrew Scudamore

Reader: Stan Williams **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

Children Together: An activity will be provided

6.30pm - Service of recommitment to Christ

Leader: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Collect for this week:

Almighty God who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son, Jesus Christ; grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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

Galatians 4: 4—7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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



The Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 15-21

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

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home; help your church to live as one family, united in love and obedience and bring us all at last to our home in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This pew sheet is also available at www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk