

A huge thankyou to everybody who was involved with our house to house collections for Christian Aid. As soon as we have counted all of the money collected we will inform you of the total amount.



Kantheni 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.

Friends of The Music Events: Saturday 9th June 7.30pm in church—A Midsummer Soiree with Central England Camerata and Viva Musica. 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.

Could you help out on a Saturday morning? Please sign up at the back of church if you are able to help provide a welcome and coffee to our visitors on a Saturday morning at Open Church.

The funeral of Hazel White will take place in church on Thursday 24th May at 1.15pm

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 20 May 2018 Pentecost



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

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Sides: Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

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

Warden: Malcolm Frost

Sides: Andrew Scudamore and John Evans

Reader: Tina Timms **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

Children Together: Les Timms & Pauline Pettet

Communion Motet: Veni Creator —O Gibbons

Organ Music: Choral Variations on Veni Creator — M Dupre



6.30pm - Choral Evensong

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

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Alec Beevers & Peter Thomson

Intercessions: Roger King

Responses: Reading **Setting:** Stanford in B flat

Anthem: Listen Sweet Dove—Ives

Voluntary: Toccata and Fugue in F — D Buxtehude

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

Collect for this week:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 2: 1—21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the Word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD.

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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 27 Trinity Sunday

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)
10.00am Parish
Communion
12 noon Baptisms
6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 21

Parish Office closed today

Tuesday 22

10.00am Our Open The Book Team visit OCEPS

Wednesday 23

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

4.30pm Interment of ashes in the churchyard.

Thursday 24

10.30am Holy Communion in church

1.15pm Funeral of Hazel White

Friday 25

Clergy day off.

Saturday 26

9.30am Church Walk at Great Witley

10.00am Vestry hour with Alex

10.00am—12 noon Open Church

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hello Everyone

A big thank you to Khizra Dhindsa from West Midlands Police and James Henderson from Transforming Communities together for presenting up to date information about signs of modern day slavery to our Foodbank volunteers. Thank you :)

BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

This week's shortages are:

MEAT READY MEALS (CHILLI/MEATBALLS), BOTTLES OF SQUASH, 1L CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE, 1L CARTONS OF UHT MILK, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE, TINNED SPAGHETTI, BREAKFAST CEREAL, TINNED CUSTARD, TINNED POTATOES, 500G BAGS OF RICE, CRISPS, SHAMPOO, SHOWER GEL, SMALL BOXES OF WASHING POWDER, TIN OPENERS, SHAVING GEL/FOAM, COMBS

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 Diocese of Viborg in Denmark with Bishop Henrik Stubkjaer. Also the Diocese of Colorado in the USA with Bishop Robert O'Neil.

Churches Together:

St James Wollaston

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for Dementia Awareness week. God of hope and resurrection, you know us better than we know ourselves, and draw us to peace and wholeness in your love. We remember before you those who are unable to remember their own lives. Guard and treasure their lost memories for them and hold their past in your safe hands, that when the death of the body comes, you may bring them to the full life of the resurrection, restore and heal the memories of their lives and give them back to themselves, that we with them may rejoice in your love, and find the fullness of life in your presence, Father Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

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

For Macey Mai Riley Clarke and Sofia Simpson, who will be baptised at St Mary's today. We pray for their parents and Godparents who will support them.

Those living in:

Stepping Stones and Bedcote Place

Local Community:

The Ark Centre in Stourbridge

Among those who are ill:

The Palmer family, Betty Shore, Michael Palmer, 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, and Denis Noakes.

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed:

Hazel White, Andrew Holdaway, Tom Mole and as his ashes are interred Raymond Taylor.

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 15: 26-27; 16: 4—15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of eternal life; open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36: 22-28

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The New Testament Reading

Acts 2: 22-38

“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”’

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.