Thankyou to everybody who completed the recent survey with regard to the recalculation of our parish share. The system attempts to make the calculation a fair and realistic figure that we are asked to pay to the Diocese. Once the calculations have been done we will be informed of any change in the amount we are expected to pay for the services we receive from the Diocese.

Love Stourbridge Saturday 21st July 12pm-5pm
Can you spare an hour on the 21st July to help us run our origami stall at Love Stourbridge in Mary Stevens park? No prior paper folding experience is necessary! If you can, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of church. If you have any questions please ask Alex.

Messy Church - Wednesday 22nd August 2018 - 10.00 – 12.00
Anne Batchelor our Mission Enabler and Emma Pettifer, the Diocesan Children's Officer are planning a Messy Church during the summer holidays.
A planning meeting is being held on **Wednesday 11th July 7.00 – 8.30 pm** (in St. Mary's – narthex). To make this event viable Anne and Emma will need volunteers to work with them. Please let Anne know if you are able to attend the meeting and/or available on the morning of the event.
Contact: abatchelor@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 07931175448.

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.

Please send any notices or information for the pewsheet 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 17 June 2018
Trinity 3

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 Alex French
Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 209
Sides: Ian Nex

10.00am - Parish Communion
President: Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd Alex French
Warden: Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Sally Frost and Betty Parsons
Reader: Judith Nex **Intercessions:** John Sutton
Communion Motet: Lead me Lord—*S S Wesley*
Children Together: Roger King
Organ Music: Divertissment– *L Vierne*

3.00pm Baptism Service

6.30pm – Evensong
Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Kanthi Ariaraj
Warden: Joan Barwick **Sides:** Alec Beevers
Readers: Alec Beevers and Angela Price
Intercessions: Revd Stephen Agnew
Anthem: I give you a new commandment – *P Aston*
Voluntary: Allegro from Trio Sonata no 1 — *J S Bach*

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Collect for this week:
Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father; give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 5: 6—17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.
Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.
From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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
June 24
Friends of the Music Festival Weekend
Birth of John the Baptist

8.00 am Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 18
Parish Office closed today
Tuesday 19
9.45 Visit by Y1 children from Ham Dingle Primary School
2.00pm Tea at the Coach House
Wednesday 20
10.00am Prayer meeting at the home of Marjorie Ferguson
Organ being tuned during the day
7.00pm Hospice midsummer service
7.30pm Magazine committee meet
Thursday 21
10.30am Holy Communion in church
7.30pm Coach House committee meet
Friday 22
2.00pm OSH service in church to mark the end of the 350th anniversary of the school.
Saturday 23
10.00am Vestry hour with Stephen
10.00am—12 noon Open Church
7.30pm Organ recital given by Will Peart

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

Hello Everyone
It's not always easy to get out to the shops and donate items to Food-bank. A simple alternative is to donate through our website and then we can go and directly buy the items we are low on. Just click on the 'donate' button on our homepage http://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk. We have some wonderful friends of Foodbank who donate every month by standing order. These donations are vital to us as they help us to plan and budget for the future. If you would like to make donations on a regular basis please download our standing order form from our website http://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/support Thank you :)
This week's shortages are:
1L CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE (VERY LOW), INSTANT NOODLES, TINNED MEAT READY MEALS - eg CHILLI/MEATBALLS, TINNED VEG READY MEALS - eg MAC CHEESE 1L CARTONS OF UHT MILK, SQUASH/CORDIAL, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE, TINNED CUSTARD, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED FRUIT, BREAKFAST CEREAL TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED SPAGHETTI FEMALE DEODORANT, SHOWER GEL SMALL BOXES OF WASHING POWDER, CAN OPENERS, 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 Church of the Province of Myanmar in Burma with Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo. Also the Diocese of Lolland-Falster in Denmark with Bishop Marianne Gaarden,

Churches Together:
Hanbury Hill Baptist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray …..
for all those involved in the Lifepath event in Malvern, that every aspect of the event will be inspired by God's Holy Spirit and enveloped in the love of Christ.

The work of St Mary's…..
For Ruby Price who will be baptised at St Mary's today and for her parents and Godparents who will support her. For Matthew and Nicole who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday. For members of our youth club who are away enjoying time together at the Far Forest Centre. For all those people who will be visiting St Mary's this week that they may find peace and learn something of God's love through their visit.

Those living in:
Rectory Road and Rectory Close `

Local Community:
Mary Steven's Hospice

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, Peter & Angela Viner, Penny Webb, Jennie Webb, and Denis Noakes.

Those in nursing home care:
Margaret Moult, Mabel Arnold and Geoff Skelding, Anne Davies.

The departed:
Margaret Tromans, Violet Hardwicke, Andrew Holdaway and Barry Hyde.

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.

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The Gospel Reading

Mark 4: 26—34

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Post Communion Prayer:

O God, whose beauty is beyond imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend; show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 7: 1—16

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord."

For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors forever and ever.

Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, "We are safe!"—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the Lord. Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because you have done all these things, says the Lord, and when I spoke to you persistently, you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer, therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your ancestors, just what I did to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, just as I cast out all your kinsfolk, all the offspring of Ephraim.

As for you, do not pray for this people, do not raise a cry or prayer on their behalf, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you.

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The New Testament Reading

Luke 5: 1—11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.



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