



A date for your diary, **Saturday 24th 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.

Our service of All Souls will be on Sunday 4 November at 6.30pm. If you would like the name of a loved one to be read at this service please write the name on the list in the narthex.

We will be celebrating harvest next Sunday at all of our services. You are welcome to bring in donations of food which will be passed on to the food bank so please only bring tinned, dried or packet food or any of the normal items from the list that is published weekly. We will also be holding a bucket collection to support the work of the Street Pastors next Sunday.



Remembrance Sunday Poppies

Can you help knit or crotchet poppies for our remembrance service this year? We are hoping to put together a display of knitted red, purple (for animals who gave their lives) and white (for those shot at dawn) poppies in commemoration of the centenary of the end of the first world war. Patterns are by the north door along with a box to place completed poppies ready for display. If you have any questions about knitting please don't speak to Alex but speak to a member of the sewing group.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford **Sunday 30 September 2018** **Trinity 18**



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 Stephen Agnew

Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading on page 234

Sides: Gillian Shaw

10.00am - Parish Communion followed by a bring and share lunch in the church hall at which we will be saying our farewells and offering our warmest wishes to Stephen and Jean on their retirement.

President: Revd Stephen Agnew **Preacher:** Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Tony Tatford **Sides:** Sue Tatford & Judy Hall

Reader: Jean Agnew **Intercessions:** Dawn Nex

Children Together: Les Timms and Pauline Pettet

Communion Motet: Dearest Jesu, Mary's Son —J S Bach

Organ Music: Praeludium in D —D Buxtehude

Coffee: Chris Morgan

6.30pm – Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Stephen Agnew

Preacher: Revd Stephen Agnew

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** David Hall

Readers: Tina Timms and Liz Fourness

Intercessions: Roger King

Responses: Ayleward **Setting:** Stanford in C

Anthem: Lord, in thy mercy, grant us thy peace —F Mendelssohn

Voluntary: Fugue in g minor BWV 542 —J S Bach

7.30pm Concert by the Oakville Singers in church

Collect for this week:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

Romans 8: 31—39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

October 7

Trinity 19 Harvest Festival

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am Parish
Communion

3.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 1 October

Parish Office closed today
2.00pm-4.00pm Sewing group meet in the narthex
7.30pm Christmas Market planning meeting

Tuesday 2

10.00am The OTB team visit OCEPS
2.00pm Funeral Group meeting in the narthex.

Wednesday 3

11.00am—12.15pm Visiting bellringers
3.00pm Holy Communion at Oriel House
7.30pm Baptism preparation.

Thursday 4

10.30am Holy Communion in church
7.30pm Bellringing practice

Friday 5

Alex's day off.
6.00pm Youth Club 7.00pm Choir practice

Saturday 6

Flower Guild decorating the church
10.00am—11.00 Vestry hour with Alex
10.00am—11.00 Open Church
7.30pm Harvest supper

Events at St Thomas'

Toddler Praise For 0 to 5s

Tuesday 2nd October 1.45pm

Songs, bible stories, prayer, crafts, sensory play & refreshments.

ALL WELCOME

Autumn Table Top Sale

Saturday 13th October 10am—2pm

Stalls, Refreshments, Tour of Bell Tower

The money raised will go to support the education of children at Itamba secondary school in Tanzania .

Individual tables available £10, please contact the office

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

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Church of the Province of Uganda with Archbishop Stanley Ntagali.

Churches Together:

Gig Mill Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for both All Saints Worcester and 'Top Church' Dudley, that the plans for their redevelopment will progress smoothly and that they will help more people to come to faith and will be a real resource for other churches in the Diocese.

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

For Stephen and Jean as they prepare to move to their new home. For our churchwardens and PCC members as they lead us in our search for our next Rector. For members of our Open The Book Group visiting Oldswinford Primary School this week. For all those people who will visit St Mary's for whatever reason this week to find peace and a place for prayer.

Those living in:

Grange Lane and Sandyacre Way

Local Community:

Age Concern in Stourbridge

Among those who are ill:

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

We continue to pray for:

Colin Millward, Brian Drew, 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, The Rogerson Family, Andrew and Lesley Mullen, Justin and Kevin, Grace, Peter & Angela Viner, Lilian Bunny, Penny Webb, Jennie Webb, and Denis Noakes.

Those in nursing home care:

Margaret Moulton, Mabel Arnold, Betty Shore, Geoff Skelding and Anne Davies.

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

Matthew 6: 25-34

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

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast; for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever Amen

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24

Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship at a distance. Moses alone shall come near the Lord; but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.”

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, “See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 9: 1—8

And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town.

And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” Then some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.” And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

