

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. There are 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.


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.

On Friday this week a memorial service is being held in church for Anne Davies. A private family interment of ashes will take place prior to the service in church at 2.00pm. Anne's family would like to extend an invitation to all Anne's friends from St Mary's to join them in giving thanks for Anne's life in a service led by Revd Owain Bell and then afterwards for refreshments in the narthex.

The new prayer diaries have arrived. Please take a copy home with you to use and a second copy if you would like to give a copy to family, friends or a neighbour.

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.

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

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford **Sunday 18 November 2018** **Second Sunday before Advent**



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.

The focus of our worship this Sunday is to offer thanks for our Parish Fundraising Campaign and for all those who have pledged to support the work of St Mary's.

Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Roger King
Readings are those shown overleaf **Sides:** Nick Harbach

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Roger King
Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Toni Evans & Richard Hall
Reader: Peter Jones **Intercessions:** Mike Blaxland
Children Together: Les Timms & Pauline Pettet
Communion Motet: O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray—W S Ingley
Organ Music: Andante from Organ Concerto Op4 No 1 - G F Handel
Coffee: Jackie & Murray Keen

12 noon and 3.00pm Baptisms — Led by: Revd Alex French
Supported by MU member Sally Frost

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Roger King **Preacher:** Roger King
Warden: Ian Nex **Sides:** Dawn Nex
Readers: Ian and Dawn Nex
Anthem: Teach me, O Lord - T Attwood
Organ Music: Prelude in c BWV 546—J S Bach

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

Collect for this week:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings for all our services today.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16: 13-30

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers apiece. When all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, he said to them, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy sabbath to the Lord; bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning.'" So they put it aside until morning, as Moses commanded them; and it did not become foul, and there were no worms in it. Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the Lord; today you will not find it in the field. Six days you shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is a sabbath, there will be none."



Come and join our preparation for Christmas.
A Nativity Play with Carols & Readings
followed by refreshments.

on Sat. 24th Nov. at 7p.m. in St Mary's Church,
Oldswinford. It's FREE and you are welcome.

Our next Messy Church will be on Sunday 9 December from 3.00pm – 5.00pm in the Church Hall with a focus on Advent. Anne Batchelor, our Mission Enabler, will be leading the event this time.

Please encourage any family or friends that you know who have young children to come along. The afternoon will involve arts, crafts, singing, eating, a short act of worship and most of all lots of fun. We do need to know how many children and adults will be attending so please let Anne know using the contact details shown below if you would like to come along and join us. Anne's contact details are:

abatchelor@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 07931 175448



Missing Mince Pies! At this year's Christmas Market we shall not have our usual supply of numerous mince pies to sell on the Cake Stall so we're appealing for your help. If you could possibly make or supply some for us to sell, along with your generous gifts of cakes for the stall, we would be most grateful. **Thank you** - all funds raised go to our church.

ST.MARY'S CHURCH HALL

Rectory Rd. OLDSWINFORD



CHRISTMAS MARKET

SAT. 1st Dec.

10.00 til 12.00



ADMISSION £1, children FREE

Lots of stalls, Books, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Tombola,
Gifts, Plants, Bottle Stall, Games, Treasure Chest,
Raffle, Win-a Hamper. Coffee & Mince Pies, and more.

On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, and they found none. The Lord said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and instructions? See! The Lord has given you the sabbath, therefore on the sixth day he gives you food for two days; each of you stay where you are; do not leave your place on the seventh day." So the people rested on the seventh day.

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

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4: 16—21

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

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

Diocese of Bermuda with Bishop Nicholas Dill. The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church with Archbishop Umas Vilma with Bishops Einar Soone, Tilt Salumae, Joel Luhamets and Andres Taul.

Churches Together:

St Michael's Norton

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for our new Diocesan Secretary John Preston as he takes over as Diocesan Secretary and for all members of the Diocesan Synod which meets this week.

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

For Ava Raffan, Emma Lucas, Alexina and James Tanner who will be baptised today. For their parents and Godparents who will support them. For the family and friends of Peter Gordon and Anne Davies who will be visiting St Mary's for funeral services this week. For our PCC that will be meeting this week.

Those living in:

The Woodlands and Willow Park Drive

Local Community:

The residents and staff of Holly Lodge Care Home

Among those who are ill:

Joyce Agnew, Judy Hall, Sandy Hollywood, 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.

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 25 Christ The King

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 19

Parish Office Closed

11.30am Funeral in church— Peter Gordon RIP

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Tuesday 20

10.00am OTB group visiting Oldswinford Primary School

Wednesday 21

Organ being tuned today

10.00am Prayer Group meeting at Marjorie's house.

1.30pm—3.00pm Toddler Group in the church hall

7.30pm Christmas Market planning meeting in the narthex.

Thursday 22

10.30am Holy Communion in church led by Revd Andrew Sillis

Friday 23

Alex's day off.

2.00pm Memorial service for Anne Davies.

Saturday 24

10.00am—11.00 Vestry hour with Tony

10.00am—12.00 Open Church

7.00pm Parish Play performance in church

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hello Everyone

It's November so it's time to start thinking about Christmas. A celebration for many but a time of great worry and concern for others. The pressures of warm clothes, heating and paying all the extra costs that come with Christmas can be daunting for many. Please consider donating food, toiletries and money to Black Country Foodbank so we can help provide some relief for those struggling.

This week's shortages are:

TINNED FRUIT, PACKETS OF INSTANT MASH, 1 LITRE UHT MILK CARTONS, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE (MIX WITH WATER VARIETY) JAM/MARMALADE, SQUASH/CORDIAL ROLL ON DEODORANTS, SMALL BOXES OF WASHING POWDER, CAN OPENERS.

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.

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FOODBANK**
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