

Our APCM meeting this year is next 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.

We're currently aiming to raise £1,500 to help fund additional security measures for the church building to enable it to be kept open during the week. The money will be used to install CCTV cameras in church. We're doing this through a crowd funding campaign. Go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stmaryos> to make a donation or if you're not online make a donation using the yellow envelopes and mark for the crowd funding campaign. Thankyou.

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John is preparing the next service rota which will run from May 6—August 26 2018. Please let John know by Tuesday 17 April of any dates you will not be available during this time. New rotas will be available from Sunday 22 April.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 8 April 2018 Easter 2



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.

Collect: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 183

Sides: Eve Evans

10.00am - Worship Together

Leaders: Revd Stephen Agnew and Roger King

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Pauline Pettet & Merl Roberts

Readers: Colin and Merl Roberts

Voluntary: Hyfrydol—Vaughan Williams



6.30pm – Evensong—our choir are taking holiday today

Officiant: Kanthi Ariaraj

Preacher: Roger King

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

Readers: Dawn and Ian Nex

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Voluntary: Folk Tune on Dream Angus – Christopher Tambling

Resurrection and the Resurrection community

Welcome and Notices

The Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Loving Lord fill us with your life giving, joy giving, peace- giving presence.

That we may praise you now with our lips and all the day long with our lives.

HYMN: - 667 Lord of the dance

READING John 20: 19—23 The risen Jesus appears to the disciples
For the Word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**

We respond with Thanksgiving

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received.

Christ died for our sins: Alleluia! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Death comes to all through Adam and sin reigns for a time.

New life without end comes through Christ and he reigns for ever: Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Death, where is your victory? Death where is your sting?

Death is swallowed up in victory—the victory you give us in Christ: Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life, to praise you for ever with angels and archangels: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

READING John 20: 24—29 Thomas does not believe that Jesus has risen
For the Word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**

We respond with sorry for our own doubt

We confess our sin, and the sins of our church in doubting God's power over life and death.

Like Peter who denied you three times. We don't always understand our limitations.

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Like Mary at the empty tomb we take time to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors, We are sometimes afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the Upper room, We are slow to believe.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Assurance of forgiveness

May the God of love and power Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen

We say together the collect (see front page)

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 15

Easter 3

8.00 am Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish
Communion
(in the church hall)

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

The parish office is closed all this week.

Tuesday 10

11.30am—Holy Communion at Holly Croft

Thursday 12

10.30am Holy Communion in church

12 noon—Burial of cremated remains in the churchyard.

Friday 13

Clergy day off.

7.00pm Choir practice

Saturday 14

10.00am Open Church and vestry hour.

4.00pm Wedding of Robert and Julie.

St Mary's Pastoral Care Group

Help to make St Mary's to become a dementia friendly church. You are invited to listen to and ask questions of Margaret Pamplin an advisor on dementia friendly support in The Coach House on Monday 23 April 2018 2.00pm—3.00pm. Everyone welcome. Tea/Coffee and biscuits available.

The April edition of the Parish Monthly News is now available for sale at the back of church. Why not take a copy for a neighbour or somebody who has recently moved into your street. It is also available online through our church website at www.stmarysoldswinford.org.uk



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 invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Diocese of Uppsala in Sweden with Archbishop Antje Jackelen and Bishop Ragnar. The church of the Province of the Indian Ocean with Archbishop James Richard Wong Yin Song.

Churches Together:

Gig Mill Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for Diane Reeves in her new role as Strategic Programme Manager in the Diocese and for those in the Diocesan office who are developing our vision and priority areas.

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

For Emily Bird who will be baptised at St Mary's today. Also Sebastian Gonzales and Alfred Reed who are preparing for baptism and Theodore Samuel Jackson, Myah Allport and Frazer Allport who we welcome today.

For Robert Moore and Julie Simpson who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday.

Those living in:

Walker Avenue and Rye Croft

Local Community:

Holly Croft Care Home

Among those who are ill:

The Palmer family, Rosie, James Gwilliams, Colin Millward, Christine Pirie, 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, Ray Timms, Margaret Tromans and for Marilyn Johnson as her remains are interred.

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.

HYMN — 206 Jesus is risen, alleluia!

JUST IMAGINE.....

READING Acts 4: 32—35 A picture of the Christian Church
For the Word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**
THE RESURRECTION COMMUNITY

HYMN — 197 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Prayers: Father in heaven.
Grant our prayer.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us....

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**



Welcome the newly baptised

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God we will.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord Alleluia.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN— 218 Thine be the glory (during which the collection will be taken)

The Blessing.

God the Father; by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life. And the blessing of God almighty.....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen Alleluia, alleluia.

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

First Reading

Wisdom 9: 1—12

“O God of my ancestors and Lord of mercy,
who have made all things by your word,
and by your wisdom have formed humankind
to have dominion over the creatures you have made,
and rule the world in holiness and righteousness,
and pronounce judgment in uprightness of soul,
give me the wisdom that sits by your throne,
and do not reject me from among your servants.
For I am your servant the son of your serving girl,
a man who is weak and short-lived,
with little understanding of judgment and laws;
for even one who is perfect among human beings
will be regarded as nothing without the wisdom that comes from you.
You have chosen me to be king of your people
and to be judge over your sons and daughters.
You have given command to build a temple on your holy mountain,
and an altar in the city of your habitation,
a copy of the holy tent that you prepared from the beginning.
With you is wisdom, she who knows your works
and was present when you made the world;
she understands what is pleasing in your sight
and what is right according to your commandments.
Send her forth from the holy heavens,
and from the throne of your glory send her,
that she may labour at my side,
and that I may learn what is pleasing to you.
For she knows and understands all things,
and she will guide me wisely in my actions
and guard me with her glory.
Then my works will be acceptable,
and I shall judge your people justly,
and shall be worthy of the throne of my father.

The New Testament Reading

Galatians 4: 1—5

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. 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.