



A date for your diary, **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm HOLY NIGHT NATIVITY** play, readings & Carols in church. The first rehearsal for this will be on Saturday 29th September at 10.30am— Chris Morgan

### **MEN's BREAKFAST**

Saturday 24th November 2018 at 9am The Old Bank, High Street, Stourbridge Cost: £6 (payable on the day)

Men from any church or none are welcome! Come and enjoy a chat. Speaker Wes Erpen from the Birmingham City Mission. Book your place by contacting Alan Sanders at Hope Baptist Church a.sanders@btinternet.com phone or text 07713681612

**Harvest Supper** on 6th October at 7.30pm in the church hall. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to join us.

**Dog Walking Service 14 October at 4pm** We will be running a 40 minute Thanksgiving Service for dogs and their walkers which will include a 'blessing of the dogs'. Please publicise this event amongst the dog walking community and anyone else who would be interested in coming. Keep your eyes peeled for further publicity.

Roy Peacock will be launching his new book at Brierley Hill Church next Saturday at 2.30pm.

Stephen & Jean's final Sunday with us will be next 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. We shall be holding a bring and share lunch in the church hall on this Sunday when presentations will be made. There is a card at the back of church for people to sign. Following choral evensong at 6.30pm there will be a short concert given by The Oakville Singers and St Mary's Choir.

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.

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## **The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford** **Sunday 23 September 2018** **Trinity 17**



*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 Alex French  
Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 233  
**Sides:** Eve Evans

### **10.00am - Parish Communion**

**President:** Revd Alex French  
**Preacher:** Revd Alex French  
**Warden:** Malcolm Frost **Sides:** John Evans and Andrew Scudamore  
**Reader:** Joan Ram **Intercessions:** Judith Nex  
**Children Together:** Activity sheets will be available  
**Communion Motet:** Ave verum —C Saint-Saens  
**Organ Music:** Toccata in G —T Dubois  
**Coffee:** Jackie and Murray Keen

### **3.00pm Baptism Service**

### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Alex French  
**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew  
**Warden:** Judy Hall **Sides:** Richard Hall  
**Readers:** Richard and Judy Hall  
**Intercessions:** Revd Alex French  
**Anthem:** Sunset and Evening Star —C H H Parry  
**Voluntary:** Fugue in c minor BWV 537 —J S Bach

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## Collect for this week:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you; pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

James 3: 13—4: 3, 7-8

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

*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

September 30

Trinity 18

8.00 am Communion  
(BCP)

10.00am Parish  
Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

7.30pm Short Concert  
given by the Oakville Singers  
and St Mary's Choir.

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday 24**

Parish Office closed today

**Tuesday 25**

2.30pm Tea in the narthex

7.30pm PCC Meeting

**Wednesday 26**

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

**Thursday 27**

10.30am Holy Communion in church

7.30pm Bellringing practice

**Friday 28**

Clergy day off.

6.00pm Youth Club 7.00pm Choir practice

**Saturday 29**

10.00am— 11.00 Vestry hour with Alex

10.00am—11.00 Open Church

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hello Everyone

Thank you to those who have been in touch to ask about our shortages and how to donate. Our volunteers are a bit busier today dating stock and sorting through the donations but please keep going. Its currently going out as fast as its coming in.

Thank you to all those who have donated, we couldn't do it without you. .

This week's shortages are:

**TINNED FRUIT, TINNED POTATOES, PACKETS OF MASH, 500G OR 1KG BAGS OF RICE, BISCUITS, 1LITRE UHT MILK CARTONS, TINNED SPAGHETTI, TINNED/CARTON READY MADE CUSTARD, TINNED RICE PUDDING, SQUASH/CORDIAL, VEG READY MEALS (MAC CHEESE, VEG CURRY), TINNED TOMATOES, BREAKFAST CEREAL . TOILET ROLL (RUN OUT OF), MALE SHAVING FOAM, ADULT TOOTHBRUSHES, MALE AND FEMALE DEODORANT, WASHING UP LIQUID, SMALL BOXES OF WASHING POWDER, 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

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**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

**Worldwide Church:**

The Anglican Church of Tanzania & Diocese of Mpwapa in Tanzania with Bishop Jacob Chimeledya. Also the Church of Greenland (Diocese of Greenland with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark) with Bishop Sofie Petersen.

**Churches Together:**

Chawn Hill Christian Centre

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

For Russell Dalton, the Chief Operating Office of the Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust (DoWMAT) and all those involved in this organisation.

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

Ava May O'Carroll who will be baptised at St Mary's today. We pray for her parents and Godparents who will be supporting them. For all involved with the Macmillan Cancer Care Trust and those they serve. For our PCC meeting this week as they complete the Parish profile and prepare to place the parish in vacancy. For Stephen and Jean as they prepare to move to their new home.

**Those living in:**

Yarnborough Hill and Linden Close

**Local Community:**

Those who work in our local shops in Oldswinford.

**Among those who are ill:**

Cliff Day, Vaughan Smith, Christine Williams and Ian Moore.

**We continue to pray for:**

Colin Millward, Brian Drew, Betty and Joe Chiswell, Judy Taylor, Rory Macintosh, Joe and Ros Yeates, Elan 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, Betty Shore, Geoff Skelding and Anne Davies.

**The departed:**

Michael Palmer and Bob Jones

**In memoriam**

Marcus Smith (29.9.17)

*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.*

**The Gospel Reading**

Mark 9: 30-37

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

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Lord, pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19: 10-25

When Moses had told the words of the people to the Lord, the Lord said to Moses: "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes and prepare for the third day, because on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. You shall set limits for the people all around, saying, 'Be careful not to go up the mountain or to touch the edge of it. Any who touch the mountain shall be put to death. No hand shall touch them, but they shall be stoned or shot with arrows; whether animal or human being, they shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they may go up on the mountain." So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes. And he said to the people, "Prepare for the third day; do not go near a woman."

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled. Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently. As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder. When the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, the Lord summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people not to break through to the Lord to look; otherwise many of them will perish. Even the priests who approach the Lord must consecrate themselves or the Lord will break out against them." Moses said to the Lord, "The people are not permitted to come up to Mount Sinai; for you yourself warned us, saying, 'Set limits around the mountain and keep it holy.'" The Lord said to him, "Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you; but do not let either the priests or the people break through to come up to the Lord; otherwise he will break out against them." So Moses went down to the people and told them.

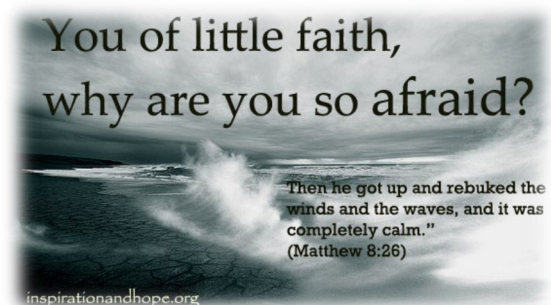
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### The New Testament Reading

Matthew 8: 23-34

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighbourhood.



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