

Lent & Easter at St Mary's Old Swinford

March 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY
7.00pm Communion with ashing

March 31 - MOTHERING SUNDAY
10.00am Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday

April 14—PALM SUNDAY
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am All Aged worship with Passion Narrative
6.30 pm Evensong and Sermon

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY of Holy Week
AT 6.30 PM IN THE LADY CHAPEL
Compline and Meditation

April 18— MAUNDY THURSDAY
10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
7.00 pm Agape meal in Church
including foot washing and stripping of altars.

April 19— GOOD FRIDAY
10.00 am Procession of Witness with Churches Together,
starting at St John's Church
11.30am— 1.00pm Messy Church
2.00 pm Devotions at the Foot of the Cross
7.00 pm The Passion: Choral music and readings.

April 20 - HOLY SATURDAY
8.30 am Church Decoration
12 noon Wedding Service

April 21— EASTER SUNDAY
7.45 am Holy Fire and Lighting of the Easter Candle
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong and Sermon

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford Sunday 7 April 2019 Fifth Sunday of 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 137 **Sides:** Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Alex French
Preacher: Revd Alex French
Warden: Malcolm Frost **Sides:** Sally Frost & John Evans
Reader: Maggie Abbotts **Intercessions:** Dawn Nex
Children Together: Peter & Kathryn Hancox
Coffee: Peter & Kathryn Hancox
Communion Motet: Lead me, Lord - Wesley
Organ Music: Prelude in F minor - J S Bach

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Roger King **Preacher:** Roger King
Warden: Judy Hall **Sides:** Stan Williams
Readers: Stan Williams & Judy Hall
Anthem: God so loved the world - Stainer
Organ music: Passacaglia in C minor – Buxtehude

Collect for this week:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Isaiah 43: 16—21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

n stimulated and challenged by the productions of Journeymen Theatre
ut their new production which will be of special interest to any of your
I be performed in the Wollaston Room, Town Hall, on 27 April at 7.00 pm.
could announce it and display this poster? Thank you, John Lampen (Clerk).

ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

When it comes to domestic abuse, it's more than the blows that do the damage

Written by Lynn Morris and performed by Journeymen Theatre

Kayleigh is a talented teenager whose life should be full of promise. Instead, she finds herself in a cycle of domestic abuse from which there seems no escape until Aunty Jan helps her find a way out, after twenty long years of 'put up and shut up'.

Based on a true story, together with the combined true life experiences shared by other women, the play explores the complex nature of domestic abuse, ranging from coercion in its many forms to women's deaths at the hands of abusive partners.

Rock and A Hard Place also reveals the impact of funding cuts on the refuge system and on support available for women like Kayleigh and is an appeal to all of us to both recognise and highlight this major human rights issue in our own communities.

Commissioned by Gloucestershire Quakers, all profits from this play will be used to support the work of women's refuges both in the Gloucester area and nationally.

To book a performance of this play at your venue, please contact us.

Age range: 17+

Duration: 65 minutes (no interval)

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Dear Friends, We know how many church members in Stourbridge have been affected by domestic violence, which is supported by the local Quaker Meeting. We attach information about a congregation concerned about domestic violence, such as Samaritans. It will cost £5 from the French Deli and www.stourbridgetheatre.co.uk. Please



The Gospel Reading

John 12: 1—8

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 35: 1-6, 10-16

Josiah kept a passover to the Lord in Jerusalem; they slaughtered the passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month. He appointed the priests to their offices and encouraged them in the service of the house of the Lord. He said to the Levites who taught all Israel and who were holy to the Lord, "Put the holy ark in the house that Solomon son of David, king of Israel, built; you need no longer carry it on your shoulders. Now serve the Lord your God and his people Israel. Make preparations by your ancestral houses by your divisions, following the written directions of King David of Israel and the written directions of his son Solomon. Take position in the holy place according to the groupings of the ancestral houses of your kindred the people, and let there be Levites for each division of an ancestral house. Slaughter the passover lamb, sanctify yourselves, and on behalf of your kindred make preparations, acting according to the word of the Lord by Moses."

When the service had been prepared for, the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their divisions according to the king's command. They slaughtered the passover lamb, and the priests dashed the blood that they received from them, while the Levites did the skinning. They set aside the burnt offerings so that they might distribute them according to the groupings of the ancestral houses of the people, to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses. And they did the same with the bulls. They roasted the passover lamb with fire according to the ordinance; and they boiled the holy offerings in pots, in caldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the people. Afterward they made preparations for themselves and for the priests, because the priests the descendants of Aaron were occupied in offering the burnt offerings and the fat parts until night; so the Levites made preparations for themselves and for the priests, the descendants of Aaron. The singers, the descendants of Asaph, were in their place according to the command of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and the king's seer Jeduthun. The gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not need to interrupt their service, for their kindred the Levites made preparations for them.

So all the service of the Lord was prepared that day, to keep the passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the Lord, according to the command of King Josiah.

The Choral Societies of Brierley Hill and Halesowen present the oratorio



Conductor : Rory Freckleton

with the

**Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra
and guest soloists**

Saturday April 13th 2019 7.30 p.m.

**Glasshouse Arts Centre Theatre
Wollaston Road, DY8 4HE**

**Tickets: £10.00. From members of the Societies
or telephone: 01384 830661
or 0121 550 7206**

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.

Now that all of the refurbishment work has been completed in the rectory we would like to prepare it for the arrival of John and Mary. Could you spare some time on Saturday 13 April during the morning to help clean the inside and tidy all of the exterior and garden? If you are willing to volunteer some time then please speak to Judy Hall. Many thanks.

John is beginning to prepare the new service rota which will run from Sunday 5 May through to Sunday 1 September. Please let him know by Tuesday 16 April of any dates when you know that you will not be available during this period. The new rota will be ready for distribution on Easter Sunday.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday so our 10.00am service will begin in the church hall. We shall then process into church with our palm crosses to hear again the Passion of our Lord. Feel free to bring your own branches or greenery to hold while you process into church.



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 New Testament Reading

Luke 22: 1—13

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.



We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Diocese of Uppsala in Sweden with Archbishop Antje Jackelen and Bishop Ragnar Persenius.

Churches Together:

Amblecote Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for all special events taking place during Lent and Easter, that they might help people to deeply engage with the events of Holy Week.

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

For our Parish quiet day at Holland House this Monday, praying for a time of prayerful contemplation. For our Mothers' Union group meeting this week. For the family and friends of Frank Boxell who will be attending his funeral in church on Friday.

Those living in:

Dene Road and Glen Road

Local Community:

The Staff and residents of Holly Croft Care Home

Among those who are ill:

Nicola, Murray Keen, Alec Beevers.

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:

Iain Robertson, Mabel Arnold, Marilyn Thomson, Ron Moulton, Olive Lubke, Olivia Perks, Frank Boxell Alan Thomas and Mary Ryder.

In memoriam:

Michael Bolton ((9.3.18)

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

**April 14
Palm Sunday**

8.00 am Communion (BCP)
Led by Revd Alex French

10.00am Worship Together for
Palm Sunday
Led by Revd Alex French

6.30pm Evensong
Led by Revd Alex French

CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 8 April

Parish Office closed
Parish quiet day at Holland House
7.30pm Messy Church meeting led
by Les Timms

Tuesday 9

2.15pm Mothers' Union meeting in
the Coach House

Wednesday 10

1.30pm Parents and Toddlers Group
meet in the church hall

Thursday 11

10.30am Holy Communion in church

Friday 12

2.00pm Funeral service in church

Saturday 13

Working party to prepare the Rectory
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.

Our next Messy Church Event is on Good Friday between 11.30am and 1.00pm in the church hall.

