

New service rota

The new service rota which runs from Sunday 2 September through to Sunday 30 December is now ready. Copies have been e mailed to those on the distribution list. Hard copies are available at the back of church. Thank you to everybody who has volunteered to help on this rota.

The Rectory Office will be closed for two weeks beginning on Monday 20 August. It will re open on Tuesday 4 September


We're pleased to announce that the new CCTV system is installed and running, adding a new layer of security to the church building. This means that we will be able to leave the building open for more hours during the week in the knowledge that we can welcome those who wish to use the building for private prayer and reflection but deter those who might visit for the wrong reasons. Thank you once again to everybody who helped towards the cost of this.

Our next Messy Church will be this Wednesday 22nd 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 or can help as we need to organise food! Her contact details are: abatchelor@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 07931 175448



Stephen & Jean's final Sunday with us will be on Sunday 30th September. If you would like to make a contribution towards a gift to them 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.

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.

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

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 19 August 2018

Trinity 12



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

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Sides: Ian Nex

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

President: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Revd Alex French

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Colin and Merl Roberts

Reader: Merl Roberts **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts

Children Together: Les Timms

Organ Music: Postlude in D—H Wilan

3.00pm Baptism Service

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Roger King

Preacher: Revd Alex French

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

Readers: Alec Beevers and Marjorie Ferguson

Intercessions: Roger King

Voluntary: Chorale in E — J Jongen

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

Collect for this week:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Ephesians 5: 15—20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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The Rotary Club of Stourbridge
presents

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Behind the Scenes of the ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

WED. 22nd AUGUST 2018 7-30 pm.

STOURBRIDGE TOWN HALL

Tickets.. £10

Available from.....01384 376865 or 01384 877949

Credit Card bookings can be made on 01384 812812

Book early to avoid disappointment

Tickets available from either Malcolm Frost or Tony Tatford.
Transport can be arranged if needed.

Thank you for all the positive contributions made to help identify the characteristics to be sought in the next rector for St Mary's. Using your ideas and others a small team created a first draft parish profile which is now undergoing refinement with contributions from a wider team. In due course we hope to share a draft with you and to enable you to share further ideas as we seek to present the best possible profile of St Mary's. Tony & Judy

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Childrens' Society boxes

Once again it is nearly time for the contents of Children's Society boxes to be counted. We need to have all boxes in by the end of September so the contents can be counted and paid in by mid October. Arrangements for this year will be as follows:-



If you are able to, please bring boxes to any service on a Sunday or Thursday in August and September and leave it with a warden or sides person if I am not in church that day.

Please do not leave any boxes in church without alerting someone to the fact it is there.

If you normally have your box collected and someone has not contacted you or collected the box by the end of September, please give me a ring to arrange collection on 01384 371247 (There is a voicemail facility on this line so if I am out please leave a message)

I will make sure boxes are returned to you after counting.

Thank-you so much for being a box holder. Every penny you save really does make a difference with the money collected being invested in services which directly impact children's lives

Thankyou - Maggie Abbotts

Coming up:

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.

The Gospel Reading

John 6: 51-58

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

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

Post Communion Prayer:

God of all mercy in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing; grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Church of South India with Archbishop Thomas Kanjirappally Oomme. Also the Diocese of Kilmore Elphin and Ardagh in Ireland with Bishop Samuel Ferran and the Diocese of Aarhus in Denmark with Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen

Churches Together:

St Peters' Pedmore

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for all who are involved in the Retreat café in Dudley run by St Francis's Church and all those who find refreshment there.

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

For Harry Bradford who will be baptised at St Mary's today. We pray for his parents and Godparents who will be supporting him. For Steven and Amy who were married here yesterday. For all those who will be organising or attending our Messy Church event on Wednesday this week.

For all those taking holiday at this time.

Those living in:

Sheraton Grange and Albemarle Road

Local Community:

The What? Centre in Stourbridge

Among those who are ill:

Betty Shore, Michael Palmer, James Gwilliams, Colin Millward, Cliff Day, Brian Drew and Ian Moore.

We continue to pray for:

Betty and Joe Chiswell, Judy Taylor, Rory Macintosh, Joe and Ros Yeates, Eilan 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:

Graham Hill, Sidney Agnew, Leonard Philip SaintJohn, Marion Lowe and Valerie Young.

In memoriam:

Michael McCullagh (20.8.17)

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.

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 26

Trinity 13

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)
10.00am Parish
Communion
3.00pm Baptism
6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

The Parish Office is closed for all of this week

Monday 20

2.00pm Sewing group using the narthex

Tuesday 21

230pm Tuesday tea in the narthex

Wednesday 22

10.00am Messy Church

Thursday 23

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 24

Clergy day off.

Saturday 25

10.00am– 11.00 Vestry hour with Stephen

10.00am—12 noon Open Church

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hello Everyone

Have any of you tried using the 'Donate' button on our website and donating financially? Its a really quick and easy way to directly help us at BCFB. The donate link is on our homepage of our website www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk. Our financial donations are crucial to us as they enable us to buy our food shortages and also help us with practical things like filling up the vans with diesel and providing Hi Vis jackets for the volunteers to keep them safe. We hope you find it a useful way to support the work of BCFB, thanks everyone.

**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**
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This week's shortages are:

JARS OF COOKING SAUCE (DOWN TO THE LAST FEW), PACKETS OF MASH, BAGS OF PLAIN RICE 500G AND 1Kg, INSTANT NOODLES, 1L CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE, TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNER BEEF/SPAM), TINNED POTATOES, UHT MILK 1L CARTONS, SQUASH/CORDIAL, TINNED FRUIT, BREAKFAST CEREAL, BISCUITS, FEMALE DEODORANT, TOILET ROLL, WASHING UP LIQUID, TOOTHBRUSHES, WASHING POWDER (SMALL BOXES) SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO.

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.