

Our APCM meeting, at which we elect churchwardens and members of our PCC, will take place next 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.

The new service rota is now ready. Most have been e mailed but there are some hard copies at the back of church

A memorial service for Alec Beevers will take place in church on Wednesday 1st May at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the narthex.

BOOK SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 11th May 9.30 – 12.00

St Thomas's Church Hall and Garden, Market St.

Please bring books to donate and

Buy books to read

Contact Hugh Williams 01384-394118 if you want to donate but can't come.


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 01384 390537

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.



A huge thank you to everybody who has helped to decorate the church for Easter.

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

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday 21 April 2019

Easter 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:

7.45am—Lighting of the Holy Fire

8.00am - Holy Communion

President: Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd Alex French

Readings from BCP page 175 **Sides:** Gillian Shaw

10.00am - Parish Communion for Easter Day

President: Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd Alex French

Warden: Tony Tatford **Sides:** Gill Davies & Mike Blaxland

Reader: Tony Tatford **Intercessions:** John Sutton

Children Together: Les Timms and Pauline Pettet

Coffee: Brenda Selby and Chris Brinsdon

Communion Motets: Lord I trust thee - Handel &
This joyful Eastertide—Wood

Organ Music: Toccata (Symphony V) – Widor



3.00pm Baptism led by Revd Alex French

supported by MU members Diana de Souza & Pauline Pettet

6.30pm – Choral Evensong

Officiant: Roger King **Preacher:** Roger King

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

Readers: Judy Hall & Angela Price

Responses: Oxley **Canticles:** Stanford in Bb

Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father—Wesley

Organ music: Te Deum—Langlais

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Collect for this week:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

Readings for our 10.00am service

The New Testament Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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



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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 28
Easter 2

8.00 am Communion (BCP)
Led by Revd Alex French

10.00am Parish Communion
in the church hall followed by
our APCM
Led by Revd Alex French

6.30pm Evensong
Led by Revd Roger King

CHURCH DIARY

Monday 22

Parish Office closed

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11.30am Holy Communion at
Holly Lodge

Thursday 25

Parish Office closed

10.30am Holy Communion in
church

Friday 26

Parish Office closed

Saturday 27

10.00am—11.00am Vestry hour
with Roger

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK

Hello Everyone

Many schools have broken up for Easter leaving a gap in school meals. Please remember, as you shop this week, those families who find school holidays difficult as they juggle financial pressures.

We have had lots of Easter Eggs which is wonderful but please remember our vital items are essential for our food parcels, particularly items like fruit juice which provide nutrition to children and families. Thank you everyone :)

This week's shortages are:

1L CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE (the cartons that don't need to be kept in a fridge), **500G BAGS OF SUGAR**, **CORDIAL/SQUASH**, **PACKETS OF MASH**, **JARS OF PASTA SAUCE**, **SHAVING FOAM**, **ROLL ON DEODORANT (RUN OUT OF)**, **SHOWER GEL**, **BUBBLE BATH**

Please note that the foodbank cannot accept donations of alcohol.

Thanks.

BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

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We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Diocese of Blackburn, Brechin and for The Lutheran Church in Great Britain with Bishop Martin Lind.

Churches Together:

Gig Mill Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

A Prayer for Easter Day: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss Alleluia! We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One.

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

For Katy and Martyn who were married here yesterday. For Keilari Curtis Spears as she is baptised today. For her parents and Godparents who will support her. 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:

Siskin Road and Chaffinch Road

Local Community:

The Staff and residents of Doveton House Care Home

Among those who are ill:

Nicola, Roy Peacock

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 and Betty Shore.

The departed:

Alec Beevers, Iain Robertson, Olive Lubke, Frank Boxell, Alan Thomas, Bernard Waldron and Geoff Skelding.

In memoriam:

Tom Mole (26.4.18)

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 1—12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



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

Post Communion Prayer:

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-21

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!

Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble.

Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true."

You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

I am the Lord, and besides me there is no saviour.

I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.

I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can

deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.

I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.

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.

The New Testament Reading

John 20: 19—23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."