

Our APCM meeting this year is on Sunday 15th April. The meeting will take place following the 10.00am service, which will take place in the church hall on this day. This is when we elect our churchwardens and PCC members for the year and report on the work of the church during the previous 12 months. As members of St Mary's please support this meeting if you can.

The choir of King Edward College will be singing Choral Evensong in Church on Monday 16th April at 5.00pm. Members of our congregation are welcome to attend and enjoy this feast of choral music.

Our Mission Committee are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 21 April in the narthex 10.00am until 12 noon. Tickets are on sale at £2.

Just Text Giving™ by  If you don't normally carry any cash with you you are able to donate to St Mary's using text. To make a donation text FOSM29 + the amount you would like to donate to 70070. Thank you.

 We have a Facebook page. If you're a Facebook user and want to keep up to speed with events at St Mary's visit www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.

We still have space available on our pass to allow free entry to Westminster Abbey. If anybody is planning a visit to London in the near future speak to John and he can arrange for you to take the pass.

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.

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The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 1 April 2018

Easter Sunday



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:

7.45am—Lighting of the Holy Fire

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Alex French and Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 175

Sides: Meriel Harris

10.00am - Parish Communion for Easter Day

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

Warden: Tony Tatford

Sides: Toni Evans and Sue Tatford

Intercessions: Judith Nex

Children Together: Peter & Kathryn Hancox

Communion Motet: This joyful Eastertide —trad

Organ Music: Grand Choeur in G – T Salome



6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Richard Hall

Readers: Judy and Richard Hall

Responses: West **Canticles:** Harwood in A flat

Intercessions: Revd Alex French

Anthem: Most glorious Lord of life —W Harris

Voluntary: Tone piece in F – Niels Gade

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

Collect for this week:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

Readings for our 10.00am service.

The New Testament Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Reading

John 20: 1—18

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter

What's going on?

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on these pages.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

April 8

Easter 1

8.00 am Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish
Communion

3.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 2

Parish Office closed today
3.00pm—7.30pm The AGM of the Worcestershire Bellringers Association is taking place in church and the church hall during the afternoon.

Wednesday 4

7.30pm Baptism preparation

Thursday 5

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 6

Clergy day off.

Saturday 7

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK



Hello Everyone

Easter is on its way and coming around quickly!

Thank you for all the donations of Easter Eggs, we have plenty now so please consider donating items from our shortages or from our main shopping list available on our website

www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk. Thank you :)

This week's shortages are:

**FRUIT JUICE - almost gone , BOTTLES OF CORDIAL/SQUASH
500g BAGS OF SUGAR - nearly run out of, TINNED POTATOES
JARS OF PASTA SAUCE, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
500g BAGS OF RICE , SHOWER GEL, BUBBLE BATH, SMALL
BOXES OF WASHING POWDER, 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 Diocese of Funen in Denmark with Bishop Tine Lindhardt

Churches Together:

Chawn Hill Christian Centre

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for all churches creating Easter gardens in their buildings or churchyards this weekend, that those who see them might be filled with the joy and hope of the risen Christ.

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

For the bellringers throughout the Diocese who will be meeting for their AGM at St Mary's on Monday. For those who will be attending baptism preparation on Wednesday evening.

Those living in:

The Crescent and Grange Road

Local Community:

Holly Lodge Care Home

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:

Margaret Moulton, Hazel White, Betty Shore, Mabel Arnold and Geoff Skelding, Anne Davies.

The departed:

Barbara Kent, Mary Evans, Michael Bolton, June O'Brian and Margaret Tromans.

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.

and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.



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

Post Communion Prayer:

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1—14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

The New Testament Reading

Luke 24: 13—35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.