

Messy church for children in the church hall on Wednesday 11.00am—1.00pm. Please let us know if you would like to attend by texting 07762250749



St Mary's Toddler Group

Elaine Pritchard has been running the Church Toddler Group in the Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons during term time for 6 years and would now like to stand down.

We would like to continue running this successful community group and in order to do so we will need to gather together a group of people from Church and from the Toddler Group who will help to run it. Could you help us with this? It is not onerous, but it is great fun. Have a word with Stephen if you would like to offer your support.

There is a collection of books at the back of church which have been borrowed from the Robin Woods Library for Lent. Please complete a lending slip if you would like to borrow a book.

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 31 March from 9.00am. Anyone wishing to contribute towards the cost of the lilies in memory of loved ones can do so by putting donations in an envelop with the name of the person to be remembered and giving it to one of the Church Wardens or Sally Frost. Donations can also be put in yellow gift aid envelopes. Please mark these "For Flower Guild". Thank you very much.

As part of our Lent study and reflection groups we have organised a Parish Quiet Day at Holland House on Wednesday 21st March. The day will be led by Stephen and we shall be reflecting further on the themes covered in our Lent groups relating to St Mary's and how we move forward as a Christian community.

This will be a whole day event to include lunch and transport will be organised for people who need it. Please make a note in your diary and look out for further details and sign up sheet soon.

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 or text to 07956675990 or phone 01384 441003.

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The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 18 February 2018

First Sunday of Lent



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 129

Sides: Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

The choir are on holiday today

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Roger King

Warden: Tony Tatford

Sides: Mike Blaxland and John Evans

Reader: Joan Ram **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

Children Together: Alex French

Organ Music: Toccata in d minor (Dorian) – J S Bach

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Joan Barwick **Sides:** Stan Williams

Readers: Stan Williams & Angela Price

Intercessions: Revd Alex French

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude – Paul de Malingreau



Collect for this week:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

1 Peter 3: 18 –22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 25 Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 19

Parish Office closed

7.00pm—8.30pm Lent group

Tuesday 20

10.00am—11.30am Lent Group

2.00pm Tea at the Coach House.

Wednesday 21

11.00am—1.00pm Messy Church in the church hall

2.00pm—3.30pm Lent Group

Thursday 22

10.30am Holy Communion in church.

7.00pm—8.30pm Lent Group

Friday 23

Clergy day off

Saturday 24

10.00am Vestry Hour with Stephen and Open Church.

12 noon Wedding

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**
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Hello Everyone

We are grateful to all the corporate organisations who support us with donations and time. Last week we welcomed the community support workers from Tesco Dudley. Toni and Kerry gave time to help with dating food items and stacking the shelves. We asked Toni how she had got on at the end of the day, 'I loved it' she said, 'It's always a great day and we are always made to feel so welcome'. Thank you Toni and Kerry for all your hard work. Thank you :)

This week's shortages are:

UHT MILK , FRUIT JUICE, TINNED POTATOES, PACKETS OF MASH, TINNED FRUIT, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE. HOT CHOCOLATE, SHAMPOO and SHAVING FOAM

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:

St Michaels and All Angels, Norton

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for all who face racial discrimination in our society.

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

For Sebastian Philip Tromans who will be baptised at St Mary's today. We pray for his parents and Godparents who will support him. For Chloe Farthing and James Collins who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday. For our Lent study groups that begin this week.

Those living in:

Love Lane and Oakleigh Road

Local Community:

Our Coach House Community

Among those who are ill:

Betty and Joe Chiswell, The Palmer family, Judy Taylor, Geoff Skelding, Rosie, Becki Henley, James Gwilliams, Colin Millward, 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, Margaret Moulton, Hazel White, Betty Shore, Mabel Arnold and Anne Davies.

The departed:

Richard Aldred

In memoriam: Vera Darby (24.2.17)

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 Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 9—15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love; teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The New Testament Reading

Romans 5: 12—19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.