

During Lent Roger King, our Reader, will be presenting a course to explore the relationship between science and Christianity. Each session will be held twice a week in the Narthex.

Session 1 Introduction

Session 2 Beyond Reason? Science Faith and the Universe

Session 3 An Accident in the Making? Creation, Evolution and Interpreting Genesis

Session 4 Is Anybody There? Freedom to Choose

The course is based on material produced by the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion (www.faraday-institute.org).

You don't need any scientific knowledge to take part, you just need to be interested and open-minded. Please register your interest on the sheet at the back of church.

We need to dispose of some wardrobes from the Rectory. Do you know of anybody in need? Speak to Judy Hall if you would like to know any further details.

It is my pleasure to invite members of your congregation to the World Day of Prayer, formally Women's World Day of Prayer. The service will be on Friday March 1st 10 30am New Road Methodist on the Stourbridge Ring Road.

The Theme is '**Come Everything is ready**' written by the women of Slovenia. If any one would like a small part to read please contact me jean.swift@btinternet.com or 01562883466

We are often complimented on our well kept building which is due to several groups of people who spend time helping to maintain and clean it. One of those jobs is to help with occasional dusting and polishing of brasses. Is this something that you might be able to help with? Please speak to Judy Hall if you feel you could help.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 10 February 2019

Fourth before Lent



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 **Preacher:** Revd Alex French
Readings from BCP page 117 **Sides:** A volunteer please

10.00am - Worship Together

Leader: Revd Alex French

Warden: Les Timms

Reader: Merl Roberts

Sides: Merl and Colin Roberts

Voluntary: Fanfare - Lemmens

Coffee: Helene Gale and Chris Morgan



6.30pm - Choral Evensong

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

Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** A volunteer please

Readers: Liz Fourness and Tina Timms

Responses: Oxley

Setting: Wood in D

Anthem: Locus Iste - Bruckner

Organ music - Final - Tryptique - Langlais

'Come follow me'

The Gathering

Welcome

Call to worship

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,
we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,
as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,
we proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,
we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,
we proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together
and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

Praising God with our voices

Hymn: 818 To God be the glory, great things he has done!

Hymn: 546 How great thou art

Lighting the Pascal Candle

As we light this candle we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world.
Today we will be thinking about what it might mean for us to follow the light
of Jesus in our lives.


Thinking - part 1

Opening up the theme of our service.

We say together the prayer for the day

God of our salvation,

help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies

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



What's going on?

Please ask if you would like to know
any more about the events listed on
these pages.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY **February 17** **Third Sunday before Lent**

8.00 am Communion
(BCP)

10.00am Parish
Communion led by Revd
Doug Chaplin

6.30pm Evensong

CHURCH DIARY FOR **THIS WEEK**

Monday 11

Parish Office closed

Tuesday 12

10.00am The Open The Book Team
visit Oldswinford Primary School
11.30am Holy Communion at Holly
Croft

Wednesday 13

Alex's day off.

1.30pm Mums and Toddlers group
meet in the church hall

Thursday 14

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 15

11.15 am Funeral service in church
led by Revd Tom Fish

Saturday 16

10.00am—11.00am Vestry hour with
Roger

10.00am—12 noon Open Church

The piano in the Lady Chapel was on loan and has been returned. We are looking for a replacement which must be not more than four feet tall, with modern action and undamaged. It will be used mostly for choir practices. Please speak to Richard Hall if you know of anything that might be suitable.

Parish Quiet Day 8th April Holland House

Our parish quiet day will focus on the theme of exploring the death and resurrection of Jesus through paintings. The day costs £30 which includes morning and afternoon tea/coffee, lunch and Communion. If you are interested in attending then please sign up at the back of church. If you would like to come but the cost is a barrier to attending then please speak to Alex.

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

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Diocese of Malaita in Melanesia with Bishops Samuel Sahu and Rickson Maomaoru

Churches Together:

The Quaker Church in Stourbridge

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for St Valentine's Day on 14th February with this prayer; Eternal God, we offer our thanks that through our earthly lives you speak of your eternal life. We rejoice in the wonder of creation, the gift of human life and the many blessings that our relationships bring. Renew in us the fruits of your Holy Spirit; that love, joy and peace may abound in our homes, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

For Harry Jones and Jack Homer who are preparing for baptism. For those who meet at our Toddler Group on a Wednesday afternoon. For the family and friends of Florence Wooldridge who will be coming to church on Friday to celebrate her life.

Those living in:

Love Lane and Oakleigh Road

Local Community:

Age Concern and those who attend the Elton Centre

Among those who are ill:

Helen and Andrew Charlesworth, Nicola, Marilyn Thomson and Ron Moulton.

We continue to pray for:

Colin Millward, Joyce Agnew, Miriam Palmer, Cam Raffan, 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:

Peggy Wright, Margaret Shakespeare, Ivan Price, Florence Wooldridge, Patricia Croyden, Ralph Heeley and Barbara Hobson

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.

**and poison our minds
and to choose again your gift of life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Hearing the Word

Bible Story - Jesus's Special Friends Luke 5: 1-11

Hymn: 587 Amazing grace

Thinking - part 2

Hymn: 494 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Prayers

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.**

**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: 667 I danced in the morning when the world was begun

**Lord Jesus,
Call us to follow you.**

**May we be ready to follow
Wherever it may lead us.
Amen.**

The Blessing

May God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your ways.

May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**



Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Apocrypha Reading

Wisdom 6: 1—12

Listen therefore, O kings, and understand;
learn, O judges of the ends of the earth.
Give ear, you that rule over multitudes,
and boast of many nations.
For your dominion was given you from the Lord,
and your sovereignty from the Most High;
he will search out your works and inquire into your plans.
Because as servants of his kingdom you did not rule rightly,
or keep the law,
or walk according to the purpose of God,
he will come upon you terribly and swiftly,
because severe judgment falls on those in high places.
For the lowliest may be pardoned in mercy,
but the mighty will be mightily tested.
For the Lord of all will not stand in awe of anyone,
or show deference to greatness;
because he himself made both small and great,
and he takes thought for all alike.
But a strict inquiry is in store for the mighty.
To you then, O monarchs, my words are directed,
so that you may learn wisdom and not transgress.
For they will be made holy who observe holy things in holiness,
and those who have been taught them will find a defence.
Therefore set your desire on my words;
long for them, and you will be instructed.
Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.

The New Testament Reading

Colossians 3: 1—22

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not only while being watched and in order to please them, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord.