



A date for your diary, **Saturday 24th November 7.00pm**
HOLY NIGHT NATIVITY play, readings & Carols in church. 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.

On 21st October, instead of a sermon, there will be a presentation, given by Roger King on behalf of the PCC, at all of our services, outlining the vision and priorities that have been formulated for the future of St Mary's. There will also be a leaflet for you to take away so that you can reflect and pray about what you have heard and be able to respond accordingly.

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.

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

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

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford **Sunday 14 October 2018** **Trinity 20**



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
Readings on page 238 of the BCP
Sides: Ian Nex

10.00am - Worship Together

Leaders: Revd Alex French and Roger King
Warden: Tony Tatford **Readers:** Stan Williams & Roger King
Sides: Avril and Stan Williams
Voluntary: Fugue in C—D Buxtehude
Coffee: Jackie and Murray Keen

4.00pm Dog Walkers' Service — Led by: Revd Alex French

6.30pm – Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd Alex French
Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Alec Beevers
Readers: Judy Hall and Alec Beevers
Responses: Ayleward **Setting:** Sumsion in G
Anthem: Cantate Domino — G Pitoni
Voluntary: O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort – L Krebs

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

What are our priorities?

The Gathering

Introduction - what is important to us?

As we settle into the presence of the Lord here amongst us, we start with a short period of silence.

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

[Silence]

We meet in the presence of God
**who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

Through Christ let us offer our sacrifice of praise to God.
Let our lips proclaim his praise.



Praising God with our voices

We sing:

Hymn 595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Hymn 787 Take my life, and let it be



The Word

Psalms 22: 1-15

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 588 And can it be that I should gain

Mark 10: 17-31

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Story telling

Hymn 494 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Exploring - what are our priorities?

BARN DANCE

Great entertainment and fun for all the
family with Eve and John
Saturday 3 November 7.30

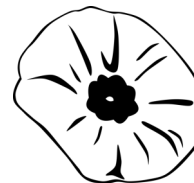
St Mary's Church Hall
Refreshments included
Bring your own drinks.

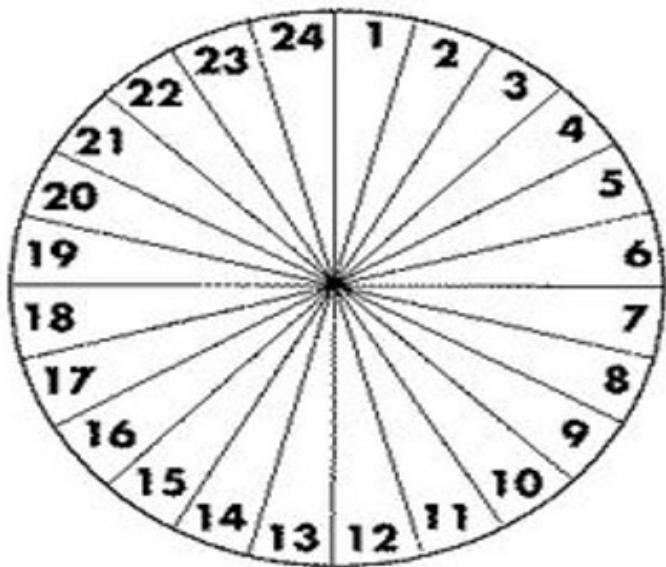
Tickets £10



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.





My priorities

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Prisons Week

This week (14th October - 20th October) marks the start of a week of prayer for all people whose lives become entwined one way or another with the prison system. There are resources in church to help focus our daily prayers onto specific groups of people. These resources are also available on line at <http://prisonsweek.org>

Hymn 510 Will you come and follow me

Confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

[Silence]

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.

We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.

For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May God our Father forgive us our sins and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and ashes have no dominion.

Amen.

The Peace

God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.



The peace of the Lord be always with you,

and also with you. [We offer one another a sign of our peace]

Welcome to the Baptism families

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God we will.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Prayers

At the end of each section of prayers we will sing a verse from

Hymn 752 O love that wilt not let me go

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

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**



Hymn 652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Closing prayers

Lord Jesus, here we are.
May we do your will above all else.
Amen.

Jesus, you are the way, the truth and the life.
as we go out into this distracting and demanding world,
may our top priority be to follow you.
Amen.

The blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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*Saturday 27th October
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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 21

Trinity 21

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

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 15

Parish Office closed today

Tuesday 16

10.00am The OTB team visit OCEPS
2.30pm MU Deanery Festival at Fairfield
2.00pm Tea at the Coach House

Wednesday 17

10.00am Prayer Group meeting at the home of Ian and Dawn Nex.
2.15pm Funeral service in church

Thursday 18

10.30am Holy Communion in church
7.30pm Bellringing practice

Friday 19

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

Saturday 20

10.00am—11.00 Vestry hour with Tony
10.00am—12.00 Open Church
3.00pm Wedding of Aaron and Lisa
7.30pm Friends of the music concert in church.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hello Everyone

We are busy showing schools, Churches, business and individuals around the warehouse in Albion Street, Brierley Hill. Its such a great way to really learn and understand about Black Country Foodbank. Questions are answered and everyone leaves feeling empowered to help and talk about Foodbank and share the story with others.

If you or your organisation would like a tour then please get in touch and we can try and arrange a suitable time. Our tours are available Monday to Friday 9am-2pm. Please email admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk if you are interested. Thank 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.

**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**
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We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

Diocese of Tonsberg in Norway with Bishop Per Arne Dahl. Also the Diocese of Strangnas in Sweden with Bishop Johan Dalman

Churches Together:

New Road Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

during National Adoption Week for all those families who foster or adopt children and for the many children waiting for a family to care for them.

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

For our churchwardens and PCC members as they lead us in our search for our next Rector. For Jono Reece, Sofia Mounsey as we welcome them to the church. For Harper McLeod, Henry Ayers, Ava Burrows and Emma Lucas as they prepare for baptism within the next month. For Aaron and Lisa who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday

Those living in:

Randle Road and The Parklands

Local Community:

Pedmore High School

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

In memoriam:

Olive Eley (18.10.17)

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.

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 5: 13– 6:20

Once when Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you one of us, or one of our adversaries?” He replied, “Neither; but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and he said to him, “What do you command your servant, my lord?” The commander of the army of the Lord said to Joshua, “Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Now Jericho was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out and no one went in. The Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have handed Jericho over to you, along with its king and soldiers. You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus you shall do for six days, with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. When they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead.” So Joshua son of Nun summoned the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant, and have seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark of the Lord.” To the people he said, “Go forward and march around the city; have the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord.”

As Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the Lord went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the Lord following them. And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets; the rear guard came after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. To the people Joshua gave this command: “You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, nor shall you utter a word, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.” So the ark of the Lord went around the city, circling it once; and they came into the camp, and spent the night in the camp.

Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the Lord passed on, blowing the trumpets continually. The armed men went before them, and the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets blew continually. On the second day they marched around the city once and then returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

On the seventh day they rose early, at dawn, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the

trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city. The city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live because she hid the messengers we sent. As for you, keep away from the things devoted to destruction, so as not to covet and take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel an object for destruction, bringing trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are sacred to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the Lord.” So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, they raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat; so the people charged straight ahead into the city and captured it.

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 11: 20—30

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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