

## 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 14 April 2019 Palm 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](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 139 **Sides:** Nick Harbach

### 10.00am - Worship Together for Palm Sunday

*Our service this morning begins in the church hall*

**Leader:** Revd Alex French

**Warden:** Les Timms

**Sides:** Betty Parsons and Jeremy Morgan

**Voluntary:** Trumpet Minuet - Hollins

**Coffee:** Jacqui and Murray Keen



### 6.30pm – Evensong

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

**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Judy Hall

**Readers:** Judy Hall & Marjorie Ferguson

**Anthem:** Ave Verum - Mozart

**Organ music:** Fugue in F minor - Krebs

# COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

*The service begins in the Church Hall*

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,  
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.

Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;  
and the sceptre of your throne is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.



*The people hold up their palms while this prayer is said.*

President:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## St Mary's Church Oldswinford



Our next Messy Church for children is being held on **Good Friday 19 April** between 11.30am—1.00pm in the church hall.

An event for all the family which will include storytime, Easter celebration, craft activities, seek and find, make and share and conclude with an informal act of worship.



Please let us know that you are coming by texting 07801241114

**Please note:** Your child must be accompanied by an adult.

*We look forward to seeing you.*



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.

John is preparing 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.

Could you help out on a Saturday morning? Please sign up at the back of church if you are able to help provide a welcome and coffee to our visitors on a Saturday morning at Open Church.

We have a new Parish Pass which gives free entry into Westminster Abbey. If anybody is planning a visit to London over the Easter break speak to John via the parish office and he can arrange for you to take the pass. Each use of the pass allows up to 4 adults, students or children 6—16 free of charge.

## 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.



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*The procession into Church*

HYMN: *All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring*

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| 1. Thou art the King of Israel<br>thou David's royal Son,<br>who in the Lord's name comest<br>the King and blessed one.     | 4. To thee before thy passion<br>they sang their hymns of praise<br>to thee now high exalted<br>our melody we raise.             |
| 2. The company of angels<br>are praising thee on high<br>and mortal men and all things<br>created make reply                | 5. Thou didst accept their praises<br>accept the prayers we bring<br>who in all good delightest,<br>thou good and gracious King. |
| 3. The people of the Hebrews<br>with palms before thee went<br>our praise and prayer and anthems<br>before thee we present. | 6. Thy sorrow and thy triumph<br>grant us, O Christ, to share,<br>that to the holy city<br>together we may fare.                 |



7. For homage may we bring thee  
our victory o'er the foe,  
that in the Conqueror's triumph  
this strain may ever flow.  
*All glory, laud and honour.....*



***If you have brought any branches or greenery with you please come forward and lay it on the chancel steps.***

## The Collect

**True and humble King  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory. Amen**

HYMN 489 From heaven you came

Please sit for THE READING OF THE PASSION  
and stand when indicated in the text

Please join in the passages marked **CROWD**  
There will be a period of silence at the end of the reading followed by

### An Address

HYMN 728 Meekness and majesty

### Our Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



## What's going on?

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



# HOLY WEEK

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY April 21 Easter Sunday

7.45am Lighting of the Holy Fire  
8.00 am Communion (BCP)  
Led by Revd Alex French

10.00am Parish Communion for  
Easter Sunday  
Led by Revd Alex French

6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Led by Revd Roger King

### CHURCH DIARY FOR HOLY WEEK

#### Monday 15

Parish Office closed  
11.00am Chrism Eucharist in Worcester Cathedral  
6.30pm Meditation and Compline

#### Tuesday 16

2.00pm Tea in the Coach House  
6.30pm Meditation and Compline

#### Wednesday 17

10.00am Prayer meeting at the home of Marjorie Ferguson  
6.30pm Meditation and Compline  
7.30pm Choir Practice

#### Thursday 18

10.30am Holy Communion in church  
7.00pm Agape supper in church

#### Friday 19

10.00am CTIS Procession of witness through Stourbridge Town  
11.30am—1.00pm Messy Church in the church hall  
2.00pm Devotions at the foot of the cross  
7.00pm The Passion through readings and music.

#### Saturday 20

8.30am Church decorated for Easter  
10.00am—11.00am Vestry hour with Alex  
12 noon Wedding of Katy and Martyn

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

**Worldwide Church:**

The Diocese of Aalborg in Denmark with Bishop Henning Bro. Also the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East with Archbishop Suheil Dawani.

**Churches Together:**

Chawn Hill Christian Centre

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

for all who will be taking part in Monday's Chrism Eucharist in Worcester Cathedral, witnessing the preparation of the oils and renewing their ministerial vows. Please pray for Bishop John as he assists HM the Queen on Maundy Thursday.

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

For all of our services during Holy Week that people with faith may be refreshed in their belief and receive comfort and strength through the Holy Spirit. For Martyn and Katy who will be married at St Mary's next Saturday. For John and Mary Flitcroft as they prepare to move to Oldswinford.

A prayer for John and Mary

Heavenly Father, author of new life, we hold before you John and Mary and their family as they prepare to move to your parish here at Old Swinford. May this be both a time of peace and excitement for them, a time of opportunity and new life. We pray that the parting from their current community is marked by love and gratitude. Thank you for all that you do to support, guide and direct us in our lives. Amen.

**Those living in:**

Arlington Court and Redhill Drive

**Local Community:**

The Staff and residents of Oriel House Care Home

**Among those who are ill:**

Nicola.

**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:**

Alec Beevers, Iain Robertson, Olive Lubke, Frank Boxell and Alan Thomas.

**In memoriam:**

Marilyn Johnson (17.3.18)

**Our Prayers**

To the words      Let us pray to the Lord

Please respond      **Lord have mercy**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be 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.  
And 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.**



**The Peace**

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**



HYMN 612 Christ triumphant

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5: 1—7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat  
in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done  
in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;

righteousness, but heard a cry!

### The New Testament Reading

Luke 20: 9—19

He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. And he sent still a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, ‘This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.’ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Heaven forbid!” But he looked at them and said, “What then does this text mean:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become  
the cornerstone’?

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people.