

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 envelope 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.

Our next Messy Church Event is on Good Friday between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the church hall. Please let us know if you would like to book a place by texting 07762250749 or e mailing st.mary.os@btconnect.com



We shall be hosting a performance of 'Jesus My Boy' next Saturday 24 March 2018 at 7.30pm in church.

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! Tickets available on the door or in advance at the parish office price £10. Tel: 01384 441003

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, when we read the Passion Story at our 10.00am service. If you would like to volunteer to read at this service please sign the list at the back of church.

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. This pewsheet is printed on recycled paper.

Please feel free to take this pew sheet away and recycle. 

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 18 March 2018

Fifth 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 Stephen Agnew

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Sides: Ian Nex

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Maggie Abbotts

Sides: Merl and Colin Roberts

Reader: Janet Hampson **Intercessions:** Dawn Nex

Children Together: Emma White & Pauline Pettet

Communion Motet: God so loved the world —Stainer

Organ Music: Passacaglia in d min – D Buxtehude

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Roger King **Preacher:** Revd Alex French

Warden: Joan Barwick **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Alec Beevers & Tina Timms

Intercessions: Roger King

Anthem: Praise to thee, Lord Jesus—Schutz

Voluntary: Saraband in Modo Elegiaco – H Howells

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

Collect for this week:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Hebrews 5: 5—10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek

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

March 25
Palm Sunday

8.00 am
Communion (BCP)

10.00am
Parish Communion
Our service begins in the church hall

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
7.30pm PCC meeting

Wednesday 21

Parish Office closed
Parish quiet day at Holland House

Thursday 22

10.30am Holy Communion in church.
7.00pm—8.30pm Lent Group
7.30pm Coach House AGM

Friday 23

Clergy day off

Saturday 24

Marriage preparation day in the coach House
10.00am Vestry Hour with Tony Tatford
Open Church until 12 noon.
9.30am Church walk at Mamble
7.30pm Performance of 'Jesus My Boy' in church.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

Hello Everyone

Even though BCFB have some great partnerships with charities who can use some of our out of date donated food items we are struggling to move it all on. Please check the dates on the items donated so we can make sure that they can go to someone in crisis. Thank you :)

This week's shortages are:

UHT MILK , FRUIT JUICE, TINNED POTATOES, HOT CHOCOLATE, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE, TINNED VEG READY MEAL eg macaroni cheese. SHAVING FOAM, SHAMPOO, CAN OPENERS

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

Worldwide Church:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia with Archbishop Janis Vanags and Bishops Einars Alpe and Hanss Martins Jensons. Also the Anglican church in Hong Kong and Macao with Archbishop Paul Kwong.

Churches Together:

Wollaston Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for Mark Carter and Kate Andrew in the church buildings team as they work with parishes across the Diocese.

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

For Theodore Samuel Jackson, Frazer and Myah Allport who will be baptised at St Mary's today. We pray for their parents and Godparents who will support them. For our Lent study groups meeting this week. For our PCC who will be meeting this week. For our parish quiet day and those who will be attending.

Those living in:

Greenfinch Road and Goldfinch Road

Local Community:

Mary Steven's Hospice.

Among those who are ill:

The Palmer family, Rosie, James Gwilliams, Colin Millward, Christine Pirie Ray Timms, Adrian Mead and Ian Moore.

We continue to pray for:

Betty and Joe Chiswell, Judy Taylor, Lilian Bunny, 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 Geoff Skelding, Anne Davies.

The departed:

Barbara Kent, Mary Evans, Michael Bolton.

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

John 12: 20—33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 11: 1-9

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.
They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.
My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.
How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

The New Testament Reading

Luke 2: 41—52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.