

Christian Aid Week 13 to 19 May.
Help is urgently needed for street collections as we have several streets unaccounted for this year. Help will also be most welcome in counting the monies raised, this will take place in the vestry after the 10.00 am service on 19 May. If you can help please contact Mike Blaxland, Tel 01384 390537



Kanthi will be retiring from her role as LLM Reader on Sunday 22nd July. If you would like to make a contribution towards a gift to her from St Mary's there are some envelopes at the back of church to use. Please hand the envelope to a warden or sides person or place on the collection plate.

Please ensure that you have completed your Parish Share Return Form if you have been given one and posted it back in the boxes at the back of church. We have to submit the forms this week and so would like to have as many returns as possible. Thank you.

Dates for your diary: Saturday 23 June 7.30pm—Organ Recital given by Will Peart. Saturday 7 July 7.30pm A concert given by The Amicus Ensemble in church directed by Will Croft.

Experience Pentecost Guides are available (by the North door) for all those people who have volunteered to be part of the activities next week.

The funeral of Hazel White will take place in church on Thursday 24th May at 1.30pm

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 13 May 2018 Easter 7



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

Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 193

Sides: Nick Harbach

10.00am - Worship Together

Leaders: Revd Stephen Agnew, Roger King and Anne Batchelor

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Stan and Avril Williams

Voluntary: Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott —D Buxtehude

In our morning service today we celebrate Godparents and the whole Christian Community who encourage others on their journey of faith.

6.30pm – Evensong

A Christian Aid Commissioning Service

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

Warden: Joan Barwick **Sides:** Gill Davies

Readers: Visiting reader and Angela Price

Anthem: Save us, O Lord—W S Ingleby

Voluntary: Toccata et “Veni Creator”—D Bedard

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

A Service for the whole Church family as we encourage Christians on their journey of faith.

The Gathering

The Lord be with you **And also with you**
Alleluia! Christ is risen [softly] **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!** [softly]
Alleluia! Christ is risen [strongly]
He is risen indeed. Alleluia! [strongly]
Alleluia! Christ is risen [really loud]
He is risen indeed. Alleluia! [really loud]

We say sorry

God's love is great. God's grace is endless. Let us tell God the things we have done wrong and ask his forgiveness:

Look at your feet: We are sorry God, that we have not followed your ways.
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**
Look at your hands: We are sorry God that we have not cared for the world
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**
Place hands over lips: We are sorry God for all the words we say that hurt.
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**
Place hand over heart: We are sorry God that we have forgotten your love for us.
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love In Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn 736 Name of all majesty

Prayer for the day

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN

Reading from the Old Testament

Exodus 2: 1 – 10 (The Birth of Moses)

Hymn 592 As the deer pants for the water

Reading from the New Testament

1 John 5: 1 – 5 (We are children of God who follow Jesus Christ)

TALK given by Anne Batchelor

WE RESPOND

We remind ourselves of the things that Christians say at Baptism

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

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

Churches Together in Stourbridge Secretary – Role Profile

The main role of the Secretary is to maintain records, especially Minutes, and to have an overview of the meetings and activities of Churches Together in Stourbridge. The role can be broken down into two main elements, which could be carried out by two different people, and a third, which is negotiable.

Meetings Administrator

Working together with the ministers of the Churches (who jointly undertake the role of Chair of Churches Together in Stourbridge), arrange dates for meetings of the Forum and Enabling Group, together with venue and Chair for each Forum meeting.

Set agenda of each Forum meeting after discussion by the preceding Enabling Group.

Take Minutes of Enabling Group and Forum meetings and distribute appropriately.

Follow up or allocate actions identified at meetings.

Communications Officer

The mailing required for meetings of the Forum and Enabling Group is the responsibility of the Meetings Administrator. However, other information and requests for support are frequently shared with members of the Forum and church offices/newsletters. The Communications Officer is required to:

Receive information from Churches, shared initiatives (including Street Pastors, Food Bank, Life Centre Debt Advice, Christian Aid Committee) and external bodies (including Dudley Interfaith Forum, Black Country Churches Engaged, wider denominational groups) and decide to whom this should be forwarded.

This role could be extended to include communication with media and others.

Events Organiser

There are regular and occasional activities/events which need some degree of planning and organisation (e.g. Week of Prayer, Good Friday Walk, Election Hustings). It is for the Forum to make the decision whether each activity will take place under the auspices of Churches Together in Stourbridge. It is the responsibility of the Enabling Group either to undertake the organisation or to allocate the duties to an individual or Church group.

If you or anybody you know might be interested in this role please speak to Stephen.

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

Central England Camerata and Viva Musica

A Midsummer Soiree

Conductors : Anthony Bradbury and Rosemary Phillips

Leader : Anna Downes

Soloists : Paula Downes, Lucy Taylor, Mitesh Khatri, Andrew Randall

Programme to include :

Handel : Zadok The Priest

Bach : Brandenburg Concerto no 3

Parry : I Was Glad

Pachelbel : Canon and Gigue

Handel : Dixit Dominus

Saturday 9th June 2018, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Oldswinford,



Tickets £12 and £10
available from
ardviolinist@gmail.com
or by calling 07967 728588

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn 800 The Lord's my shepherd

Prayers: During these prayers imagine that you are holding a candle such as we give at Baptism in your hands.

In response to the words: 'Lord, hear our prayer' we say **'Please'**

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.

The Peace

God makes peace within us— let us claim it.

God makes peace between us—let us share it.

The peace of the Lord be with you. **and also with you.**

Hymn Thank you, O Lord, for the gift of this day.

We go out into the world

As we leave today, let us encourage one another by saying to each other:

We go together with joy and laughter **We go!**

We go together to love and to share **We go!**

We go together to explore and to learn **We go!**

We go in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit **We go!**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 22: 15—22

Thus says the Lord God of hosts: Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is master of the household, and say to him: What right do you have here? Who are your relatives here, that you have cut out a tomb here for yourself, cutting a tomb on the height, and carving a habitation for yourself in the rock? The Lord is about to hurl you away violently, my fellow. He will seize firm hold on you, whirl you round and round, and throw you like a ball into a wide land; there you shall die, and there your splendid chariots shall lie, O you disgrace to your master's house! I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your post.

On that day I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah, and will clothe him with your robe and bind your sash on him. I will commit your authority to his hand, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open.



Praying for Dudley

Sunday 20 May
2.30 - 4pm
Priory Park
DY1 4EU

Come to worship and to pray together for the Borough of Dudley



The Methodist Church
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District

The Archdiocese of Birmingham

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
DIOCESE OF WORCESTER

Love Dudley
#dudleypray



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Hymn

Thank you, O Lord, for the gift of this day:
a time to count blessings, to think and to pray,
support us, inspire us, and call us anew,
help us to be faithful in following you.

Bless us in keeping our promise to care,
our loving commitment to always be there,
we'll smile at each moment of joy and success,
and when life is bitter, our love is no less.

Bless us with patience, with care and with time
to listen, to challenge, to open our mind,
exploring life's questions in wonder and awe,
and sharing the wisdom that loves to learn more.

Guide us, O Lord, as we walk on life's way,
Discov'ring together fresh blessings each day,
O Lord of our journey, we ask you to show
the paths we might follow, the ways we may go.

The New Testament Reading

Philippians 3: 13b—4:1

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Diocese of Bjorgvin in Norway with Bishop Halvor Nordhaug. Also the Anglican Church of Kenya with Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit.

Churches Together:

The Quaker Church in Stourbridge

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for Marcelin and other inhabitants of Haiti and for all those raising money for Christian Aid this week.

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

For Mathew Taylor and Hannah-Marie Husband who were married at St Mary's yesterday. For Maisey Mai, Riley Clarke, Sofia Simpson, Gage Potter and Robyn McLellan who are preparing for baptism and we welcome Fraser Cottrell and Sebastian Gonzales following their recent baptism. For all our Christian Aid collectors working in the parish this week.

Those living in:

Church Road and Castle Grove

Local Community:

The What? Centre in Stourbridge

Among those who are ill:

The Palmer family, Andrew Holdaway, James Gwilliams, Colin Millward, Christine Pirie, 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, Julie Read, Angela Viner, Penny Webb, Jennie Webb, Michael Palmer and Denis Noakes.

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed:

Enid Clarke, Hazel White and Tom Mole.

In memoriam: John Jeavons Fellows (16.5.17)

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.

What's going on?

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

**May 20
Pentecost**

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)
10.00am Parish
Communion
3.00pm Baptism
6.30pm Choral Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 14

Parish Office closed today

Tuesday 15

2.30pm Our churchwardens will be meeting with Archdeacon Nikki
2.00pm Set up of Experience Pentecost in church

Wednesday 16

School children visiting church to 'Experience Pentecost.'
7.30pm PCC Meeting

Thursday 17

Parish office closed today as John is on a training course.
10.30am Holy Communion in church
12.45 Funeral in church

Friday 18

Clergy day off.
School children visiting church to 'Experience Pentecost.'

Saturday 19

10.00am Vestry hour with Stephen
10.00am—12 noon Open Church

Message from Anne Batchelor

95% of children don't go to church on Sundays. How can we reach out to them?

Scripture Union are hosting an evening on this subject, and invite you to come along on Wednesday 16th May 2018 at St. Thomas Church Hall, Market Street DY8 1AG. 7.00 - 9.00 pm

The evening will include a choice of workshops based on Scripture Union experience and resources plus Bite Size quick fire ideas to get you thinking about what you can do to reach out locally. The evening is for church leaders, children and youth leaders and anyone passionate about taking the Good News of Jesus to those children and young people who have no regular contact with church.

To book your free place please visit <http://95stourbridge.eventbrite.co.uk>