

### 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

Our next Messy Church will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 10.00 – 12.00 in the Church Hall. Anne Batchelor our Mission Enabler and Emma Pettifer, the Diocesan Childrens' Officer will be leading the event this time. Please let Anne know if you would like to attend as we need to organise food! Her contact details are: [abatchelor@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:abatchelor@cofe-worcester.org.uk) or 07931175448



During the next six weeks many of the regular groups that use our church hall take holiday and so we currently have plenty of spare capacity. We like to make the best use of our resources so if you know of anybody who you think may be able to make use of it we charge £25 per hour. John manages all the bookings from the Rectory Office.

### Date for your diary:

On **Tuesday 11th September** a full peal will be rung on our bells by a visiting band of ringers. A full peal consists of 5000 consecutive changes and takes just under 3 hours to ring.

Stephen's final Sunday with us will be **Sunday 30th September**.

We shall be holding a bring and share lunch in the church hall on this day. Our harvest festival this year will be on **Sunday 7th October**.

The church will be decorated the day before on Saturday 6th October.

The next Friends of the Music concert will be on **Saturday October 20th**. Michael Jones will present a concert of music.

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.

## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

### Sunday 29 July 2018

### Trinity 9



*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](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).*

### Our services today are as follows:

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

**President:** Revd Stephen Agnew

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**Sides:** Ian Nex

#### **10.00am - Parish Communion** *The choir are on holiday*

**President:** Revd Alex French

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Les Timms **Sides:** Stan & Avril Williams

**Reader:** Peter Jones **Intercessions:** John Sutton

**Children Together:** Emma White & Pauline Pettet

**Organ Music:** Prelude in C BWV 545 —J S Bach

#### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Alex French

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Dawn Nex

**Readers:** Dawn Nex and Marjorie Ferguson

**Intercessions:** Revd Alex French

**Voluntary:** Fugue in C BWV 545 —J S Bach

**Collect:** Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Readings for our 10.00am service.**

#### **The Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 16: 2—8

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

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

The choir are now taking a well earned break until Sunday 9th September. During this time we will be using the same readings for both the morning and evening services. The same sermon will also be preached at both services.

Kanthi would like to thank everybody for their messages and present following her retirement service last Sunday. There is a card from her at the back of church.

#### **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.

We like to offer activities and instruction for children during our 10.00am service however this is becoming increasingly more difficult with the current resources that we have available. An alternative would be to leave activities at the back of church for the wardens/ sides people to use if needed.

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.

## What's going on?

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

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY August 5 Trinity 10

8.00 am Communion  
(BCP)  
10.00am Parish  
Communion  
2.00pm Wedding service  
6.30pm Evensong

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday 30

Parish Office closed today  
12.45 Funeral service in church

#### Tuesday 31

2.30pm Tea in the Narthex.

#### Wednesday August 1

7.30pm Baptism preparation

#### Thursday 2

10.30am Holy Communion in church

#### Friday 3

Clergy day off.

#### Saturday 4

10.00am Vestry hour with Alex  
10.00am—12 noon Open Church  
12 noon Wedding in church

### The Gospel Reading

John 6: 1—21

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

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hello Everyone

School is officially out for summer which is great for many of us but a time of real concern for others. Children will be without free school meals for six weeks and many families will struggle to cover the cost of food plus new uniform for September and the basic costs of family life. Universal Credit is rolling out in Sandwell too so we are anticipating a high demand for emergency food parcels over the next few weeks. It will be a challenging summer for lots of families. Please support us with donations of food and toiletries so we can meet the demand. Thank you


This week's shortages are:

BAGS OF PLAIN RICE 500G AND 1Kg, INSTANT NOODLES, 1L CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE, TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNE BEEF/SPAM), TINNED VEG READY MEALS - eg MAC CHEESE, CHOPPED TOMATOES, UHT MILK 1L CARTONS, SQUASH/CORDIAL, TINNED FRUIT, BREAKFAST CEREAL, BISCUITS, FEMALE DEODORANT, SHOWER GEL (VERY LOW), SHAMPOO, CAN OPENERS

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

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

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

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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



### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God; in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**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:**

The Quaker Church in Stourbridge

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

for Melissa, Peter and Jonathan as they continue their Christian journey and pray for the Ministry Scheme moving forward that there will be more 18—30 year olds keen to take up the opportunities of the scheme in September.

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

For Ben and Jess, David and Amy who are preparing to be married at St Mary's next weekend. For the family and friends of Graham Hill who will be coming to church for his funeral on Monday. For the parents who will be attending the baptism preparation class on Wednesday evening.

### **Those living in:**

Leys Close and Tall Trees Drive `

### **Local Community:**

Holly Croft 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:**

Jean Raybould, Leslie Naylor and Graham Hill

*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.*