

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.

Our APCM meeting, at which we elect churchwardens and members of our PCC, will take place on Sunday 28 April. The format will be the same as last year in that our 10.00am service will take place in the church hall and will be followed immediately by the APCM meeting. Would you be willing to serve on the PCC? Please speak to a churchwarden or Katey Fletcher if you feel that this is a way that you could contribute to the life of St Mary's.



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 1ST TO 7TH 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.



There will be a Fairtrade stall operating at our 10.00am service today and at our Thursday morning service this week. Fairtrade Easter Eggs will be available as well as the usual selection of products.

Cheese and Wine with Family Games

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. Tickets are available from members of the social committee.



The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford **Sunday 24 March 2019** **Fourth Sunday of Lent-Mothering 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.



Our services today are as follows:

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd Alex French
Readings from BCP page 135 **Sides:** Gillian Shaw

10.00am - Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday

President: Revd Alex French
Preacher: Revd Alex French
Warden: Maggie Abbotts **Sides:** Pauline Pettet & Judy Hall
Reader: Christine Day **Intercessions:** Maggie Abbotts
Children Together: Kirsty Mills
Coffee: Chris Morgan and Helene Gale
Communion Motet: Ave Verum – Elgar
Organ Music: Sonata III (1st movement) – CPE Bach



6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Roger King **Preacher:** Roger King
Warden: Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** A volunteer needed
Readers: Dawn and Ian Nex
Anthem: Behold, how good and joyful – Clarke-Whitfeld
Organ music: Fantasia in C minor – JS Bach

Collect for this week:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself; strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 2: 1—10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed

What's going on?

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

April 7
Fifth 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 Roger King

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 1 April

Parish Office closed
2.00pm Lent Course in the narthex

Tuesday 2

9.30am The Open The Book Team visit
Oldswinford Primary School
6.15pm Alex meeting with the Beevers
Group in church
7.30pm Lent Course in the narthex

Wednesday 3

No Limits Open Day in the Coach House
11.15am Funeral in church
1.30pm Parents and Toddlers Group
meet in the church hall
7.30pm Baptism preparation

Thursday 4

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 5

Alex's day off

Saturday 6

10.00am—11.00am Vestry hour with
Roger
10.00am—12 noon Open Church

New PCC members wanted There is space on the PCC to accommodate new members. No previous experience is needed only a passion and energy to help St. Marys discern and follow what Jesus is up to in Old Swinford. Your commitment would be to attend 6 lively meetings each year. If you have any questions or would like further information please speak to Tony, Judy or Alex

Electoral roll: 2019 is the year that the existing Church Electoral Roll is scrapped and a new one begun. If you are currently a member of the electoral roll your name will not automatically be carried forward. Everybody needs to complete a new form this year. A new list will be produced beginning from April 1st. Forms are available at the back of church which will need to be returned by April 14 in time for the new roll to be compiled ready for our APCM on April 28.

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.

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Diocese of Funen in Denmark with Bishop Tine Lindhardt. Also the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean & Diocese of the Seychelles with Archbishop James Richard Wong Yin Song

Churches Together:

Wollaston Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

Loving God, Thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home, And help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

For the family and friends of Alan Thomas whose funeral will take place in church on Wednesday this week. Our Open The Book Team who will be visiting school again this week. Our Lent course which continues this week.

Those living in:

Walker Avenue and Rye Croft

Local Community:

The Staff and residents of Holly Lodge Care Home

Among those who are ill:

Nicola, Murray Keen

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, The May family, Heather and Alex.

Those in nursing home care:

Margaret Moulton, Betty Shore and Geoff Skelding.

The departed:

Mabel Arnold, Marilyn Thomson, Ron Moulton, Olive Lubke, Olivia Perks, Frank Boxall Alan Thomas 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.

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

it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him-Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Reading

John 19: 25—27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Post Communion Prayer:

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40: 27-41

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgment. Who has roused a victor from the east, summoned him to his service? He delivers up nations to him, and tramples kings under foot; he makes them like dust with his sword, like driven stubble with his bow. He pursues them and passes on safely, scarcely touching the path with his feet. Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, am first, and will be with the last. The coastlands have seen and are afraid, the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near and come. Each one helps the other, saying to one another, “Take courage!” The artisan encourages the goldsmith, and the one who smooths with the hammer encourages the one who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, “It is good”; and they fasten it with nails so that it cannot be moved. But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Yes, all who are incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Do not fear, I will help you.”

The New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 4: 1—18

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.