

New service rota

John is beginning to work on the next service rota which will run from Sunday 2nd September—Sunday 30th December. If you know of any dates that you will not be available during this period please let him know before Tuesday 31st July so that the new rota can be ready by Sunday 5th August. The preparation of the new rota is a little earlier this time to take account of time when John will be on holiday. If you would like to volunteer to help at services please speak to either Stephen, Alex or John. We are particularly short of coffee makers and people to lead the Children Together Group.

Early Warning!

It is nearly time for Childrens Society boxes to be collected and counted! I will put another notice in the pew sheet at the beginning of August with more details!! Thanks—Maggie

Following the recent meeting of the PCC with Archdeacon Nikki we are now beginning to think about the process that leads to a new Rector for St Mary's. The PCC would like to encourage all members of the congregation to think prayerfully about who might be called to lead us at St Mary's. If you have any particular thoughts or opinions regarding the qualities that a new rector would require, the PCC would love you to share them by writing them on a post it note and placing it in the box at the back of church or by speaking to a member of the PCC. Your thoughts will all be taken into account as we begin to formulate the profile of the right person to lead us in our hopes for the future of St Mary's Oldswinford.

We still have one more free visit available before the 12th August on our pass to allow free entry to Westminster Abbey. If anybody is planning a visit to London in the near future speak to John via the parish office and he can arrange for you to take the pass. Each use of the pass allows up to 4 adults, students or children 6—16 free of charge.

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 pewsheets is printed on recycled paper.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 22 July 2018

Trinity 8—Mary Magdalene



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 217

Sides: Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

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

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Betty Parsons & John Evans

Reader: Jean Agnew **Intercessions:** Mike Blaxland

Communion Motet: Lead me Lord —S S Wesley

Children Together: Peter & Kathryn Hancox

Organ Music: Toccata in F —C M Widor

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Roger King **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Richard Hall

Readers: Angela Price & Judy Hall

Intercessions: Roger King

Anthem: Lord I trust thee —G F Handel

Voluntary: Adagio in E — F Bridge

Collect for this week:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ 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 Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1—14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

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

Please feel free to take this pew sheet away and recycle. 

What's going on?

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on these pages.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

July 29

Trinity 9

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am Parish
Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 23

Parish Office closed today
7.30pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 25

11.30am Holy Communion at
Holly Lodge

Thursday 26

10.30am Holy Communion in
church

Friday 27

Clergy day off.

Saturday 28

10.00am Vestry hour with
Stephen

10.00am—12 noon Open
Church

9.30am Church Walk at Enville

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hello Everyone

Churches support us with food, toiletries, finances and prayer, quietly and consistently in the background. On Sunday morning Springs Church in Gornal aimed to collect 1tonne of food and managed to collect 794.1Kgs! They are going to keep going until they reach the tonne. Isn't that amazing?! This is just one Church amongst so many who have a real heart for community and love to support BCFB. Thank you to everyone at Springs! Thank you

This week's shortages are:

BAGS OF PLAIN RICE 500G AND 1Kg, INSTANT NOODLES, TINNED MEAT READY MEALS - eg CHILLI/MEATBALLS, TINNED VEG READY MEALS - eg MAC CHEESE, TINNED POTATOES, CHOPPED TOMATOES, SQUASH/CORDIAL, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE, TINNED CUSTARD, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED FRUIT, BREAKFAST CEREAL, JAM AND MARMALADE, JARS OF COOKING SAUCE BISCUITS, FEMALE DEODORANT, SHOWER GEL (VERY LOW), SHAMPOO, CAN OPENERS, COMBS, FLANNELS/SPONGES (TOTALLY RUN OUT OF)

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.

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

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

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines. The Diocese of Skara in Sweden with Bishop Ake Bonnier.

Churches Together:

Riverside Christian Fellowship

We pray with our link Church St Thomas'

for their long partnership with the churches in and around Colbitz, near Magdeburg in Central Germany. We give thanks for the friendships which have grown over the years and for their shared support of the Itamba Secondary School in Tanzania.

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for all involved in Tiny Tunes at St Martin's Church and that all that attend will feel warmly welcomed into the church.

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

For Mark and Samantha who were married at St Mary's yesterday. For Kanthi as she retires from her role as LLM giving thanks for her years of ministry at St Mary's. For all children in our parish as they begin their summer holiday break from school. For our PCC as they meet this week.

Those living in:

Swincross Road and Field Lane

Local Community:

Holly Lodge Care Home

Among those who are ill:

Betty Shore, Michael Palmer, James Gwilliams, Colin Millward, Cliff Day, Colin Roberts, Rachel Walsh and Ian Moore.

We continue to pray for:

Betty and Joe Chiswell, Judy Taylor, 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, Grace, 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:

Margaret Tromans, Violet Hardwicke, Geoff Ingram, Jean Jackson, Roy Bradley, Jean Raybould, Leslie Naylor, Graham Hill and Gillian Maclean.

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 2: 1—11

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3: 14—20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

The New Testament Reading

Mark 15: 40—16:7

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”