

The choir of King Edward College will be singing Choral Evensong in Church tomorrow, 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.

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 via the parish office 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.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 15 April 2018

Easter 3



A warm welcome to our worship today. Our 10am Service is being held in the Church Hall and will be followed by the Annual Church Meeting for which we hope you will stay. During the Service the Priest's annual report will be delivered in place of a sermon. During this Service three new members of the choir: Martha, Luke and Alexandra will be welcomed as full choristers.

Many congratulations to them!

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Alex French

Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 185

Sides: Ian Nex

10.00am - Parish Communion followed by Annual Parochial Meeting

President: Revd Stephen Agnew **Annual Review:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Sides: Sally Frost and David Cook

Intercessions: Maggie Abbotts

Children Together: Les Timms & Pauline Pettet

Communion Motet: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace—C. Tye

Organ Music: Voluntary in G—J. Stanley

6.30pm – Evensong

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

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Stan Williams

Readers: Marjorie Ferguson & Liz Fourness

Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew

Anthem: O come, ye servants of the Lord—C. Tye

Voluntary: Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn—J S Bach

Collect for this week:

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Acts 3: 12—19

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

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

**April 22
Easter 4**

8.00 am Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish
Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 16

Parish Office closed today
5.00pm Choral Evensong being sung in church by the choir of King Edward College

Tuesday 17

2.00pm Tea in the Coach House

Wednesday 18

10.00am Prayer Group meeting at the home of Marjorie Ferguson

Thursday 19

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 20

Clergy day off.

Saturday 21

10.00am vestry hour.

10.30—12 noon Coffee morning in the narthex.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

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Hello Everyone

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter Holiday 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:

**11 CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE - very low stock,
BOTTLES OF CORDIAL/SQUASH, 500g BAGS OF SUGAR ,
TINNED POTATOES, JARS OF PASTA SAUCE , SMALL JARS OF
COFFEE, 500g BAGS OF RICE, PACKETS OF SAVOURY RICE**

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 Aalborg in Denmark with Bishop Henning Toft Bro. Also the Church of Ireland with Archbishop Richard Clarke.

Churches Together:

Holy Trinity Amblecote

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for all those in the parishes and in the diocesan office who are working to ensure we all pay a fair share of the cost of mission and ministry across the Diocese.

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

For Robert Moore and Julie Simpson who were married at St Mary's yesterday. For our APCM meeting taking place today and for those who will serve on our PCC.

Those living in:

Dene Road and Glen Road

Local Community:

Oriel House 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:

Michael Bolton, June O'Brian, Ray Timms, 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.

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

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 36—48

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

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work: who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7: 7—13

It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and who repays in their own person those who reject him. He does not delay but repays in their own person those who reject him. Therefore, observe diligently the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that I am commanding you today.

If you heed these ordinances, by diligently observing them, the Lord your God will maintain with you the covenant loyalty that he swore to your ancestors; he will love you, bless you, and multiply you; he will bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock, in the land that he swore to your ancestors to give you.

The New Testament Reading

Revelation 2: 1—11

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life:

“I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.