

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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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.

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 has now been displayed for the statutory length of time and has been submitted to the registrar. We have made a provisional booking with the installer for the work to be carried out in early August, but hoping that it may be sooner. This will then enable us to open the church full time once again for visitors to enjoy the building and have the peace of mind of this added level of security. 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.

In view of the confirmation of the pastoral reorganisation plans within Stourbridge we are pleased to announce that Stephen now holds the title of Rector of St Mary's Oldswinford.

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.
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The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 10 June 2018 Trinity 2



A warm welcome to Martin Olejnicki, a priest from Magdeburg, and 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 Alex French

Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 207

Sides: Meriel Harris

10.00am - Worship Together

Leader: Revd Alex French

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Mike Blaxland

Reader: Maggie Abbotts

Organ music: Pasticcio—J Langlais



6.30pm – Evensong

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

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Alec Beevers

Readers: Marjorie Ferguson and Alec Beevers

Intercessions: Kanthi Ariaraj

Anthem: A Chorister's Prayer – P Maxim

Voluntary: Fuga in d minor (Sonata VI) — F Mendelssohn

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

The Church is the People of God. The Gathering

Welcome

As we settle into the presence of the Lord here amongst us, we start with a short period of silence.

Opening Prayer

Jesus said "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20)

As you promise to be with us Lord Jesus,

We welcome you here today.

Help us Lord to worship you,

To listen to your Word,

And to pray in faith,

That we might grow in our love for you and for one another.

Amen.

Praising God with our voices

Hymn 678 In Christ alone

Hymn 595 Be thou my vision

Thinking

Quiz - What is this? What is the church?

[We say together the prayer for the day.]

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 389 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind.

Hearing the Word

Bible Story. The Living Stone and a Chosen People

1 Peter 2: 1-10 *At the end of the reading*

Holy wisdom, Holy word **Thanks be to God.**

Reflecting - Up

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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

June 17

Trinity 3

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am Parish
Communion

3.00pm Baptism

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 11

Parish Office closed today

Tuesday 12

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Croft

10.00am The Open The Book Team visit Oldswinford Primary School.

Thursday 14

10.30am Holy Communion in church

7.30pm Baptism preparation

Friday 15

Clergy day off.

Saturday 16

10.00am Vestry hour with Alex

10.00am—12 noon Open Church

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

Hello Everyone

Thank you all for your patience last week while the warehouse in Albion Street was closed. The volunteers are feeling revitalised and ready to work hard. All they need are lots of donations to keep them busy so please be encouraged to donate this week. We are very low on a few things such as instant noodles and coffee and always grateful for every single item donated.

Thank you :)

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, INSTANT NOODLES, TINNED CUSTARD, TINNED POTATOES, 500G BAGS OF RICE, CRISPS, SHAMPOO, SHOWER GEL, SMALL BOXES OF WASHING POWDER, TIN OPENERS, SHAVING GEL/FOAM, COMBS, FLANNELS/SPONGES

Please note that the foodbank cannot accept donations of alcohol. Thanks.

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 Church in Mexico with Bishop Francisco Moreno. Also the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland with Bishop Agnes Sigurdardottir, Bishops Kristjan Ingolsson and Solveg Gudmundsdottir. Also the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church with Bishop Carlos Lozano.

Churches Together:

St Thomas' Stourbridge

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for all those involved in the Buildings symposium meeting being held in the Diocese on 13 June.

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

For Maisie-Mai, Sophie, Robyn and Alfred who we welcome into the church today. For those preparing to be married at St Mary's in the next few months.

Those living in:

Joyberry Drive and Gainsborough Hill

Local Community:

The Coach House

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, Peter & 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:

Andrew Holdaway and Barry Hyde.

In memoriam:

Michael Bridge (11.06.17)

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.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

(One side of the congregation)

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

(Other side of the congregation)

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

(Other side of the congregation)

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

(Other side of the congregation)

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn 721 Love Divine

Reflecting - In and out, love, unity and self-giving

Hymn 533 All things bright and beautiful

Prayers

Please sit or kneel for a time of prayer and respond as follows

God of love

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us...

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed by 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 to 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.

Our response to thinking and reflecting - The Peace and living stones

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you, **and also with you.**
[We offer one another a sign of our peace, swapping our Living Stones]

Hymn 601 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Notices

Hymn 788 Take this moment, sign and space

The blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace;

and the blessing of **Amen.**

The Holy Trinity,
in whose name we were baptised,
preserve us,
members of Christ,
children of God,
inheritors of the kingdom of heaven,
saved by the waters,
and filled with the Spirit.

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The New Testament Reading

Acts 14: 8—end

In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, "Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy." Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God." And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had completed. When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. And they stayed there with the disciples for some time.

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42: 5—12

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth!
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their inhabitants.
Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice,
the villages that Kedar inhabits;
let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy,
let them shout from the tops of the mountains.
Let them give glory to the Lord,
and declare his praise in the coastlands.



