

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. We're pleased to report that we're now half way there. Thank you to everybody who has donated.

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The next service rota which will run from May 6—September 2 2018 is now available. Most have been sent out by e mail but hard copies are available at the back of church

### **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.

### **Experience Pentecost**

We have year 4 and year 5 pupils from Oldswinford Primary School visiting us on Wednesday 16th May and Friday 18th May to 'experience Pentecost'. We will be running six stations in church (in exactly the same way as we did for Experience Easter and Advent) which we will need volunteers to help run. No prior experience is needed, instructions are given and its great fun! There is a signup sheet by the North door for the morning and afternoon sessions on the 16th and 18th May. If you have any questions please speak to Stephen or Alex and if you want to know how uplifting it is working with the pupils, please speak to one of the many people who have been involved in our last two events.

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](mailto: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 22 April 2018**

### **Easter 4**



*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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).*

**Our services today are as follows:**

### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

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**Sides:** Nick Harbach

### **10.00am - Parish Communion**

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

**Warden:** Tony Tatford

**Sides:** Stan and Avril Williams

**Intercessions:** John Sutton

**Children Together:** Peter and Kathryn Hancox

**Communion Motet:** Ave Verum —R L Pearsall

**Organ Music:** Praeludium in D – D Buxtehude

### **6.30pm – Evensong**

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

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

**Readers:** Angela Price and Alec Beevers

**Intercessions:** Revd Alex French

**Anthem:** Day by Day —M Howe

**Voluntary:** Intermezzo on an Irish tune —CV Stanford

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## Collect for this week:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life; raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 4: 5—12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*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 29**  
**Easter 5**

8.00 am Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish  
Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday 23

Parish Office closed today  
2.00pm Talk by Margaret Pamplin in the Coach House on dementia.  
7.30pm Calling Young Disciples meeting in the rectory.

#### Tuesday 24

10.00am Open The Book group visit Oldswinford Primary School  
2.30pm Tea in the narthex

#### Wednesday 25

11.00am Visiting bellringers.  
11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge  
3.00pm Visit by Alison Maddocks  
7.00pm Baptism preparation

#### Thursday 26

10.30am Holy Communion in church

#### Friday 27

Clergy day off.

#### Saturday 28

9.30am Church walking group meet  
10.00am Vestry hour.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

#### Hello Everyone

This time of year our stock levels start decreasing and we look at alternative ways to encourage donations. We are grateful to Sainsbury's Amblecote DY5 3JR who are holding a Collection Day on Saturday 5th May 2018 from 10am-2pm. A few of our volunteers will be there to meet donors and say thank you for all the support. Please spread the word and if you can pop by and say hello that would be great! 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, JAM/MARMALADE, TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED CUSTARD, TINNED RICE PUDDING, BREAKFAST CEREAL.**

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.

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**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

**Worldwide Church:**

The Anglican Communion in Japan with Archbishop Nathaniel Uematsu.

**Churches Together:**

New Road Methodist Church

**Bishop John has asked us to pray .....**

That God will foster a variety of vocations in our churches and communities and give us the courage to recognise and encourage the vocations of others.

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

For our Open The Book Team visiting Oldswinford Primary School this week. Those attending baptism preparation on Wednesday evening. Those who organise and attend our Tuesday tea meetings in the Coach House and in church.

**Those living in:**

Arlington Court and Redhill Drive

**Local Community:**

Doveton 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:**

June O'Brian and Ray Timms

**In memoriam:** Betty Cartwright (24.04.17)

*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**

John 10: 11—18

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good Shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again; keep us always under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15: 15—21

O Lord, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.  
Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O Lord, God of hosts.  
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.  
Therefore thus says the Lord:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.  
And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the Lord.  
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

### The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11: 32– 12:2

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.