

Love Stourbridge - Saturday 20th July 12pm - 5pm

We will be taking part in Love Stourbridge again this year by running a number of biblically inspired Fair ground games. Could you spare an hour to come and help run our stall? The event takes place in Mary Stevens Park and is a wonderful afternoon when all the churches in Stourbridge visibly witness together of their love of our town. There is a sign up sheet by the North door if you can help and full details of all the opportunities for help during the day. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Alex.

Bishop Graham's Farewell

The Diocese is saying goodbye to Bishop Graham who is to become the next Bishop of Norwich. We have received invitations to two services: Saturday 20th July: Evensong at 5.30 pm in the Cathedral followed by a reception in the Chapter House Sunday 21st July, 4pm: An open-air (weather permitting) Service of the Word at the Black Country Living Museum, followed by curry. 250 seats are available but there will also be standing room.

For catering purposes we need to let the Diocese know how many people to expect. If you can go to either service please let us know by signing the sheet at the back of church **before Mon 1st July.**

Interested in joining a Julian Prayer group?

A Julian Prayer group fosters the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer and meditation in the Christian tradition. It is all about finding God in the Silence.

Kathryn and Andrew Harding from St Thomas's run a Julian Prayer group. All Christians are welcome. The core of each meeting is 30 minutes of quiet contemplative prayer. The group meet once per month, usually on the third Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm. Dates for the rest of the year are 18th July, 15th August, 17th October, 21st November and 19th December. The meetings are held at Kathryn's and Andrew's home at 34 Parkfield Road.

Julian Prayer is named after Lady Julian of Norwich. She lived in the 14th century and became an anchoress attached to the church of St Julian in that city. She devoted her life to contemplative prayer and meditation, and experienced a series of visions.

If you want to start adding contemplative prayer and meditation to your lives please just turn up at one of the meetings. All you need bring with you is a willingness to try a new way of reaching out to God. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Kathryn or Andrew on 01384 834324.

Confirmation course dates

Our Confirmation course will run between 6pm and 7pm in the Narthex on Thursday 25th July, 1st August, 8th August, 15th August, 22nd August and 29th August. There is still space available so if you would like to join please speak to either John or Alex.

The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford **Sunday 30 June 2019** **Trinity 2**



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 207 **Sides:** Eve Evans

10.00am - Parish Communion

President: Revd Alex French

Preacher: Revd Alex French

Warden: Les Timms **Sides:** Gill Davies & Pauline Pettet

Reader: Gill Davies **Intercessions:** John Sutton

Children Together: Peter and Kathryn Hancox

Coffee: Helene Gale and Chris Morgan

Communion Motet: God is living, God is here! – *Bach*

Voluntary: Prelude in B minor – *Bach*

6.30pm – Evensong

Officiant: Roger King

Preacher: Roger King

Warden: Marjorie Ferguson

Readers: Liz Fourness & Angela Price

Anthem: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace – *Tye*

Voluntary: Fugue in B minor – *Bach*

Collect for this week:

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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

The New Testament Reading

Galatians 5: 1, 13—25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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 July 7 TRINITY 3

8.00 am Communion (BCP)
Led by Revd Jonathan Flitcroft

10.00am Parish Communion
Led by Revd Jonathan Flitcroft

6.30pm Evensong
Led by Revd Jonathan Flitcroft

Copies of the July/August edition of our monthly news are now available at the back of church and online



**ST MARY'S
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**MONTHLY NEWS
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SUNDAYS AT ST MARY'S

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion and Children Together
6.30 pm	Evensong
10.00 am	(second Sunday) Worship Together

WEEKDAYS AT ST MARY'S

Daily:	9.00 am - Morning Prayer (Monday to Thursday)
Daily:	5.00 pm - Evening Prayer (Monday to Thursday)
Wednesday:	1.30 pm - Toddlers' Group at St Mary's (term time) parents & toddlers
Thursday:	10.30 am - Holy Communion in Lady Chapel
Thursday:	7.30 pm - Bell Ringing Practice
Friday:	Choir Practice and Youth Groups (in term time)
Saturday:	10.00 - 12.00 noon - Open Church - refreshments available
Clergy Day Off	Friday

OTHER REGULAR EVENTS

Prayer Group	Third Wednesday in month, 10 - 11 am	Tel: 385454
Mothers' Union	Second Tuesday at 2.15 pm	382951
St Mary's Walking Group	Last Saturday of the month	Depart 9.30 am

CHURCH DIARY

Monday 1 July

Parish Office closed today

Tuesday 2

10.00am The Open The Book Group visit Oldswinford Primary School

1.30pm Y2 pupils from OCEPS visiting church

Wednesday 3

10.30am Funerals group meeting in the narthex

7.30pm Baptism preparation in church

Thursday 4

10.30am Holy Communion in church followed by refreshments.

Friday 5

Clergy day off

6.00pm Youth Club

7.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 6

10.00am—11.00am Vestry hour

10.00am—12 noon Open Church

11.30am Interment of ashes in the churchyard.

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

Harnosand in Sweden with Bishop Eva Bystrom. Lappo Evangelical Church in Finland with Bishop Simo Peura. Peshwar in Pakistan with Bishop Humphrey Peters.

Churches Together:

Amblecote Wordsley Methodist Church

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for the community of Lye and for the continuation of growth of Brickworks church.

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

For Daniel and Abigail who were married in church last Friday. For our Open The Book Team visiting school this week. For the children in Y2 and their teachers who will be visiting St Mary's on Tuesday.

Those living in:

Old Ham Lane and Mountain Ash Drive

Local Community:

Mary Stevens Hospice

Among those who are ill:

Nicola, Gary Tolley, Roy and Pamela Peacock, Elizabeth and Frank, the Rogerson family, Fr Alan Williams.

We continue to pray for:

Colin Millward, Joyce Agnew, Miriam Palmer, Josh Raffan, Ian Moore, Brian Drew, 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, Peter & Angela Viner, Penny Webb, The May family, Heather and Alex.

Those in nursing home care:

Margaret Moulton, Dorothy Gibson and Betty Shore.

The departed:

Betty Chiswell, Wendy Blagg, Ann Bourne, Lynda Gould, Bobby Cockin. Phillip Ivor Thomas and Alec Beevers as his ashes are interred.

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 9: 51—39

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

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

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

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

Readings for our 6.30pm service.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 27: 1—40

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” He said, “See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then prepare for me savoury food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die.”

Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father say to your brother Esau, ‘Bring me game, and prepare for me savoury food to eat, that I may bless you before the Lord before I die.’ Now therefore, my son, obey my word as I command you. Go to the flock, and get me two choice kids, so that I may prepare from them savoury food for your father, such as he likes; and you shall take it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies.” But Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, “Look, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a man of smooth skin. Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him, and bring a curse on myself and not a blessing.” His mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my word, and go, get them for me.” So he went and got them and brought them to his mother; and his mother prepared savoury food, such as his father loved. Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savoury food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father, and said, “My father”; and he said, “Here I am; who are you, my son?” Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me.” But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the Lord your God granted me success.” Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.” So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him. He said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He answered, “I am.” Then he said, “Bring it to me, that I may eat of my son’s game and bless you.” So he brought it to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near and kiss me, my son.” So he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his garments, and blessed him, and said, “Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed. May God give you of the dew of

heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!”

As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of his father Isaac, his brother Esau came in from his hunting. He also prepared savoury food, and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, “Let my father sit up and eat of his son’s game, so that you may bless me.” His father Isaac said to him, “Who are you?” He answered, “I am your firstborn son, Esau.” Then Isaac trembled violently, and said, “Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him?—yes, and blessed he shall be!” When Esau heard his father’s words, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, “Bless me, me also, father!” But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.” Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright; and look, now he has taken away my blessing.” Then he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?” Isaac answered Esau, “I have already made him your lord, and I have given him all his brothers as servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?” Esau said to his father, “Have you only one blessing, father? Bless me, me also, father!” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. Then his father Isaac answered him:

“See, away from the fatness of the earth shall your home be, and away from the dew of heaven on high. By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you break loose, you shall break his yoke from your neck.”

The New Testament Reading

Mark 6: 1-6

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.