

Tuesday Tea will be on Tuesday this week at the normal time of 2.30pm. Everybody is welcome.

### 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.

The last few 2018 diaries are available at the back of church. These are given to us at no cost. Please help yourself.

### Lent Course 2018 'Counting our Blessings'

This course will be delivered through four home groups, running at different times and locations during each week of Lent. The course this year will focus around five different ways in which God blesses us, gives us new life and calls us to live differently. We will also consider each week how we are also called to live differently, corporately as the Body of Christ at St. Mary's. If you are interested in joining this course as part of your lenten preparation this year then please add your name to the sign up sheet. It is not necessary to attend all of the weeks. If you would like any further information please speak to Stephen or Alex

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 28 January 2018

### Epiphany 4



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 Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 115

**Sides:** Eve Evans

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts

**Sides:** John Evans & Betty Parsons

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

**Children Together:** Peter & Kathryn Hancox

**Communion Motet:** O Lord, increase my faith - *Loosemore*

**Organ Music:** Toccata in b minor - *E Gigout*

#### **6.30pm - Evensong**

**Officiant:** Roger King **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

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

**Readers:** Dawn & Ian Nex

**Intercessions:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Anthems:** 1. How brightly beams the morning star - *Sweelinck*

2. There shall a star from Jacob come - *Mendelssohn* 3. When to the Temple Mary went - *Eccard*

**Voluntary:** Wie Schon Leuchtet - *J S Bach*

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## Collect for this week:

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

*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

**February 4**  
**Second before Lent**  
**Sexagesima**

8.00 am  
Communion (BCP)

10.00am  
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### **Monday 29**

Parish Office closed  
10.00am Visit by students from  
Pedmore Technology College  
7.30pm PCC Meeting

#### **Tuesday 30**

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the  
narthex

#### **Wednesday 31**

7.00pm Lent Course leaders  
meeting in the narthex.

#### **Thursday 1**

10.30am Holy Communion in  
church.

#### **Friday 2—Candlemas**

Clergy day off

#### **Saturday 3**

10.00am Vestry Hour with Alex  
and Open Church.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK



#### Hello Everyone

**From small beginnings in 2006 to opening our 20th Distribution Centre last week BCFB has grown and developed. In light of this change we have updated the website in the hope that we can reach more people that need our help, encourage more donations and thank those who support us.**

**Have a look and see what you think!**

**[www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk)**

**This week's shortages are:**

**UHT MILK , FRUIT JUICE, TINNED POTATOES, PACKETS OF MASH, TINNED FRUIT, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE. DEODORANTS**

Please leave any donations in the boxes at the back of church and we will ensure that they are taken to the warehouse for distribution each week. Any donations of bags to help carry the donations from the large boxes at the back of church to the collection station would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

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

**Churches Together:**

Riverside Christian Fellowship

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

for all those who are homeless and for those who support them.

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

For our Parochial Church Council who will be meeting this week. For our Lent Course Leaders meeting and those willing to lead our Lent study groups.

**Those living in:**

Stevens Road and Drew Crescent

**Local Community:**

The Ark Centre in Stourbridge

**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 Webb 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:**

Vera Hill

*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**

Mark 1: 21—28

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

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

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## Readings for Evening service

### Isaiah 60: 1—6 Epiphany

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### Matthew 3: 13—17 Baptism of Christ

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

### John 1: 43—51 Calling the disciples

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

### John 2: 1—11 The wedding feast in Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### Luke 2: 22—35 The presentation of Christ

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."