

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 20 April from 9.00am. Anyone wishing to contribute towards the cost of the lilies in memory of loved ones can do so by putting donations in an envelope with the name of the person to be remembered and giving it to one of the Church Wardens or Sally Frost. Donations can also be put in yellow gift aid envelopes. Please mark these "For Flower Guild". Thank you very much.

Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to volunteer to be a reader when we read the Passion on Palm Sunday. There will be a rehearsal at 9.00am on Saturday 13th April.

**Christian Aid Week** this year will be from 12—18 May. As in previous years we will be collecting from houses within our parish. In order to spread the load it would be good to recruit as many collectors as possible. If you are willing to volunteer then please contact Mike Blaxland on [mike.blaxland@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.blaxland@btinternet.com) or 07779873892

### Cheese and Wine

The social committee are organising a cheese and wine evening with family games and activities which will be held in the church hall on Saturday 4th May 7.00pm—9.00pm. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to attend this event.



### Handel's The Messiah

Sat 23rd March 7.30pm

Gig Caritas chorus and orchestra

St Thomas's Church, Stourbridge DY8 1AQ

Conductor Keith Horsfall

Soloists: Ashley Turnell, Lizzie Peacock, Jude Moreland, Mike Dernie

Tickets £10 [www.gigcaritas.org.uk](http://www.gigcaritas.org.uk) 01384 394119 In Aid of Dudley

Crossroads, supporting carers in Dudley.

## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

### Sunday 17 March 2019

### Second Sunday of Lent



*A warm welcome Archdeacon Nikki and any other 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](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford](https://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 131 Sides:** A volunteer needed please

#### 10.00am - Parish Communion

**President:** Archdeacon Nikki Groarke  
**Preacher:** Archdeacon Nikki Groarke  
**Warden:** Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Jeremy Morgan and Toni Evans  
**Reader:** Peter Jones **Intercessions:** Judith Nex  
**Children Together:** Les Timms & Pauline Pettet  
**Coffee:** Helene Gale and Chris Morgan  
**Communion Motet:** Drop, drop, slow tears – Gibbons  
**Organ Music:** Prelude in C minor - Mendelssohn

#### 3.00pm Baptism

Led by Revd Alex French  
supported by MU members Diana de Souza and Susan Clarke

#### 6.30pm – Evensong

**Officiant:** Roger King **Preacher:** Roger King  
**Warden:** Joan Barwick **Sides:** A volunteer please  
**Readers:** Liz Fourness & Angela Price  
**Anthem:** Thou knowest, Lord – Purcell  
**Organ music** - Trio Sonata IV (Adagio-Vivace) - Bach

**Collect:** Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Readings for our 10.00am service

#### **New Testament Reading**

Philippians 3: 17—4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved

*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**

**March 24**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

8.00 am Communion (BCP)  
Led by Revd Alex French

10.00am Parish Communion  
Led by Revd Alex French

6.30pm Evensong  
Led by Revd Alex French

### **CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday 18**

Parish Office closed  
2.00pm Lent Course 2 in the narthex

#### **Tuesday 19**

10.00am Open The Book team visit  
OCEPS.

2.00pm Tea in the Coach House

7.30pm PCC Meeting

#### **Wednesday 20**

1.30pm Parents and Toddlers Group  
meet in the church hall

7.30pm Lent Course 2 in the narthex.

#### **Thursday 21**

10.30am Holy Communion in church

7.30pm Coach House AGM

#### **Friday 22**

Alex's day off

#### **Saturday 23**

10.00am—11.00am Vestry hour with  
Alex

10.00am—12 noon Open Church



**WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

Around the world Landmarks will be illuminated in BLUE light to celebrate it.

**NO LIMITS is holding an AUTISM AWARENESS OPEN DAY**

**On Wed 3rd April 2019 at The Coach House, upstairs.**

Come and support us, TICKETS £1. Have a free coffee/tea & biscuit/cake between 11.00 and 3.00p.m. Take a look at what we do, pick up some info., watch short activity films, buy cakes, complete a quiz sheet, view artwork, photographs & have a go on our TOMBOLA  
Tickets from Chris Morgan or on the door.



A Parish Quiet Day has been organised at Holland House for Monday April 8. Further details and a sheet to sign up is available at the back of church if you are interested.

**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

**Worldwide Church:**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia with Archbishop Janis Vanags with Bishops Einars Alpe and Hanss Jensons.

**Churches Together:**

St Thomas' Stourbridge

**Bishop John has asked us to pray .....**

That the proposal to Diocesan Synod will encourage more churches in our diocese to become more eco-friendly and better stewards of God's wonderful world

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

For Jack Homer who will be baptised at St Mary's later today. We pray for his parents and Godparents who will support him. Members of our PCC who will be meeting this week. For those leading and attending our Lent Course that continues this week.

**Those living in:**

Farlands Road and Corser Street

**Local Community:**

Oldswinford Primary School

**Among those who are ill:**

Nicola, Murray Keen, Liz Gale

**We continue to pray for:**

Colin Millward, Joyce Agnew, Miriam Palmer, Josh Raffan, Ian Moore, Brian Drew, Betty and Joe Chiswell, Judy Taylor, Rory Macintosh, Joe and Ros Yeates, Elian Irvine-Boden, Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Jonathan Bryan, Noah Cantius, Denis Noakes, Michael Woodall, The Rogerson Family, Peter & Angela Viner, Lilian Bunney, Penny Webb, Jennie Webb, Jonathan, The May family, Heather and Alex.

**Those in nursing home care:**

Margaret Moulton, Betty Shore and Geoff Skelding.

**The departed:**

Mabel Arnold, Doris Simkins, Jack Edmonds, Olivia Perks, Marilyn Thomson, Ron Moulton, Olive Lubke and Mary Ryder.

*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**

Luke 13: 31—end

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

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This pew sheet is also available at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

## **Readings for our 6.30pm service.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 22: 1—9, 13—17

Thus says the Lord: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say: Hear the word of the Lord, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David—you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place. For if you will indeed obey this word, then through the gates of this house shall enter kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their servants, and their people. But if you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation. For thus says the Lord concerning the house of the king of Judah:

You are like Gilead to me, like the summit of Lebanon; but I swear that I will make you a desert, an uninhabited city. I will prepare destroyers against you, all with their weapons; they shall cut down your choicest cedars and cast them into the fire. And many nations will pass by this city, and all of them will say one to another, “Why has the Lord dealt in this way with that great city?” And they will answer, “Because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshiped other gods and served them.”

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbours work for nothing, and does not give them their wages; who

says, “I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms,” and who cuts out windows for it, panelling it with cedar, and painting it with vermilion. Are you a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? says the Lord. But your eyes and heart are only on your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence.

### **The New Testament Reading**

Luke 14: 27-33

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.