



A date for your diary, **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm** **HOLY NIGHT NATIVITY** play, readings & Carols in church. The next rehearsal for this will be on Saturday 13th October at 10.30am in the lady Chapel. We need one more shepherd— Please contact Chris Morgan if you can help. Chris-nolimits@hotmail.com

#### **Change to notices at the 10am Sunday service**

Please be aware that we will be changing the position of notices at our 10am Sunday service from **Sunday 21st October**. The changes will be for a trial period until Christmas, at which stage the PCC will decide whether to continue with the amended pattern. Notices will now be given during the service, just before we share the peace. We hope that this will allow some space and time for quiet reflection and contemplation before the service starts with the first hymn at 10am. Over the coming weeks your feedback would be gratefully appreciated regarding the trial change. Please pass any comments onto Alex, Roger, the Wardens or wider members of the PCC.

**Cliff Day's funeral** will be on **Monday 22nd October** at 1.30pm

**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.

**Do you feel you could help with our Children Together Group?** Please speak to either a warden or Alex if you feel that this is something that you may be able to help with. It is such an important element of our morning service but we need more people to help lead the activities.

#### **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 in which 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.

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## **The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford** **Sunday 7 October 2018** **Trinity 19– Harvest Festival**



*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

The readings will be the same as for the 10.00am service

**Sides:** Eve Evans



##### **10.00am - Parish Communion for harvest**

**President:** Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd Alex French

**Warden:** Les Timms **Sides:** Merl and Colin Roberts

**Reader:** Merl Roberts **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

**Children Together:** Peter and Kathryn Hancox

**Communion Motet:** Thou visitest the earth —M Greene

**Organ Music:** Grand Choeur in A —T Salome

**Coffee:** The Hancox Family

*We will be holding a bucket collection at all our services this weekend to support the DEC Indonesian Tsunami Appeal.*



**3.00pm Baptism Service— Led by:** Revd Alex French

##### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Alex French

**Preacher:** Revd Alex French

**Warden:** Joan Barwick **Sides:** A volunteer please.

**Readers:** Angela Price and Judith Nex

**Anthem:** Thanksgiving Carol —German 15th C

**Voluntary:** Nun danket, alle Gott — S Karg-Elert



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### Collect for this week:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 forever. Amen

### Readings for our 10.00am service.

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

Genesis 28: 11—18

Jacob came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

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

## 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 14**

**Trinity 20**

8.00 am Communion  
(BCP)

10.00am Worship  
Together

4.00pm Dog Walkers  
Service

6.30pm Evensong

### **CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday 8**

Parish Office closed today  
2.00pm-4.00pm Sewing group meet in the narthex

#### **Tuesday 9**

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Croft  
2.15pm Mothers' Union meet in the Coach House

#### **Wednesday 10**

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#### **Thursday 11**

10.30am Holy Communion in church  
7.30pm Bellringing practice

#### **Friday 12**

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

#### **Saturday 13**

10.00am- 11.00 Vestry hour with Alex  
10.00am-12.00 Open Church

### MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

**Hello Everyone**

**All of our harvest donations will be given to the Stourbridge Foodbank following our services today.**

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

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, BISCUITS, 1LITRE UHT MILK CARTONS, TINNED SPAGHETTI, TINNED/CARTON READY MADE CUSTARD, TINNED RICE PUDDING, JAM/MARMALADE, SQUASH/CORDIAL, VEG READY MEALS (MAC CHEESE, VEG CURRY), TINNED TOMATOES, BREAKFAST CEREAL (A FEW BOXES LEFT), PACKETS OF SAVOURY RICE, TINNED MEAT (HAM, CORNED BEEF), SMALL JARS OF COFFEE, MALE SHAVING FOAM (RUN OUT OF), MALE AND FEMALE DEODORANT (RUN OUT OF), WASHING UP LIQUID, SMALL BOXES OF WASHING POWDER, BATH FOAM**

**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.

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

**Worldwide Church:**

The Episcopal Church of the USA with Archbishop Michael Curry. The Diocese of Hadersley in Denmark with Bishop Marianne Christiansen.

**Churches Together:**

Holy Trinity Amblecote

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

for all our deaneries and for events organised to celebrate ministry and worship God together.

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

For Stephen and Jean as they move to their new home. For our churchwardens and PCC members as they lead us in our search for our next Rector. For all those who will benefit from the gifts we have given for harvest.

**Those living in:**

Mount Road and Burnt Oak Drive

**Local Community:**

Mary Stevens Hospice

**Among those who are ill:**

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.

**The departed:**

Cliff Day, Martyn Woodroffe, Derek Elton and Beryl Moreton

*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**

John 10:22-25

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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



**Post Communion Prayer:**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit; may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 7:1—11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord."

For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors forever and ever.

Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, "We are safe!"—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the Lord.

### The New Testament Reading

Luke 19: 1—10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

