

HELP PLEASE. We have produced a Christmas Card from the church which advertises all of our Christmas Services beginning with our Advent Carol Service. We would like every home in the parish to receive a card. From next Sunday 18 November there will be bags of cards with street names on at the back of church. Please take as many bags as you can and deliver. Many hands make light work.

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.

Ham Dingle visit 27th November

Sixty year 6 pupils will be visiting church on the morning of the 27th November to explore Holy Communion. **Could you spare an hour to help with the visit?** We will split the pupils into smaller groups so that they will move around a number of activities, exploring the importance of this sacrament. They have asked if one of the activities could be talking to some members of St. Mary's about why the Eucharist is important. If you can help (all instructions will be given and you won't be on your own with a group) please add your name to the list at the back of church.

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.

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The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 11 November 2018

Remembrance Sunday



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.

Collect: Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all; govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Alex French

Readings on page 245 of the BCP **Sides:** Meriel Harris

10.00am - Worship Together including an act of Remembrance

Leaders: Revd Alex French and Anne Batchelor

Warden: Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Sally Frost & Sue Tatford

Readers: Sally Frost, Jacqui Keen, Ron Clements & Janet Hampson

Organ Music: Elegy—C H H Parry

12 noon Baptism — Led by: Revd Alex French

12.30pm—1.00pm Our bells will be rung as part of the National Ringing Event

6.30pm – Choral Evensong

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

Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Volunteer please

Readers: Maggie Abbotts and Liz Fourness

Responses: Ayleward **Setting:** Sumsion in A

Anthem: So they gave their bodies—P Aston

Organ Music: Prelude in c BWV 546—J S Bach



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

The Order of service for our 10.00am service is contained in a separate booklet.
Before the main service begins we welcome the newly baptised:

Welcome to the newly baptised

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.

First reading :

Micah 4: 1—5

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.

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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 November 18 Second Sunday before Advent

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

12 noon & 3.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 12

Parish Office Closed
10.00am Eucharistic Assistant Training in the narthex.

Tuesday 13

11.30am Communion at Holly Croft
2.15pm Mothers' Union meeting

Wednesday 14

1.30pm –3.00pm Toddler Group in the church hall

Thursday 15



10.30am Holy Communion in church
7.30pm Messy Church planning meeting in the narthex

Friday 16

Alex's day off.

Saturday 17

10.00am– 11.00 Vestry hour with Roger
10.00am—12.00 Open Church

 1400 bellringers died during the First World War. As a tribute to those ringers and to mark the centenary of the ending of the war our bellringers will be joining a 'National Ringing Event' at 12.30pm-1.00pm today. During this time, as many towers in the country as are able, will be ringing their bells. 

Thank you to everybody who created a poppy and to those who have created the wonderful display for us all to enjoy and reflect on today.

As part of our reflection on our Parish Vision & Priorities we will be holding a Thanksgiving Service at 10.00 am on Sun. 18th Nov. 2018. If you have not already returned your Response Forms then please bring them to the service.

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We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

Diocese of Cuba with Bishop Griselda Delgado Del Carpio. Also the Diocese of Lulea in Sweden with Bishop Asa Nystrom

Churches Together:

St James Wollaston

Bishop John has asked us to pray

For All Saints Sedgley as Barbara Price's archive of the family history of all the men who died in WWI from Sedgley is dedicated. Pray also for St Peter's, Upper Gornal who are leading an outdoor service commemorating the end of WWI at the memorial stone and a 'There not there' figure in the precinct opposite the church.

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

For our churchwardens and PCC members as they lead us in our search for our next Rector. For Sophia Raffan who will be baptised today and those who will be supporting her. For Ava Raffan, Theo Tate, Hugo Lander and Stanley Gwynne who are preparing for baptism. For all those who will be remembering a loved one that they have lost in war.

Those living in:

St Mary's Lane and Rectory Gardens

Local Community:

Old Swinford Hospital School

Among those who are ill:

Joyce Agnew, Judy Hall, Miriam Palmer and Cam Raffan.

We continue to pray for:

Colin Millward, Vaughan Smith, Ian Moore, 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:

Mary (May) Hill, Peter Gordon, Christine Williams, 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.

Second reading

I Corinthians 15: 50—58

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on perishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on perishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.



Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 10: 33-11:9

Look, the Sovereign, the Lord of hosts,
will lop the boughs with terrifying power;
the tallest trees will be cut down,
and the lofty will be brought low.
He will hack down the thickets of the forest with an axe,
and Lebanon with its majestic trees will fall.
shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

The New Testament Reading

John 14: 1—29

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.