

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 23rd 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 are required to return 75% of those sent out and we are currently only at 60%. We would like to achieve a minimum of a 75% return if possible, as this could seriously affect our future parish share payment figure.

Our crowd funding campaign to raise funds for the CCTV system has now ended. With online donations and gifts given through our gift aid envelopes we have reached our target of £1500. A huge thank you to everybody for your generosity. The notice regarding our faculty application is currently displayed on the noticeboard. Once the statutory time has elapsed we will be able to go ahead and begin work with the installation. This will then enable us to open the church full time once again for visitors to enjoy the building. Thanks again everybody.

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, Stephen or John if you could help.

The final total from our Christian Aid collection this year, including funds raised by the school, is £2559.38. A huge thank you to everybody involved and to Mike for coordinating this.

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 3 June 2018

Trinity I



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 204

Sides: Nick Harbach

10.00am - Parish Communion with Baptism

President: Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Judy Hall

Sides: Sally Frost and Marilyn Thomson

Reader: Christine Jones

Communion Motet: Of the glorious body telling—*Plainsong*

Children Together: Roger King

Organ Music: Communion sur Lauda Sion— *D Bedard*

3.00pm Baptism Service

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Kanthi Ariaraj **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex

Readers: Dawn and Ian Nex

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: O Holy Spirit Lord of grace – *C Tye*

Voluntary: Preludium in b minor BWV 544 — *J S Bach*

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

Collect for this week:

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

2 Corinthians 4: 5—12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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 10

Trinity 2

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am Worship
Together

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 4

Parish Office closed today
11.30am Pastoral Committee Meeting at Marjorie's
11.15am Funeral service in church
7.30pm Childrens' workers Social evening

Tuesday 5

7.30pm CTIS meeting at St Thomas'
7.00pm Viva Musica Choir rehearsal in church

Wednesday 6

7.30pm Admission of wardens service at Bromsgrove.

Thursday 7

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 8

Parish office open 9.00am—12 noon
Clergy day off.

Saturday 9

10.00am Vestry hour with Stephen
10.00am—12 noon Open Church
7.30pm Concert in church given by Viva Musica and Central England Camerata.

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. Please make your suggestions to either Stephen or Roger.

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.



We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Anglican Church of Melanesia with Archbishop George Takeli. Also the Lusitanian Church in Portugal with Bishop Jose Jorge Pina Cabral. Also the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad with Archbishop Lauma Zusevica.

Churches Together:

St Peter's Pedmore

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for all those involved in the Bishop in Mission weekend in Evesham. That the final preparations will go well and that during the weekend, people will encounter Jesus and begin to welcome him into their lives.

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

For Arthur Mills and Robyn Mclellan who will be baptised at St Mary's today. For their parents and Godparents who will support them. For those attending the baptism preparation evening on Wednesday. For our churchwardens and all those attending the admissions service on Wednesday evening in Bromsgrove.

Those living in:

Swinford Road and Marlborough Drive

Local Community:

The Corbett Medical centre

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, Barry Hyde 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

Mark 2: 23—3: 6

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

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts; may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 5: 1—19

Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look around and take note! Search its squares and see if you can find one person who acts justly and seeks truth— so that I may pardon Jerusalem. Although they say, “As the Lord lives,” yet they swear falsely. O Lord, do your eyes not look for truth? You have struck them, but they felt no anguish; you have consumed them, but they refused to take correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to turn back. Then I said, “These are only the poor, they have no sense; for they do not know the way of the Lord, the law of their God. Let me go to the rich and speak to them; surely they know the way of the Lord, the law of their God.” But they all alike had broken the yoke, they had burst the bonds. Therefore a lion from the forest shall kill them, a wolf from the desert shall destroy them. A leopard is watching against their cities; everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces— because their transgressions are many, their apostasies are great.

How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me, and have sworn by those who are no gods. When I fed them to the full, they committed adultery and trooped to the houses of prostitutes. They were well-fed lusty stallions, each neighing for his neighbour's wife. Shall I not punish them for these things? says the LORD; and shall I not bring retribution on a nation such as this? Go up through her vine-rows and destroy, but do not make a full end; strip away her branches, for they are not the Lord's. For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have been utterly faithless to me, says the Lord. They have spoken falsely of the Lord, and have said, “He will do nothing. No evil will come upon us, and we shall not see sword or famine.” The prophets are nothing but wind, for the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them! Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: Because they have spoken this word, I am now making my words in your mouth a fire, and this people wood, and the fire shall devour them. I am going to bring upon you a nation from far away, O house of Israel, says the Lord. It is an enduring nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor can you understand what they say. Their quiver is like an open tomb; all of them are mighty warriors. They shall eat up your harvest and your food; they shall eat up your sons and your daughters; they shall eat up your flocks and your herds; they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees; they shall destroy with the sword your fortified cities in which you trust.

But even in those days, says the Lord, I will not make a full end of you. And when your people say, “Why has the Lord our God done all these things to us?” you shall say to them, “As you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land that is not yours.”

The New Testament Reading

Romans 7: 7—25

What then should we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.