

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.



Readers needed

Over the coming weeks we are in need of people to volunteer to read as part of some key services. We need four people for Remembrance Sunday at 10am, five people for the Advent Carol service at 6.30pm 2nd December and eight people for the Christmas Carol service at 6.30pm 23rd December. No previous experience of reading is necessary. Can you help? Please add your name to the list by the north door.

As part of our continuing reflection on the Parish Vision and Priorities, our preaching over the next four weeks will include the following themes: God's generosity to us; The Challenge of Navigating Wealth; Money as an idol; Living Generously and Giving and Worship.

If you wish to return your Response Forms before the Thanksgiving Service on 18th November please give them to a warden or place them in the box in the narthex

Our next Messy Church will be on Sunday 9 December from 3.00pm – 5.00pm in the Church Hall. Anne Batchelor, our Mission Enabler, will be leading the event this time. Anne is holding a planning meeting in the narthex on Thursday 15th November at 7.30pm. Please let her know if you are able to help out. Her contact details are:

abatchelor@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 07931175448



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.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 4 November 2018 All Saints & All Souls



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 284 of the BCP

Sides: Ian Nex

10.00am - Parish Communion

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

Warden: Les Timms **Sides:** Tony Tatford & Andrew Scudamore

Reader: Christine Day **Intercessions:** Peter Thomson

Children Together: Natalie

Communion Motet: Holy is the true light—W Harris

Organ Music: Variations on "Sine Nomine" - D Bedard

Coffee: Jackie & Murray Keen

3.00pm Baptisms — Led by: Revd Alex French

Supported by MU member Susan Clarke

6.30pm – Evensong for All Souls

Officiant: Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd Alex French

Warden: Joan Barwick **Sides:** Stan Williams

Readers: Judy Hall and Tony Tatford

The choir will sing parts of Fauré's requiem as part of the service.

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

Readings for our 10.00am service.

A Reading from the Apocrypha

Wisdom 3: 1—9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

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

November 11

Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am Worship Together
for Remembrance Sunday

12 noon Baptism

6.30pm Choral Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 5

Parish Office Closed
2.00pm Sewing group using narthex
7.30pm Standing Committee meeting

Tuesday 6

10.00am The Open The Book group
visit Oldswinford Primary School

Wednesday 7

7.30pm Baptism preparation.
1.30pm –3.00pm Toddler Group in the
church hall

Thursday 8

10.30am Holy Communion in church
led by Revd Andrew Sillis
7.30pm Bellingring practice

Friday 9

Alex's day off.

Saturday 10

10.00am– 11.00 Vestry hour with Alex
10.00am—12.00 Open Church
Copy date for December magazine.

Graham Davies, our Director of Music, has tendered his resignation as he has been appointed as Organist and Choir Master in the Parish of Malvern Link and Cowley. The search for his successor is now a priority, and the wardens and PCC will consider interim arrangements which will be put in place to ensure continuity for the choir and the music. We thank Graham for his service and wish him well.

Churches Together in Stourbridge

Welcoming the Stranger- How is Stourbridge doing?

A Discussion Evening about immigrants, refugees and those within our community who feel themselves strangers,

at the QUAKER MEETING HOUSE, Scotts Road,
on WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER at 7.30pm.

A panel including Cllr. Mohammed Hanif, Joy Moss of Replenish—Stourbridge Food Bank, Rev. Alan Williams of Holy Trinity Church, Amblecote, and Lynn Morris of Journeyman Theatre, will respond to views and stories from those attending. Everyone is welcome.

Refreshments.

Enquiries to lampen@hopeproject.co.uk

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Diocese of Colombo in Ceylon with Bishop Dhiloraj Canagasabey. Also the Diocese of Kurunegala in Ceylon with Bishop Keerthisiri Fernando. Also the Diocese of Agder and Telemark in Norway with Bishop Stein Reinertsen

Churches Together:

The Quaker Church in Stourbridge

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for Robert Foskett and his fundraising efforts to support the School for Joy in Bethlehem.

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

For our churchwardens and PCC members as they lead us in our search for our next Rector. For Henry Ayers and Ava Barrows who will be baptised at St Mary's today. Pray for their parents and Godparents who will support them. All those who will be attending our All Souls service this evening to remember loved ones.

Those living in:

Shaftesbury Avenue and Halfcot Avenue

Local Community:

Old Swinford C of E Primary School

Among those who are ill:

Vaughan Smith, Joyce Agnew, Cam Raffan 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, Peter & Angela Viner, Lilian Bunney, Penny Webb, Jennie Webb, and Denis Noakes.

Those in nursing home care:

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

The departed:

Cliff Day, Martyn Woodroffe, Mary (May) Hill, Peter Gordon, Christine Williams, and Anne Davies

In memoriam:

Brenda Wootton (8.11.17)

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

John 11: 32-44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of heaven, in this Eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect; as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51: 1—3 & 9—16

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord!

Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago!

Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon?

Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over?

So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

I am he who comforts you; why then are you afraid of a mere mortal who must die, a human being who fades like grass?

You have forgotten the Lord, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth.

You fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction.

But where is the fury of the oppressor? The oppressed shall speedily be released; they shall not die and go down to the Pit, nor shall they lack bread.

For I am the Lord your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord of hosts is his name.

I have put my words in your mouth, and hidden you in the shadow of my hand, stretching out the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth and saying to Zion, “You are my people.”

The New Testament Reading

Luke 23: 39—43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”