

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 at 9am  
The Old Bank, High Street, Stourbridge  
Cost: £5 (payable on the day)

Men from any church or none are welcome! Come and enjoy a chat. **SPEAKER: James Treasure: My Journey to Top Church Dudley**  
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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.

**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. We also need people to help and serve coffee following the Sunday morning service. Please speak to Alex or John if you could help.

The new prayer diaries have arrived. Please take a copy home with you to use and a second copy if you would like to give a copy to family, friends or a neighbour.



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. This pewsheet is printed on recycled paper.

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## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

### Sunday 27 May 2018

### Trinity Sunday



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](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).

**Our services today are as follows:**

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

**President:** Revd Alex French  
Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 201  
**Sides:** Ian Nex

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

*The choir are taking holiday today*  
**President:** Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Kanthi Ariaraj  
**Warden:** Les Timms  
**Sides:** Betty Parsons  
**Reader:** Janet Hampson **Intercessions:** Judith Nex  
**Children Together:** Peter and Kathryn Hancox  
**Organ Music:** Fugue in E flat 'St Anne' – J S Bach

#### **12 noon. Baptism Service**

#### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Roger King  
**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Gill Davies  
**Readers:** Gill Davies & Marjorie Ferguson  
**Intercessions:** Revd Alex French  
**Voluntary:** Prelude on Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott — M Reger

This pew sheet is also available at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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**

Romans 8: 12—17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.



*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

**June 3**  
**Trinity 1**

8.00 am Communion  
(BCP)

10.00am Parish  
Communion with baptism

3.00pm Baptism

6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

*Schools half term week*

#### **Monday 28**

Parish Office closed today

#### **Tuesday 29**

Parish office open 9.00am—1.00pm

#### **Wednesday 23**

Parish office open 9.00am—1.00pm

#### **Thursday 24**

Parish office open 9.00am—1.00pm

10.30am Holy Communion in church

#### **Friday 25**

Parish office open 9.00am—12 noon

Clergy day off.

#### **Saturday 26**

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

### Your help is needed for All Aged worship 10th June

Is there a hymn/worship song that has **special significance** for you? We would like the hymn/worship song choices for our next All Aged worship to come from amongst us, so we are looking for approximately six hymns/worship songs to structure the service around. As each hymn/worship song will be introduced with a brief explanation of why it is significant, you will need to be able to tell Alex why it is poignant so it can be read out in the service. We are one body, one community when we draw together to worship; choosing our music is an important way of recognising the bonds that exist and secure us to each other before God. Many thanks, Alex

### **Message from Mike Blaxland**

The total collected so far, excluding the school is £1,495.69 + £185.10 tax recovery. My thanks to all who gave of their time to collect and/or count, all very much appreciated.



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

**Worldwide Church:**

The Anglican Church of Korea with Archbishop Onesimus Dongsin Park. Also the Diocese of Nord-Halogaland in Norway with Bishop Olav Oygard.

**Churches Together:**

St Michael and All Angels

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

for the staff and children of Bredon Hancock's school during their special birthday celebrations.

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

For Zoe Saunders and Benjamin Hunt who will be baptised at St Mary's today. For all those people taking holiday at this time.

**Those living in:**

Wollescote Road and Broughton Road

**Local Community:**

Russells Hall Hospital

**Among those who are ill:**

The Palmer family, Betty Shore, Michael Palmer, James Gwilliams, Colin Millward, 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 & 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 Christine Pirie.

*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 3: 1-17

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love; hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 1: 4-10, 22– 28

As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber. In the middle of it was something like four living creatures. This was their appearance: they were of human form. Each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: their wings touched one another; each of them moved straight ahead, without turning as they moved. As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle; such were their faces.

Over the heads of the living creatures there was something like a dome, shining like crystal, spread out above their heads. Under the dome their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another; and each of the creatures had two wings covering its body. When they moved, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of mighty waters, like the thunder of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army; when they stopped, they let down their wings. And there came a voice from above the dome over their heads; when they stopped, they let down their wings.

And above the dome over their heads there was something like a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was something that seemed like a human form. Upward from what appeared like the loins I saw something like gleaming amber, something that looked like fire enclosed all around; and downward from what looked like the loins I saw something that looked like fire, and there was a splendour all around. Like the bow in a cloud on a rainy day, such was the appearance of the splendour all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

### The New Testament Reading

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

"Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come."

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."